Defensive Styles in the Bundesliga

2021/22 Season

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Introduction

StatsBomb are champions of decision-defining sports data, bringing uncompromising accuracy, advice and support to the worlds top sporting organisations. In this document, you will find examples of how StatsBomb's world class event data can be used to analyse the defensive style of your own team, an opponent, or an individual player.

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Counterpressures
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PPDA	How many passes does a team allow the opponent before making a defensive action (tackle, interception, foul). An indicator of pressing intensity, this metric is defined in attacking areas ie 40% of the length of the pitch away from a team's own goal and forwards.
Defensive Distance	The average distance in metres from a teams own goal from which it makes defensive actions
Aggression %	The proportion of an opponent's pass receipts that are tackled, fouled or pressured within 2 seconds.
Pressures In Opp. Half	How many pressures are exerted in the opposition (final) half of the pitch.
Opposition Pass Completion %	Opposition's passing completion rate.

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360 Data

StatsBomb 360 delivers contextual event data at a transformational level of detail, giving the locations of all players on the pitch for an average of 3,400 events per game.
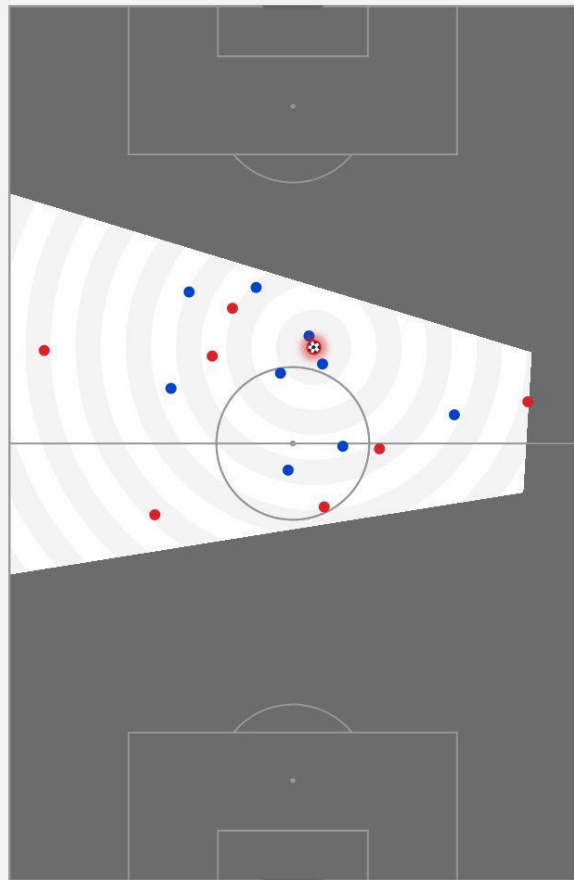
360 Data makes it possible to perform even more advanced analysis than is possible with our standard data, adding context to each event and allowing the possibility of measuring metrics such as:

- Line-breaking passes
- Ball receipts in space
- Distance To Closest Defender

And many more.

This allows us to measure which players are regularly able to break lines with their passing, which players often find pockets of space between the lines to receive, and how players perform actions under different degrees of opposition pressure.

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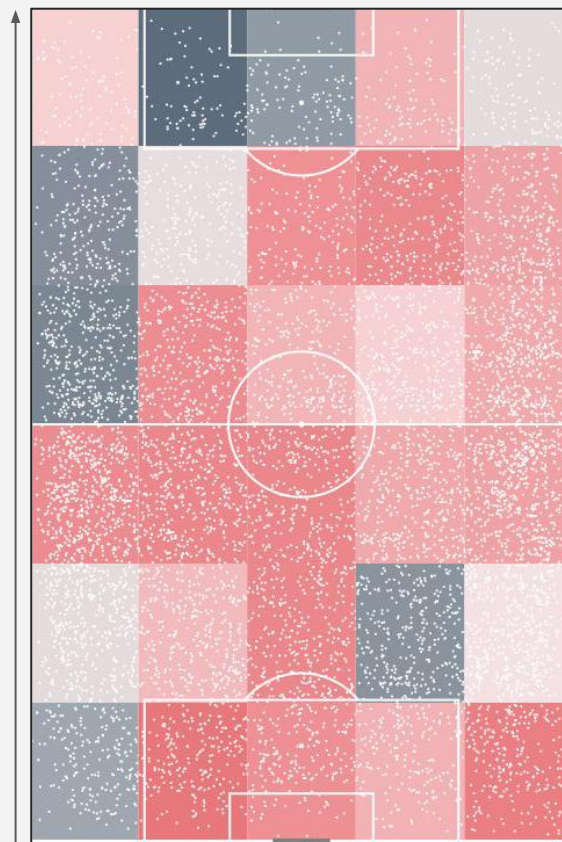**Arminia Bielefeld**

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Aggression %	20% (15th)
Pressures In Opp. Half	75.5 (9th)
Opposition Pass Completion %	81% (18th)

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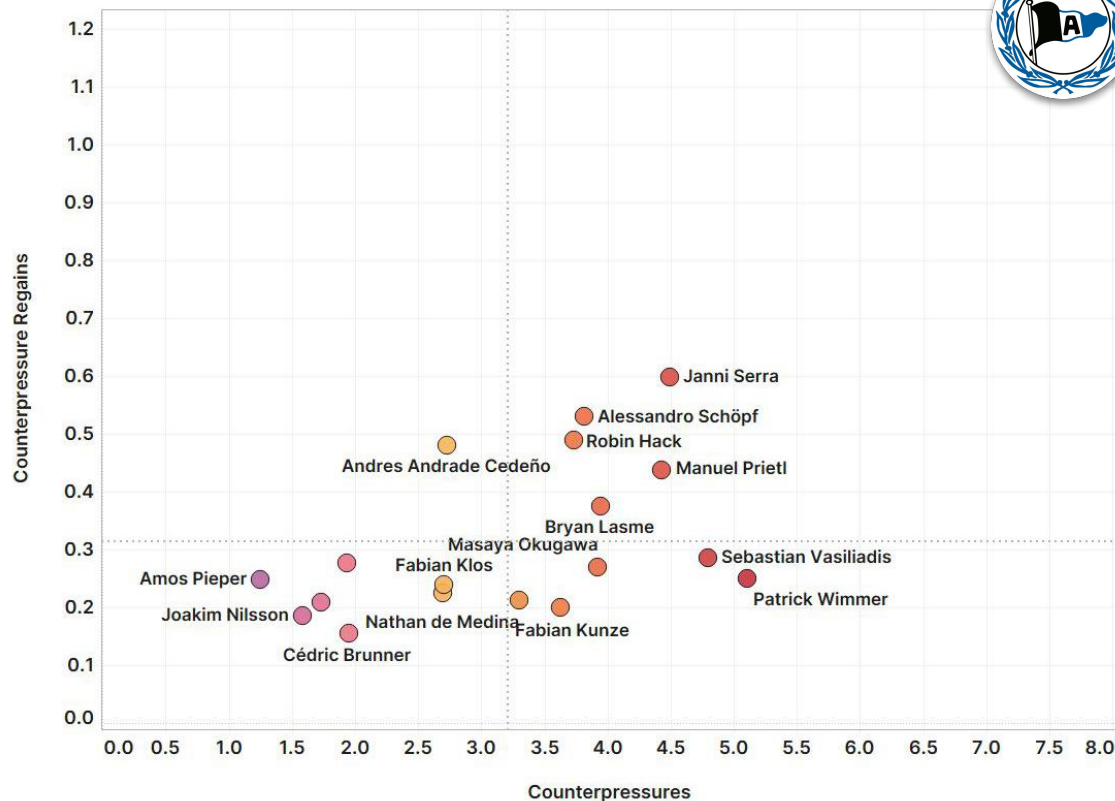
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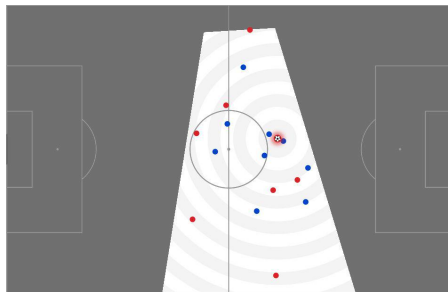Data is per 90 minutes & only includes players with a minimum 600 minutes played.
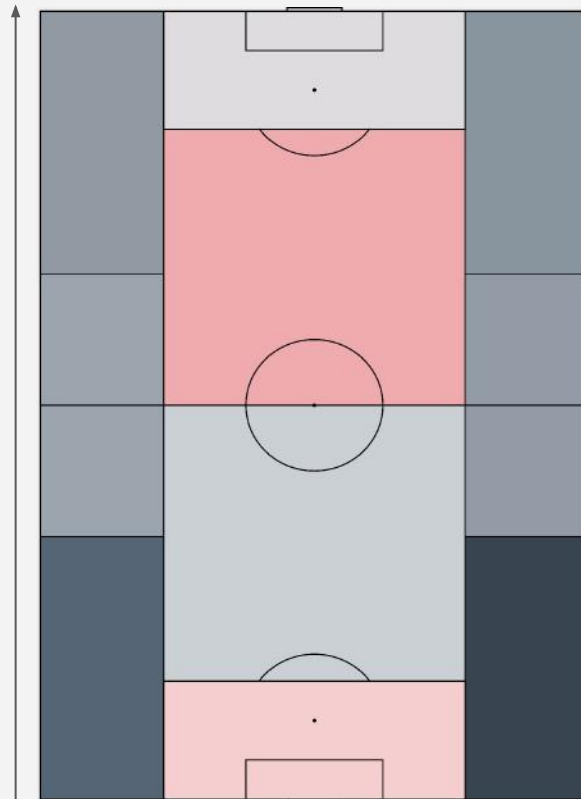

