

Tactical Mastermind: Invasion Games Strategy Log

Learning objective: To analyse, evaluate, and refine tactical decision-making in competitive invasion games by applying spatial awareness and collaborative strategies.

Use this log to reflect on your performance during today's session. Max the monkey believes that every game is a complex puzzle; use his logical approach to deconstruct your team's movements and identify how to improve your attacking and defensive patterns.

Word bank: Spatial awareness · Transition · Formation · Intercept · Support play · Defensive structure · Tactical · Possession · Communication

1. Identify your team's primary attacking formation. Explain why this specific arrangement of players was effective or ineffective during transition phases. (3 marks)

2. Compare and contrast your defensive strategy when the opposing team was in possession versus when your team regained the ball. How did your positioning change? (3 marks)

3. What might happen to your team's success rate if you failed to use the full width of the playing area? Justify your answer using the concept of spatial awareness. (4 marks)

4. Describe one specific moment where communication between teammates directly influenced the outcome of a play. How did it change the momentum? (2 marks)

5. If you were the team captain, what tactical adjustment would you implement in the second half to break down a strong, compact defensive structure? (3 marks)

6. Evaluate your own role within the team. What specific skill did you demonstrate today, and how did it contribute to your team's overall objective? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Design a 'Master Tactical Map' for a hypothetical invasion game. Using a grid, draw the pitch and plot the ideal positions for a team of six players during a corner or restart situation. Use arrows to indicate movement patterns and annotate your map to explain the rationale behind your chosen formation.