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The Role of the Goalkeeper in Attack and Defense: From a Goalkeepers Perspective

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- Punt
- Dropkick
- Side volley
- Throw
- Roll
- Goal Kick
- Free Kick



Attacking Ideas

- Changing the point of attack.
- Distance of person receiving distribution.
- Evaluation of numbers.
- Position of opposition.
- Time and space.



- Ability to distribute ball accurately.
- Support of teammates in area of distribution.
- Tempo.
 - Speed of thought/Speed of action/Speed of play.
- Communication.
 - Clear/concise/specific.



- Reading the game.
 - Creating numbers up opportunities.
- Patience (Safety versus Risk).
- Creativity.
- Concentration.



- Communication.
 - Clear/concise/specific.
- Reading the game.
- Vision.
- Safety versus Risk.



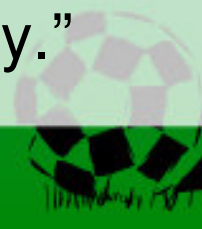
- Organization of numbers.
- Angle and distance of supporting defenders.
- Channeling play.
- Compactness/Collaboration/Concentration.



Defending Set Plays

- Corner kick.
- Free kick.
 - Direct.
 - Indirect.
- Throw-in.
- Penalty Kick.

Motto: “Alert, Alive, Ready.”



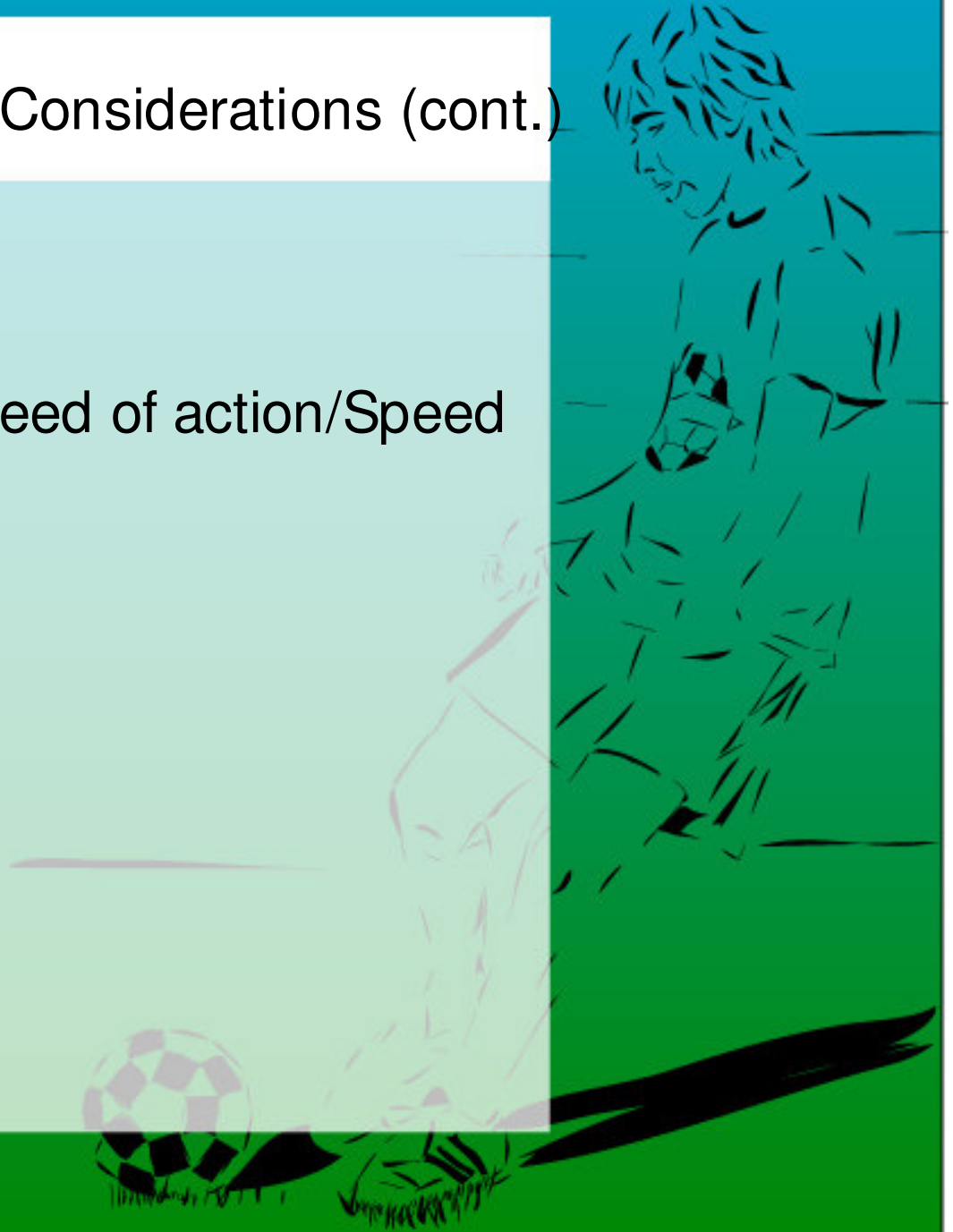
- Organization.
- Angle and Distance of opportunity from goal.
- Communication.
 - Clear/Concise/Specific.
- Need for wall.
 - Numbers in wall.
 - Location of wall.
 - Responsibility of wall.
 - Covering attacking areas.