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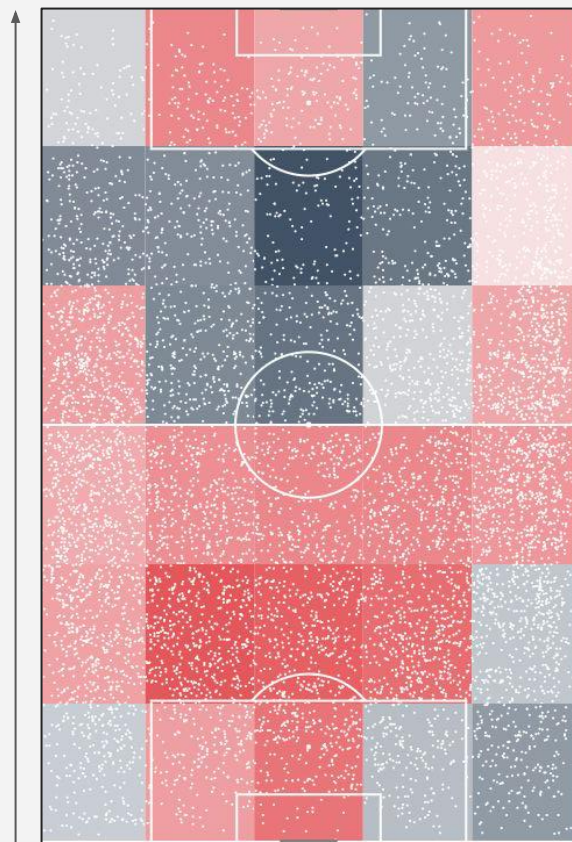
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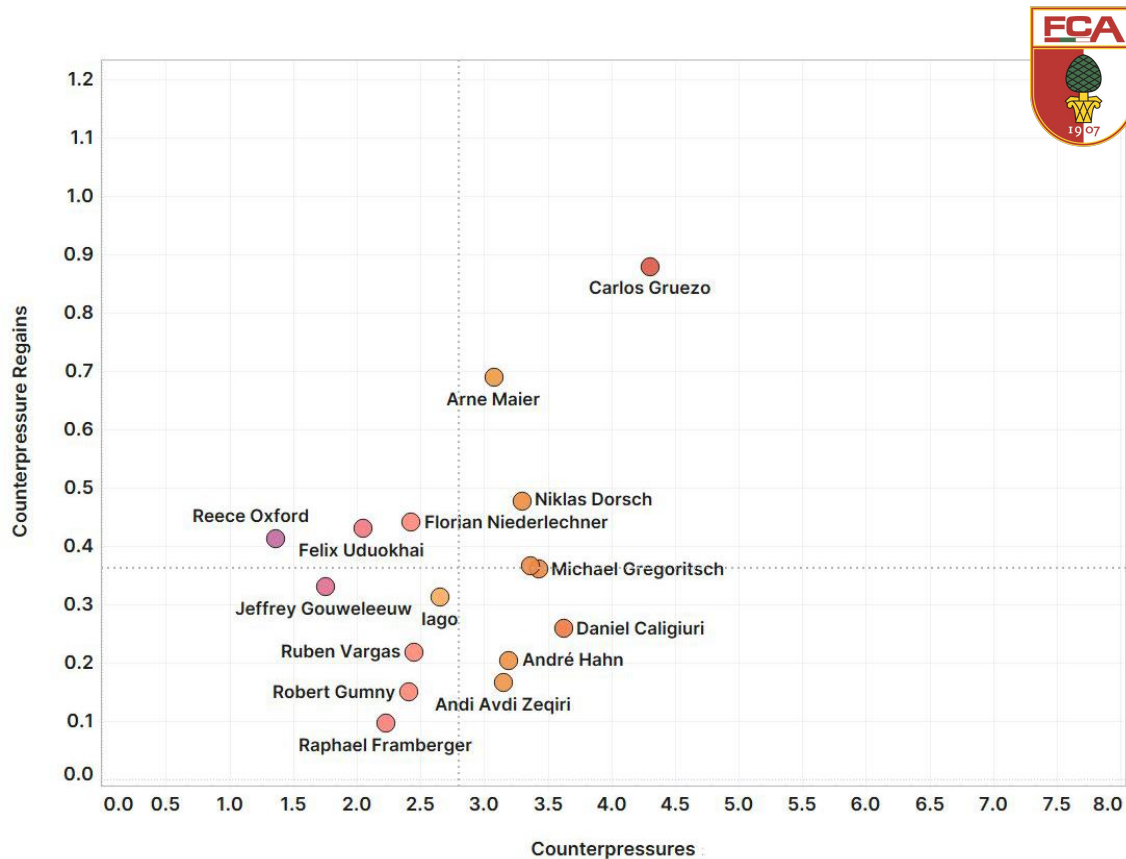*Red = More Activity. Black = Less Activity.*

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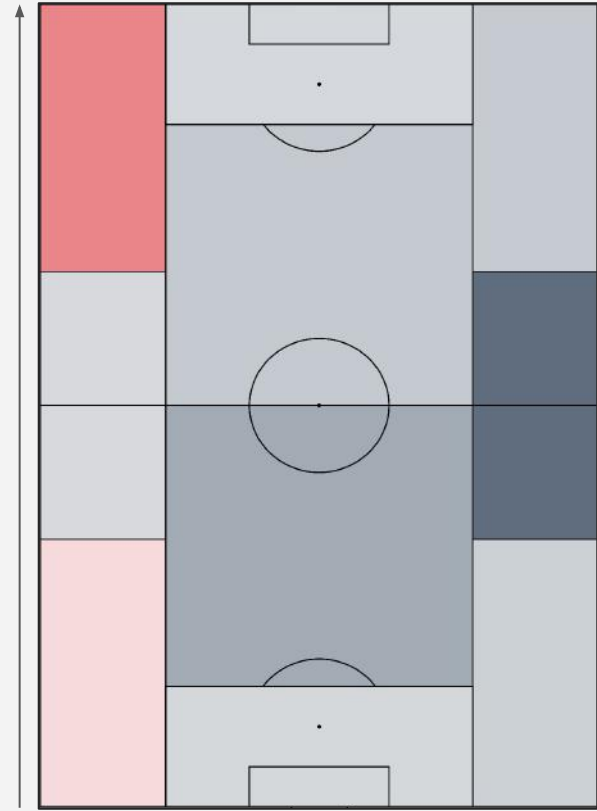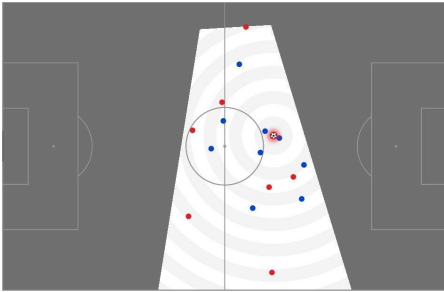
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PPDA	9.7 (14th)
Defensive Distance	40.9 (17th)
Aggression %	22% (13th)
Pressures In Opp. Half	60.1 (17th)
Opposition Pass Completion %	78% (11th)

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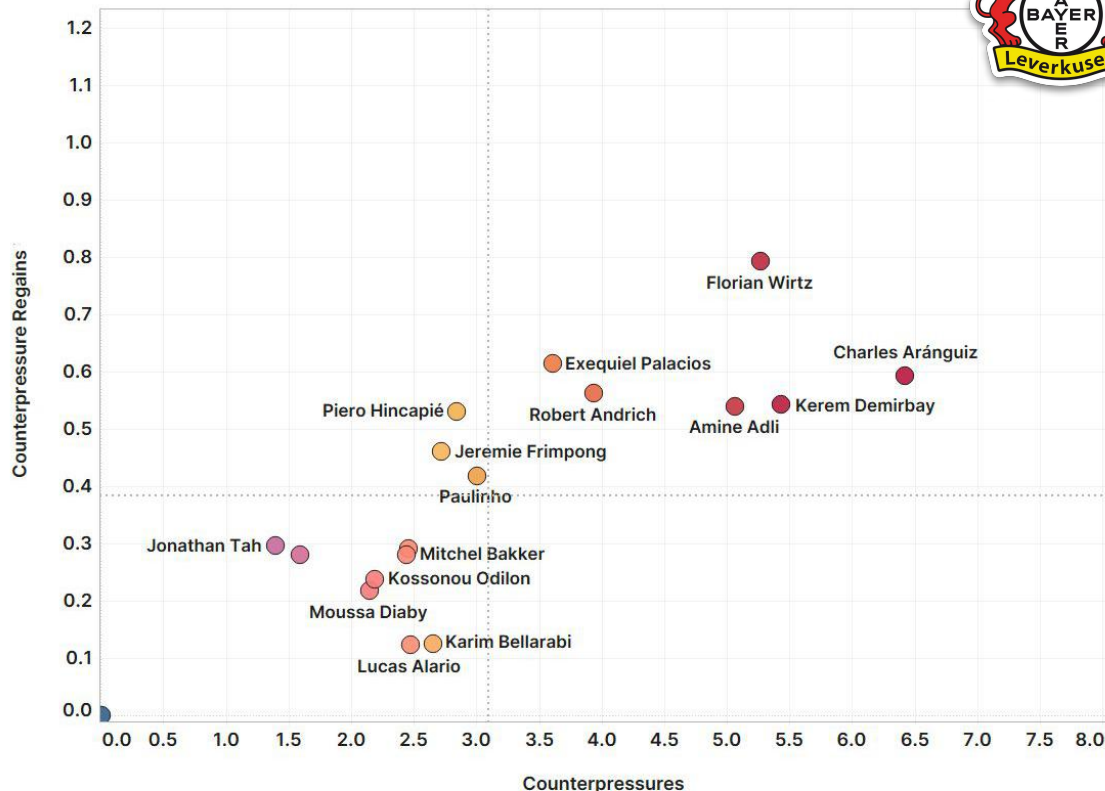
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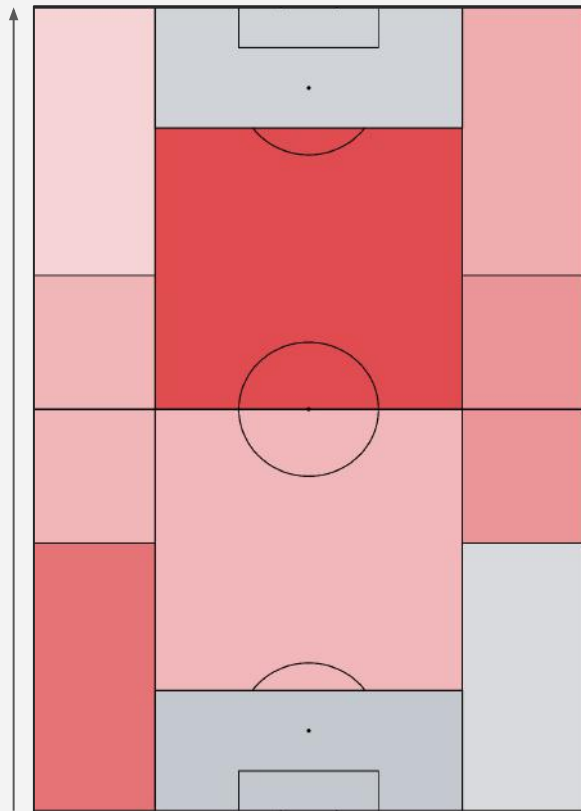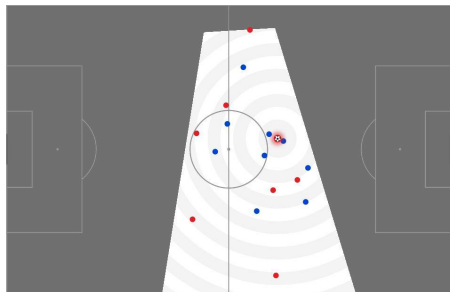Times a team won the ball back within 5 seconds of a player counterpressuring an opponent.

