



WEEKLY PLAN PLAYING WITHOUT THE BALL - **PRESSING**

**THE WHY, WHAT,
WHO, WHEN, WHERE
AND HOW OF
PRESSING FOR ALL
AGES**



INTRODUCTION

Pressing in football is often seen as a modern idea, but it has existed since the game began. At its core, it is simply an expression of one of football's guiding principles: pressure.

Traditionally, losing the ball meant an immediate reaction to win it back - a habit ingrained from a player's very first kick. Today, however, young players are increasingly quick to appeal or switch off, copying what they see on TV.

That's why the mindset of winning the ball back must be taught deliberately, alongside the individual and collective responsibilities that make pressing effective. This weekly plan provides activities and sessions that explain why we press, when and where we press, who presses, what we aim to achieve, and how we do it.

THE TRAINING CONTENT

PRE-TRAINING PREPARATION (AT HOME ACTIVITIES/LEARNING) - SUITABLE FOR ANY AGE

These activities complement pressing and you should encourage your players to put some time aside away from training to prepare

6 YARD SPRINT (VIDEO)

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18 YARD SPRINT (VIDEO)

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ENDURANCE RUN (VIDEO)

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PRESSING (INFOGRAPHIC)

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ARRIVAL ACTIVITIES - SUITABLE FOR ANY AGE

These activities have been selected to allow your players to start moving as soon as they arrive for the training session

3V3 GAMES

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BALL MASTERY (CHOOSE ANY SKILLS)

CLICK HERE

ENDURANCE RUN (VIDEO)

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THE COACHING MANUAL

INDIVIDUAL PRACTICES - 5-12 YRS OLD

These practices have been selected for younger age groups, they have an age guide, but you can choose which is most suitable for your players.

You should choose at least one activity (and watch the video) for the main part of your session before closing your session with a game.

DEFENDING 1V1 WARM UP: 5-8

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DEFENDING AS AN INDIVIDUAL: 8-12

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PRESSING AS AN INDIVIDUAL: 9-12

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PRESSING IN THE FINAL 1/3: 10-12

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FULL SESSIONS - 12-OPEN AGE

These sessions have been selected for older and more capable age groups, they have an age guide, but you can choose which is most suitable for your players.

Follow the full session where possible

PRESSING IN THE FINAL 1/3: 12-15+

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PRESSING AND SUPPORT: 13-15+

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MOYES PRESSING MASTERCLASS: 13-15+ [***CLICK HERE***](#)

FURTHER READING

The David Moyes and Martin Hunter sessions above are perhaps the most insightful and practical sessions on pressing that you'll find anywhere on the internet.

However, alongside the practical support The Coaching Manual is famous for, we also have loads of content focusing on theory, which are suitable for further reading. Here are some of our favourites

WHO PRESSES AND WHEN

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WHERE TO PRESS

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HOW TO PRESS

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SUPPORTING THE PRESS

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DAVID MOYES ON PRESSING

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