- Reading the game.
- Range.
- Safety versus Risk.
- Defending most dangerous threats first.



- Tempo.
 - Speed of thought/Speed of action/Speed of play
- Gamesmanship.
- Concentration.
- Confidence.



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Questions



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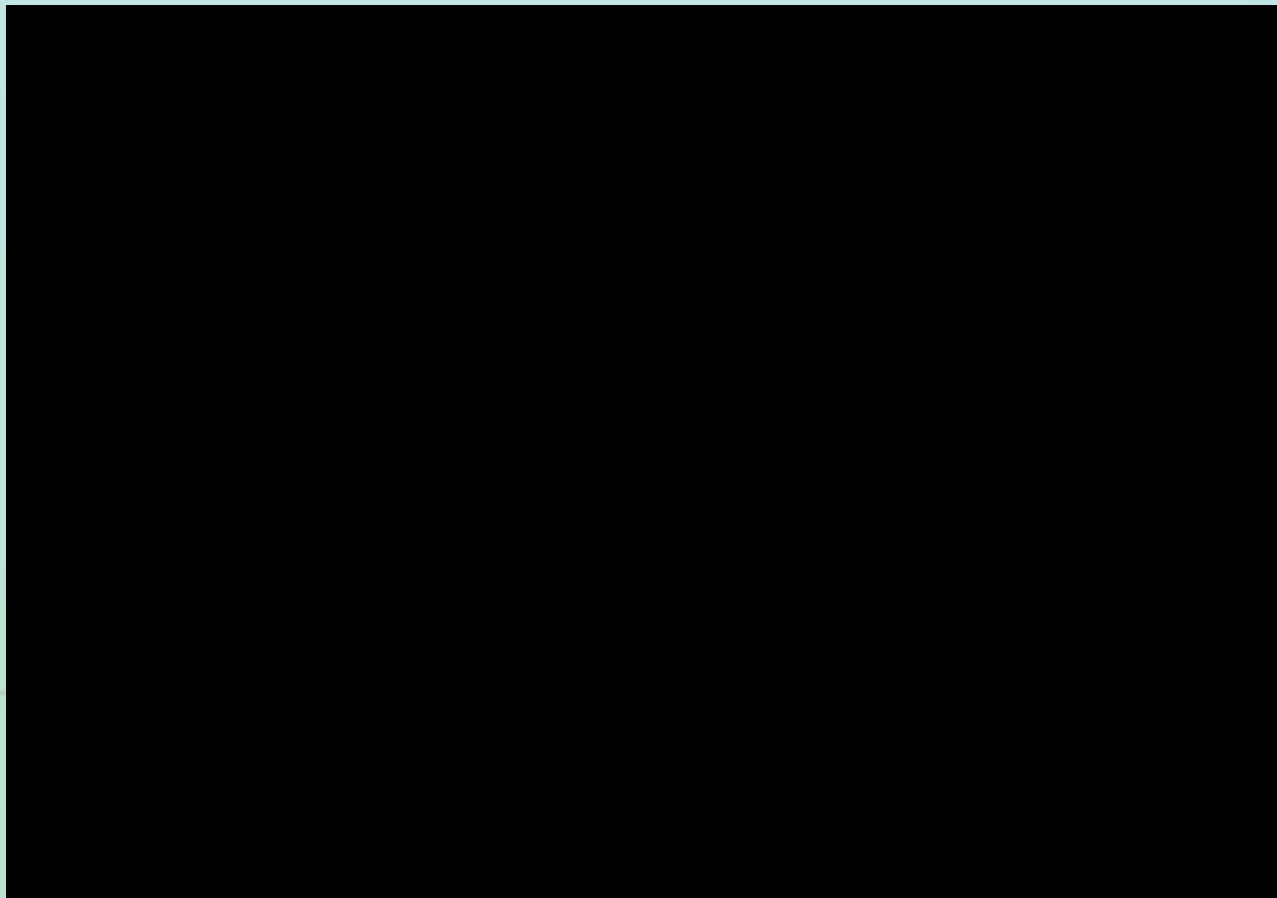
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