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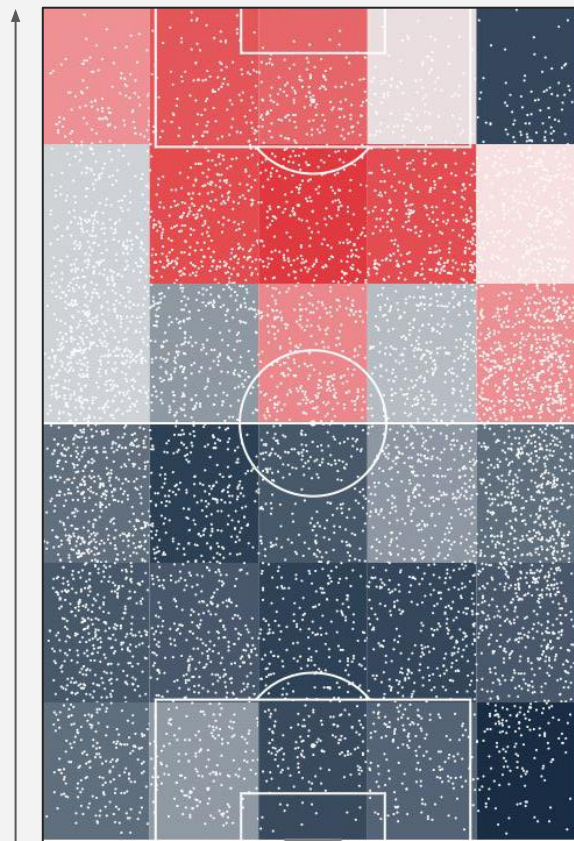*Red = More Players. Black = Fewer Players.*

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PPDA	6.5 (2nd)
Defensive Distance	46.3 (1st)
Aggression %	26% (2nd)
Pressures In Opp. Half	78.9 (4th)
Opposition Pass Completion %	75% (2nd)

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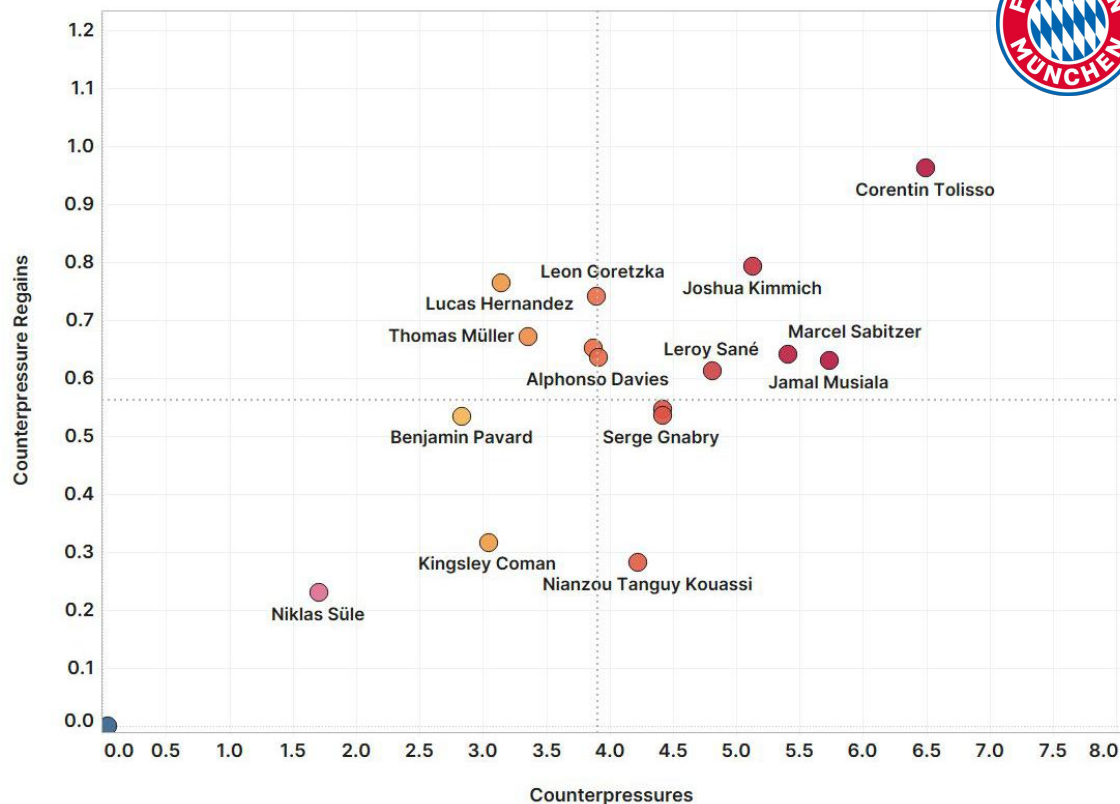
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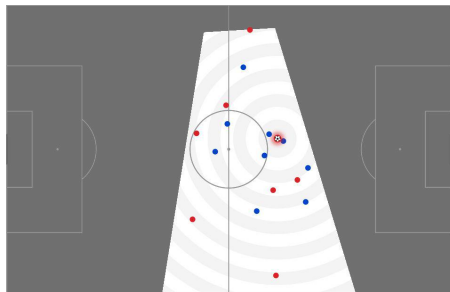Data is per 90 minutes & only includes players with a minimum 600 minutes played.
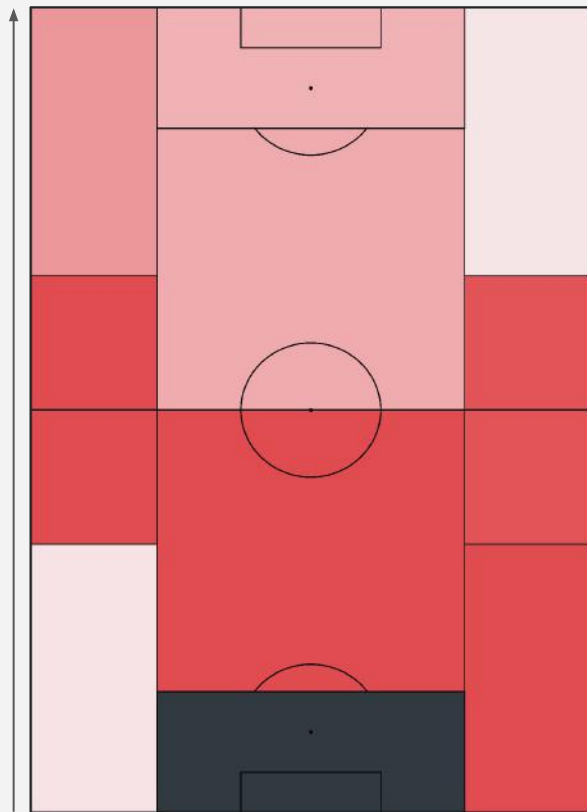

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PPDA	8.4 (6th)
Defensive Distance	42.4 (14th)
Aggression %	23% (8th)
Pressures In Opp. Half	76.0 (7th)
Opposition Pass Completion %	77% (5th)

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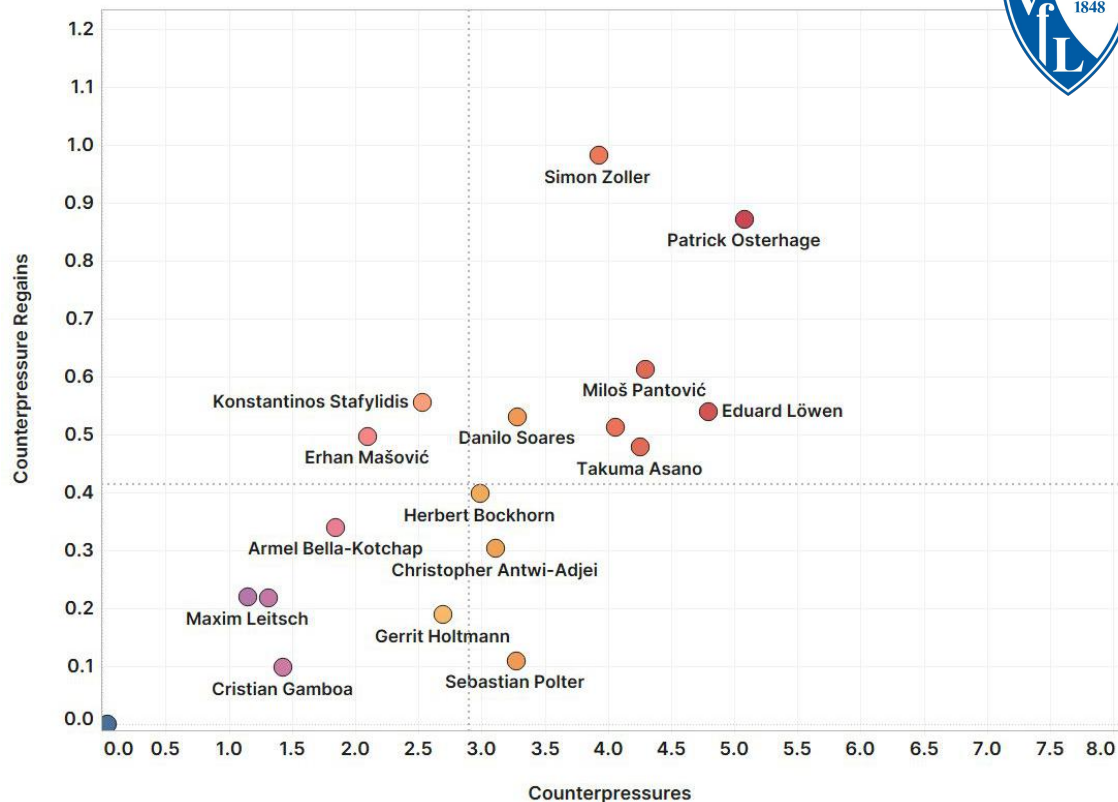
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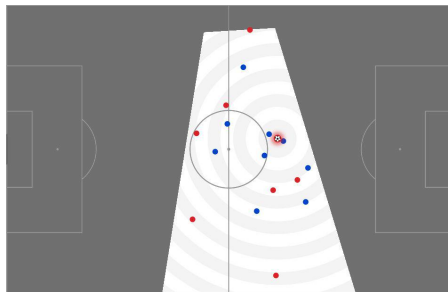Data is per 90 minutes & only includes players with a minimum 600 minutes played.
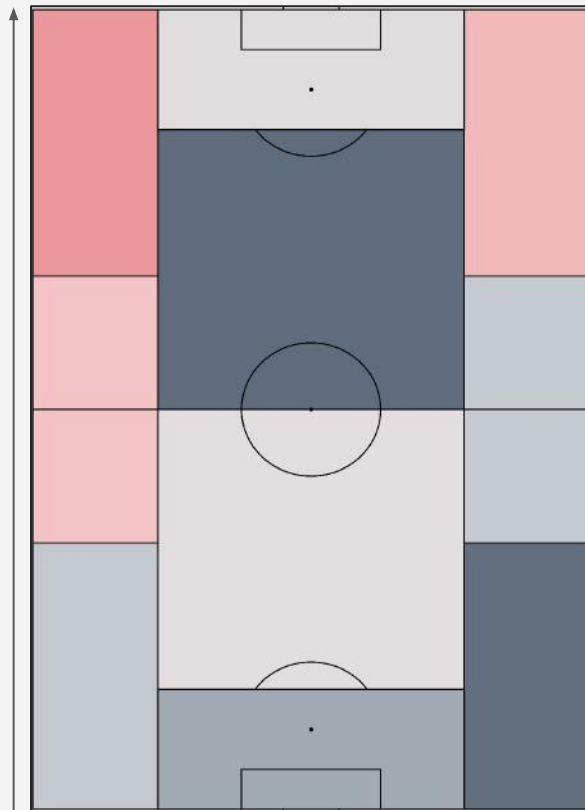

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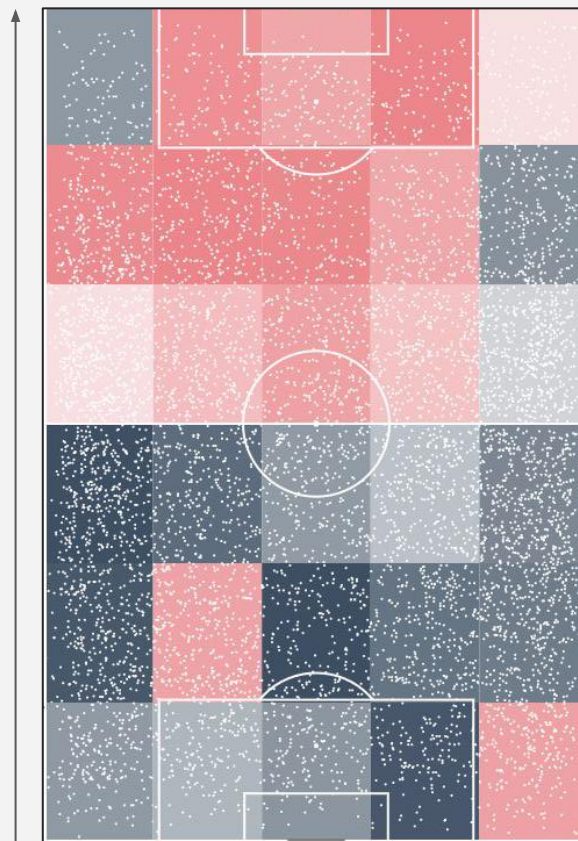
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PPDA	8.2 (5th)
Defensive Distance	43.6 (8th)
Aggression %	25% (3rd)
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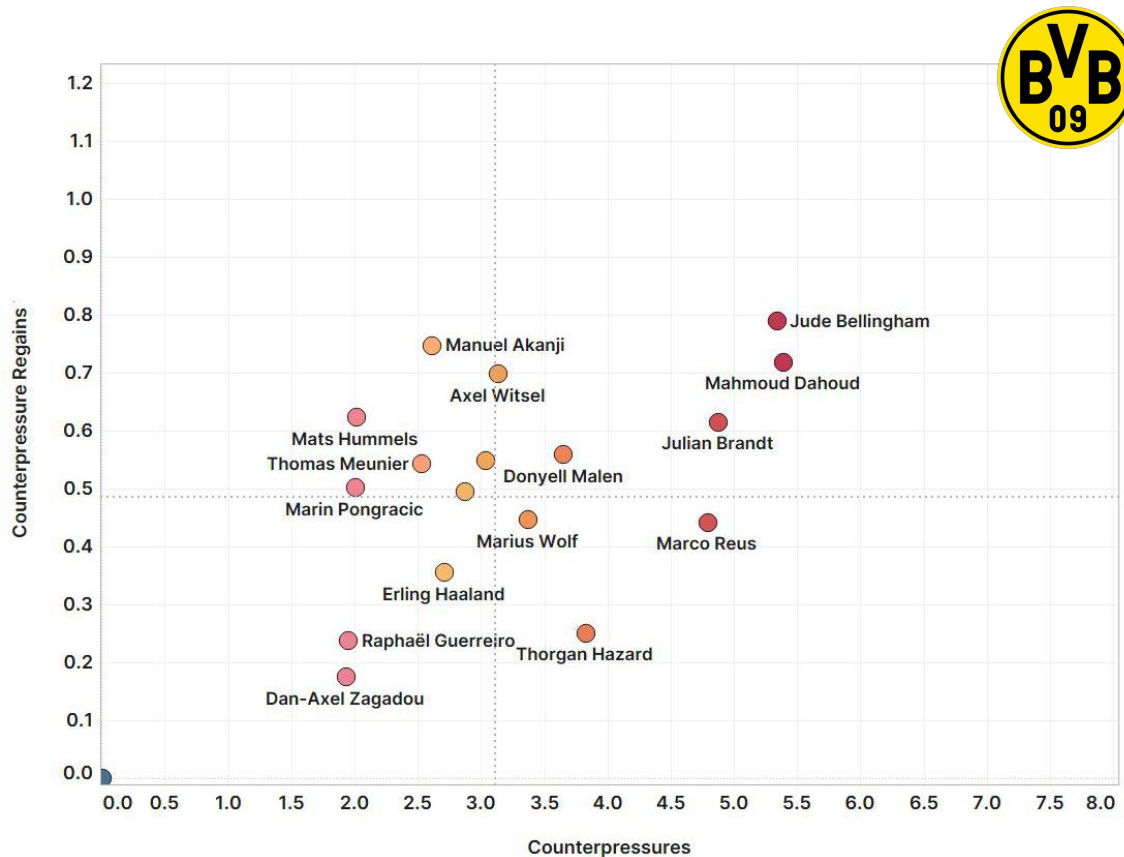
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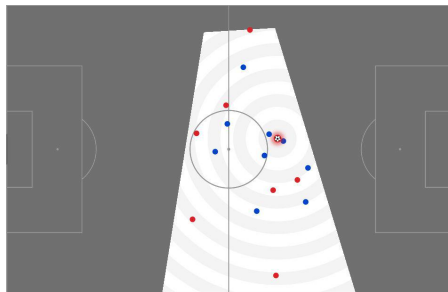Data is per 90 minutes & only includes players with a minimum 600 minutes played.
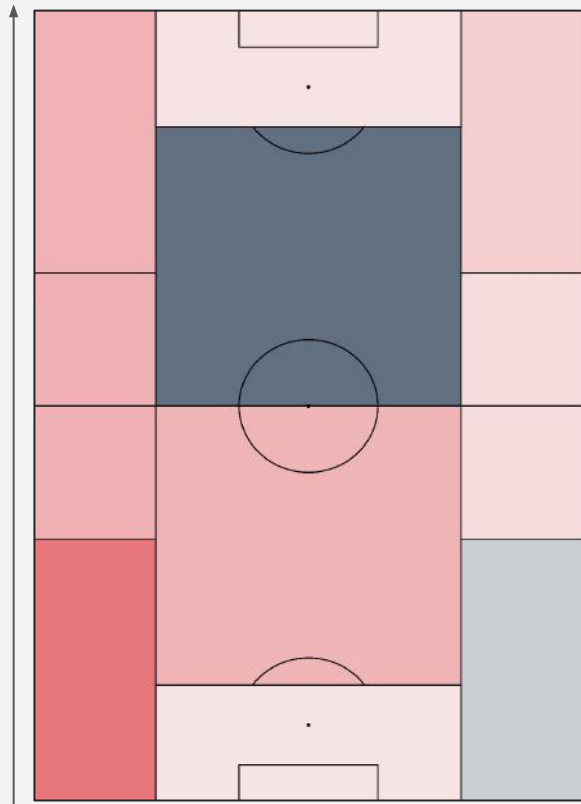

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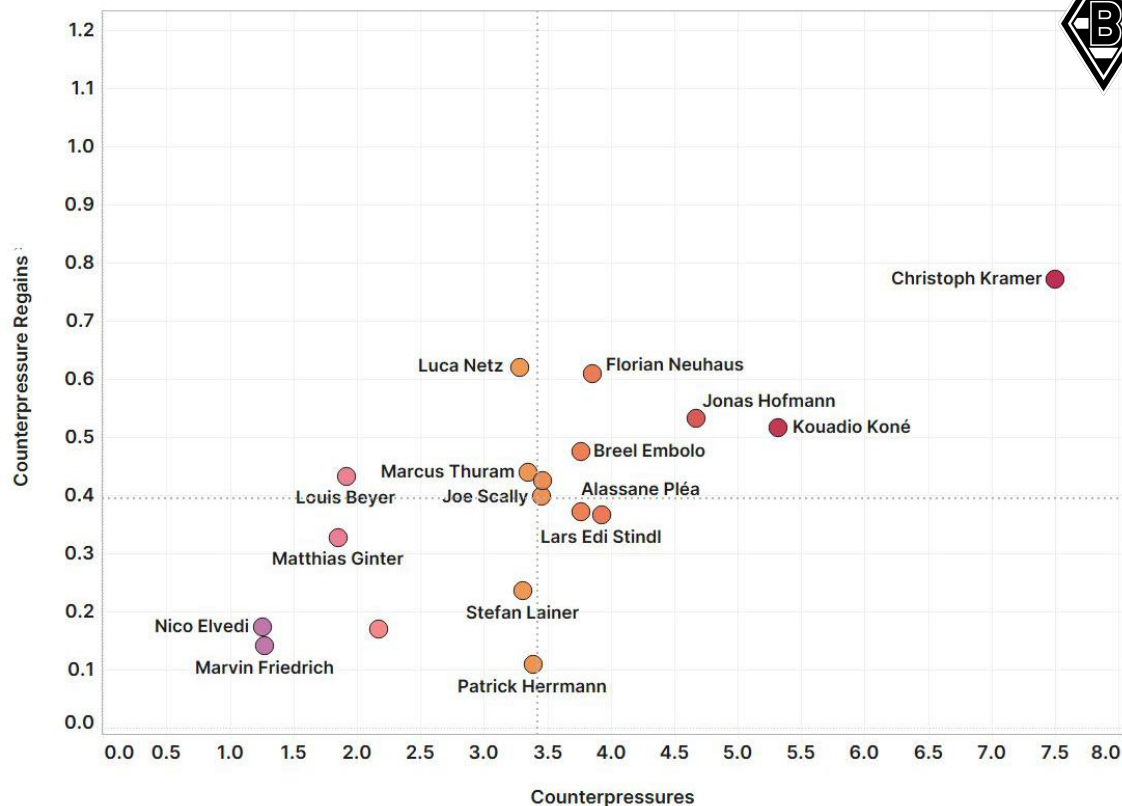*Red = More Activity. Black = Less Activity.*

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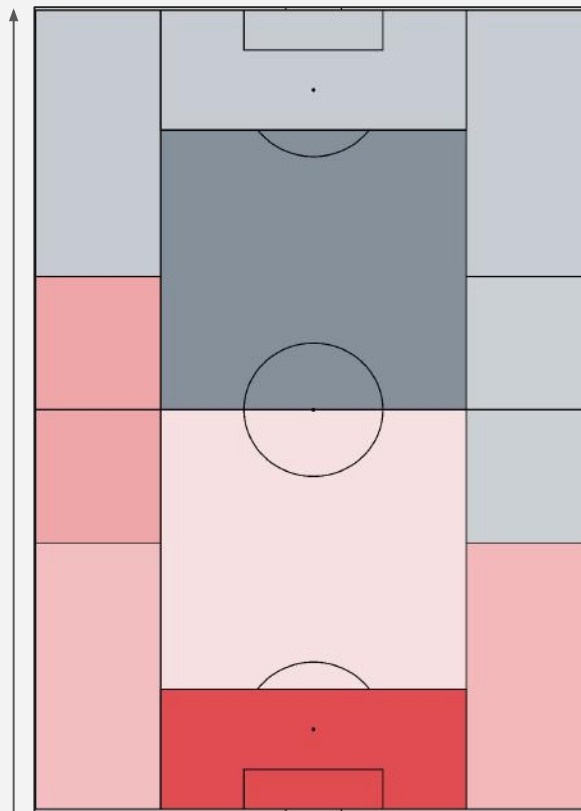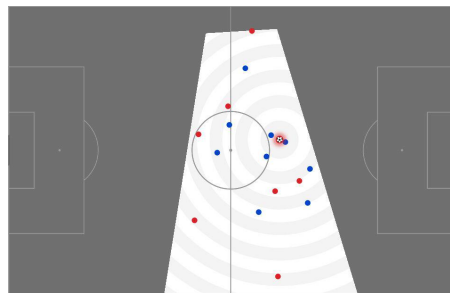within 5 seconds of a player
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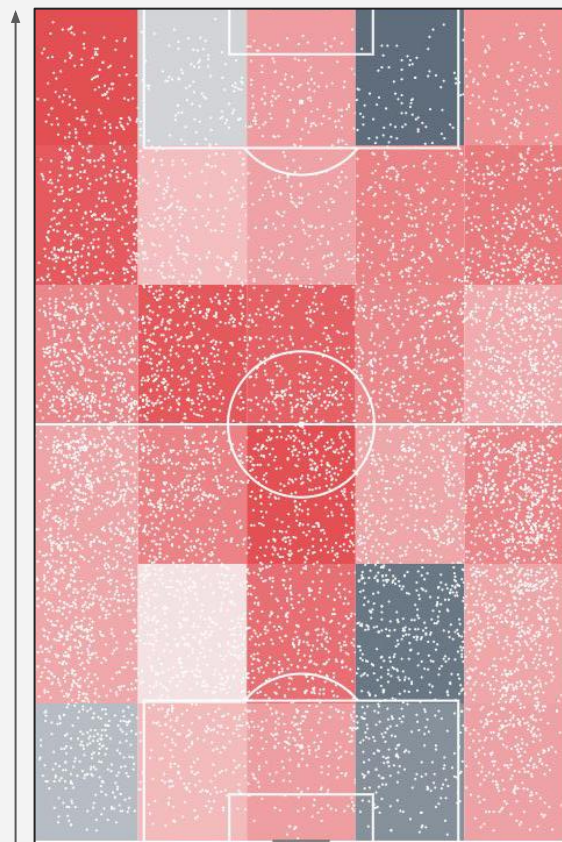
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PPDA	8.1 (4th)
Defensive Distance	44.2 (5th)
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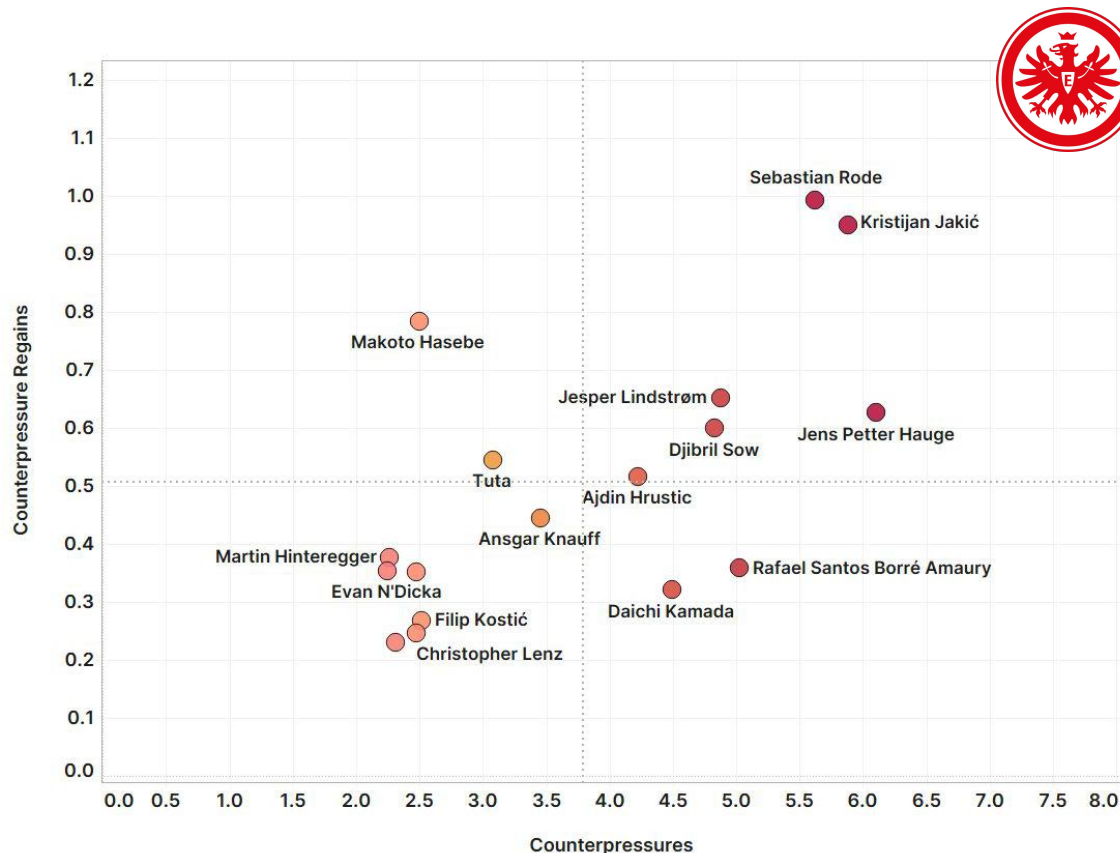
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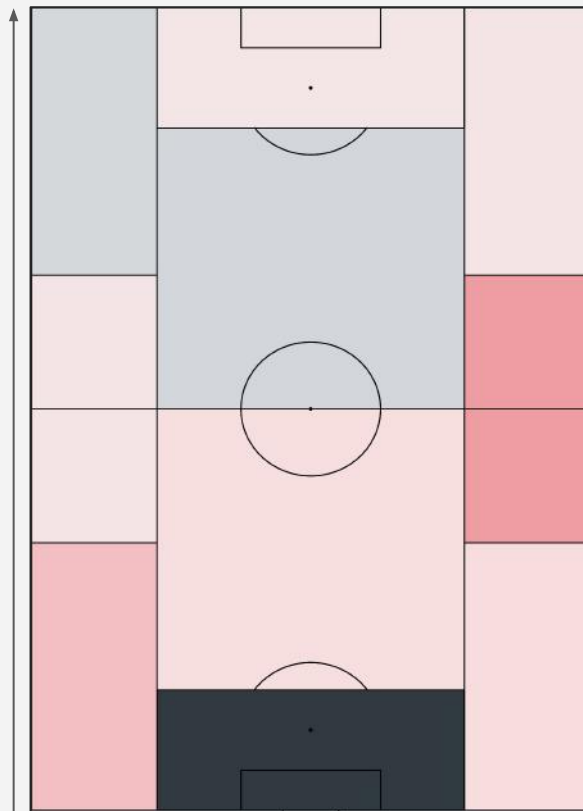Data is per 90 minutes & only includes players with a minimum 600 minutes played.
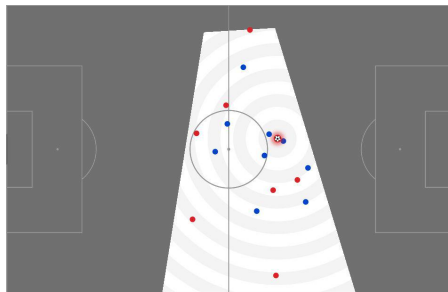

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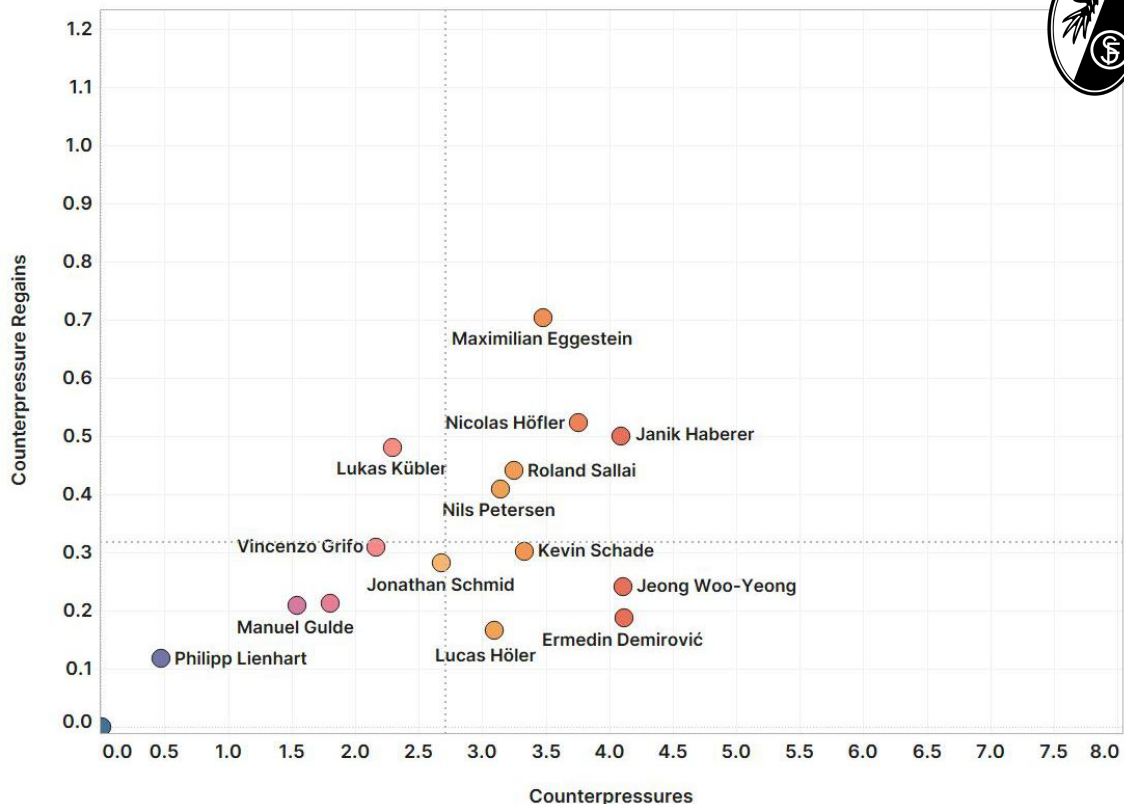
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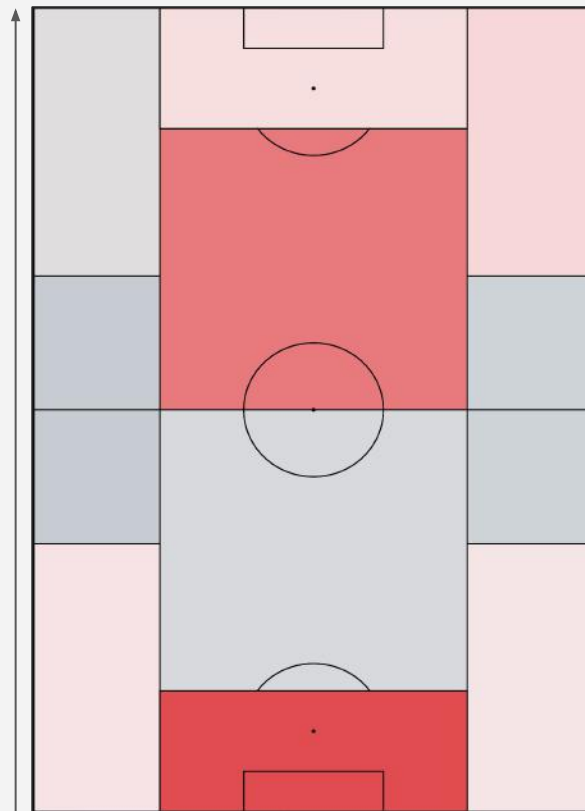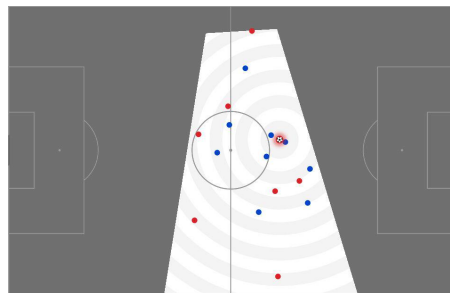Times a team won the ball back within 5 seconds of a player counterpressuring an opponent.

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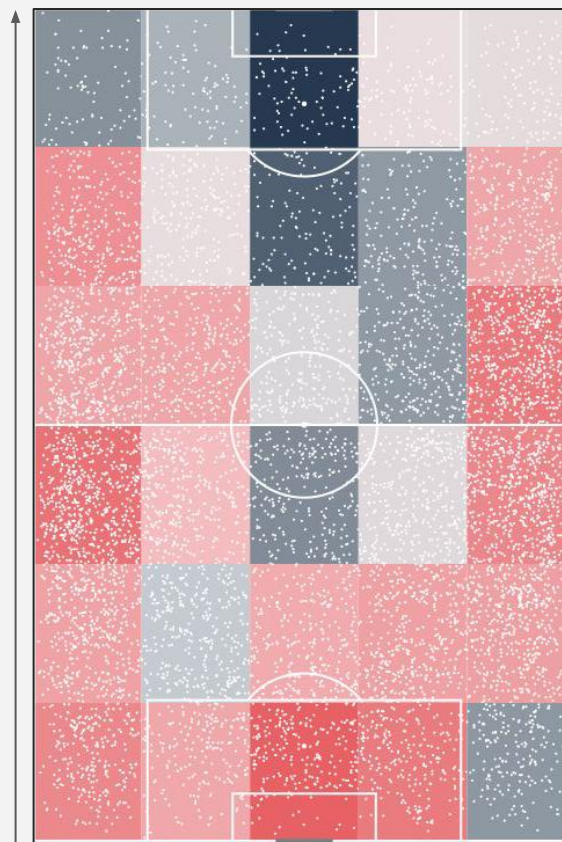
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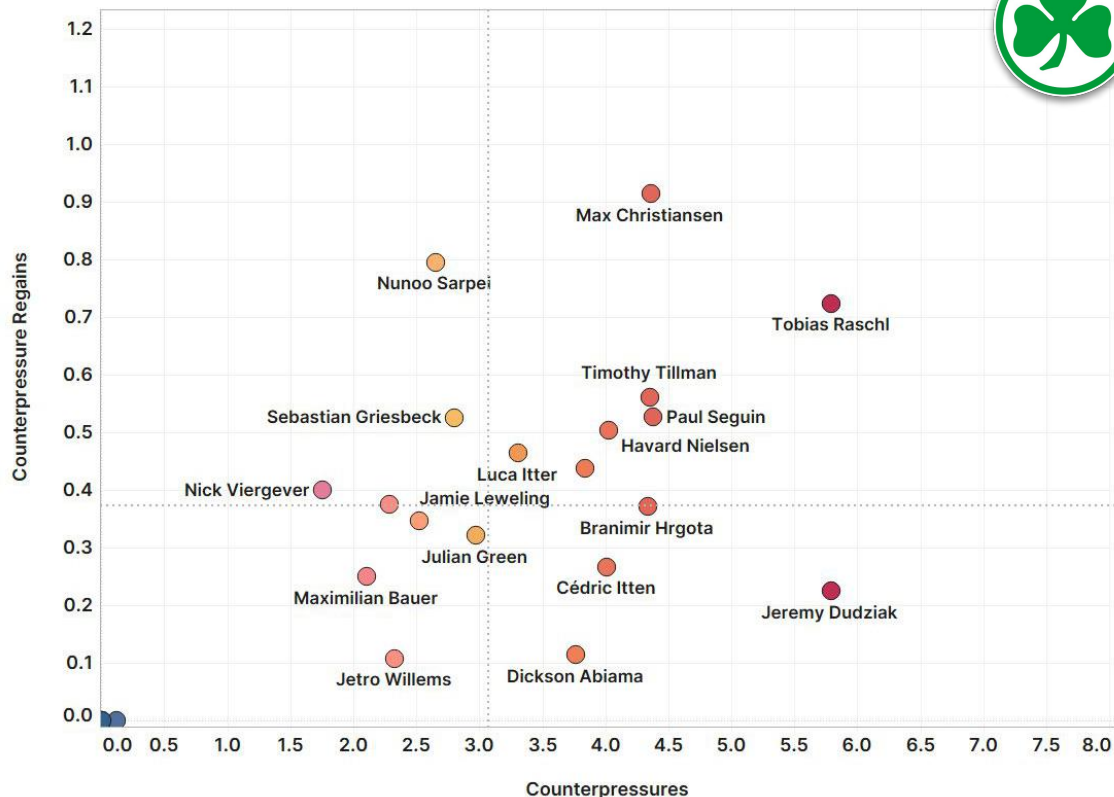
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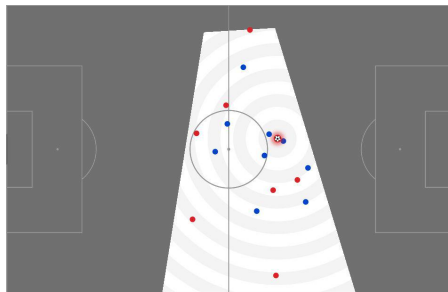Data is per 90 minutes & only includes players with a minimum 600 minutes played.
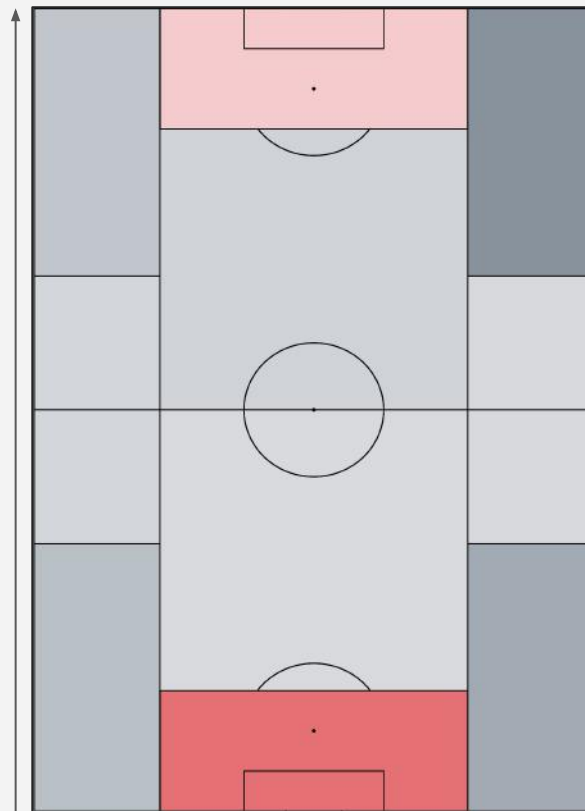

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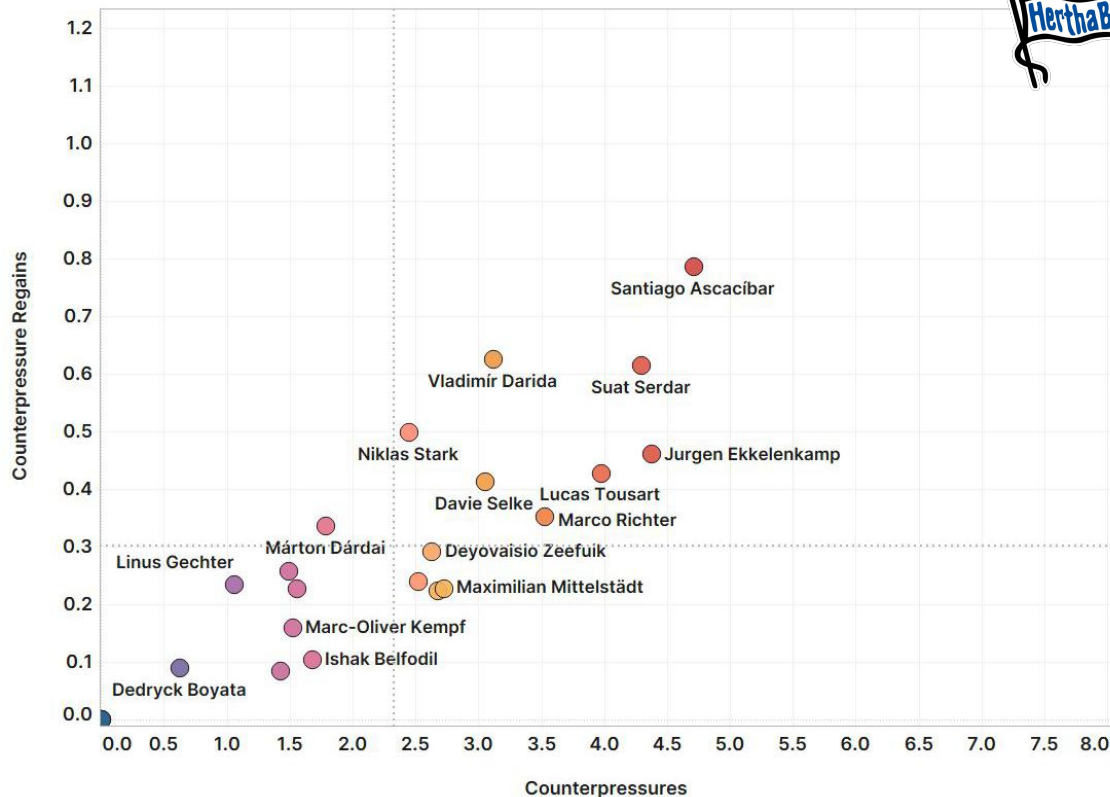
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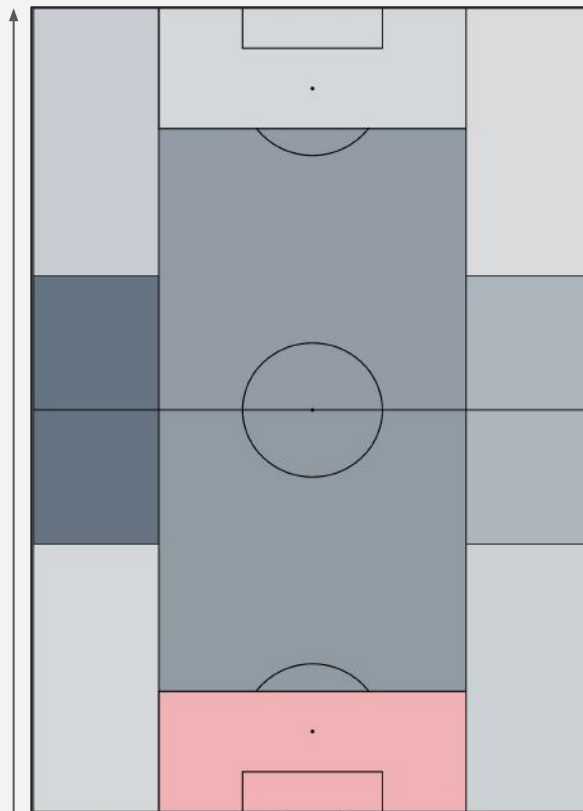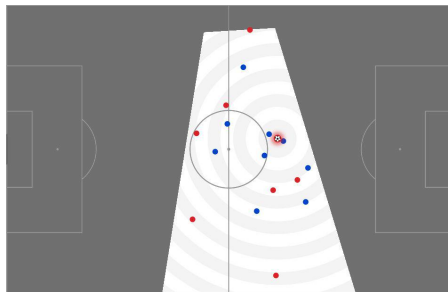Data is per 90 minutes & only includes players with a minimum 600 minutes played.

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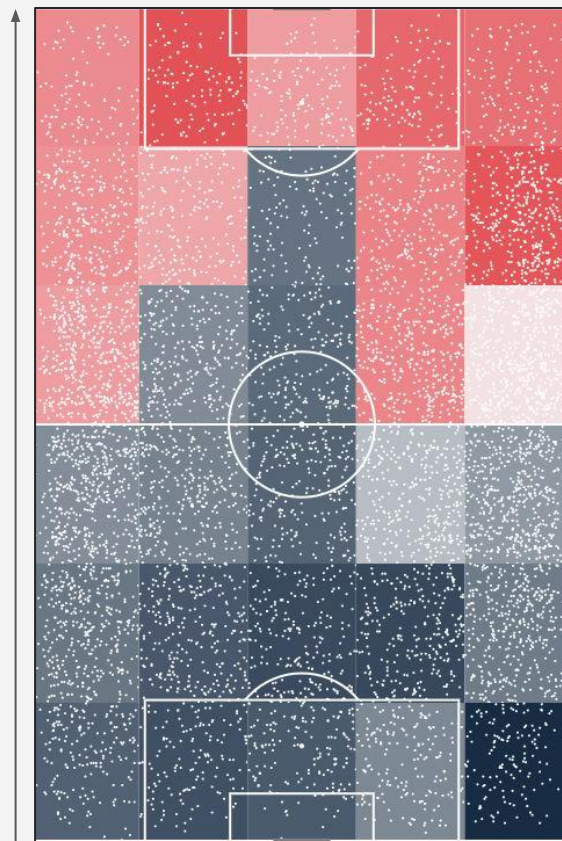**TSG 1899 Hoffenheim**

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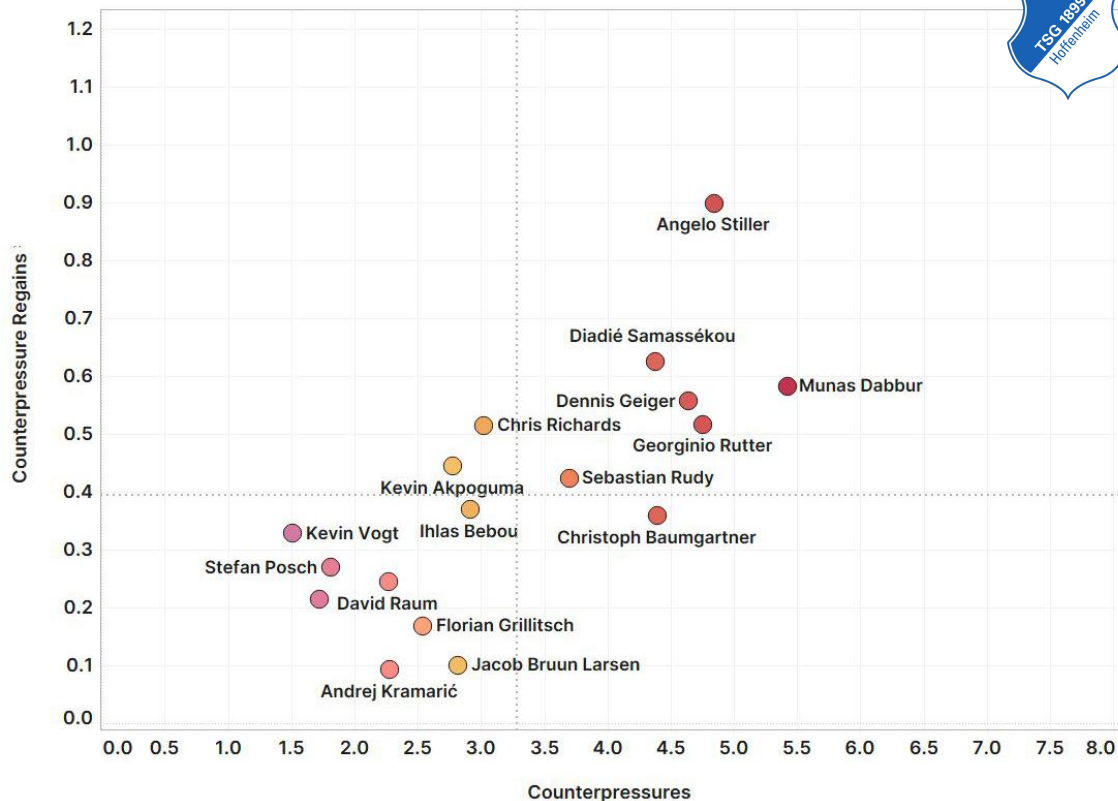
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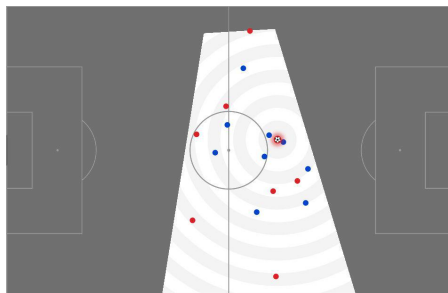
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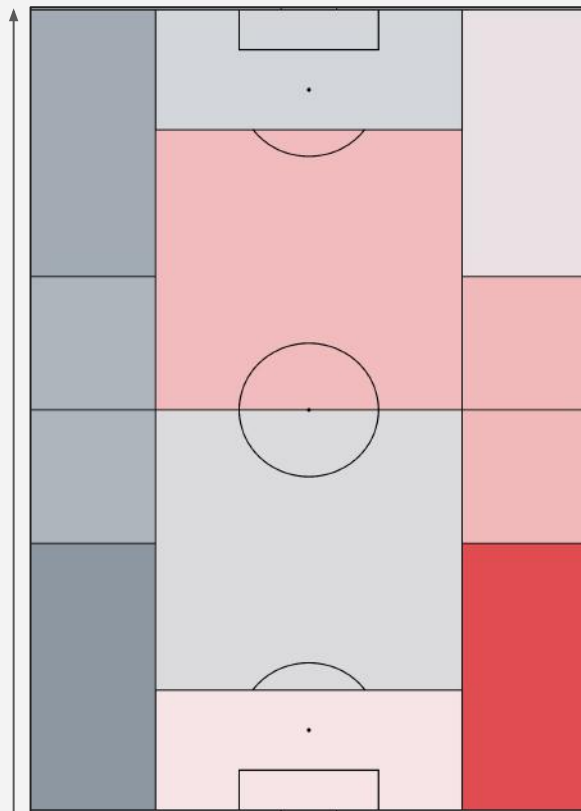
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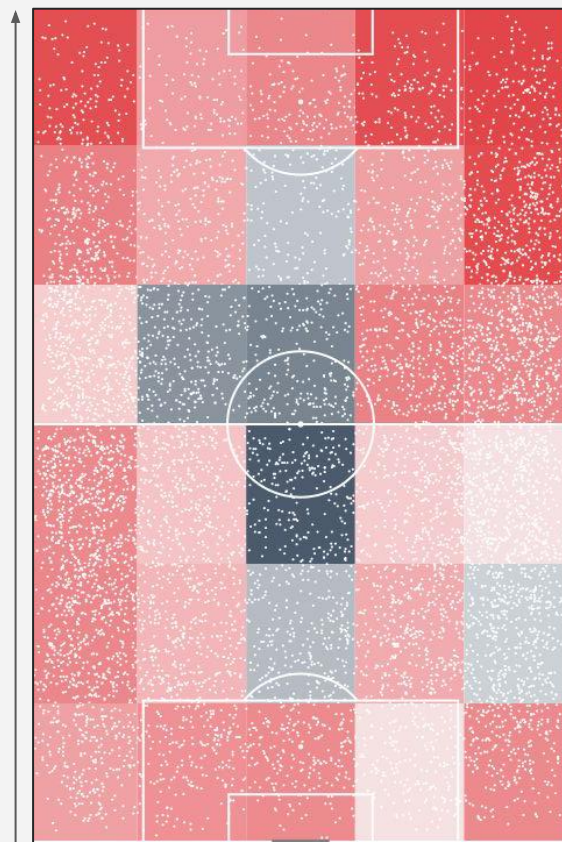*Red = More Players. Black = Fewer Players.*

1. FC Köln

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Metric	League Rank
PPDA	6.3 (1st)
Defensive Distance	43.9 (6th)
Aggression %	29% (1st)
Pressures In Opp. Half	81.6 (2nd)
Opposition Pass Completion %	73% (1st)

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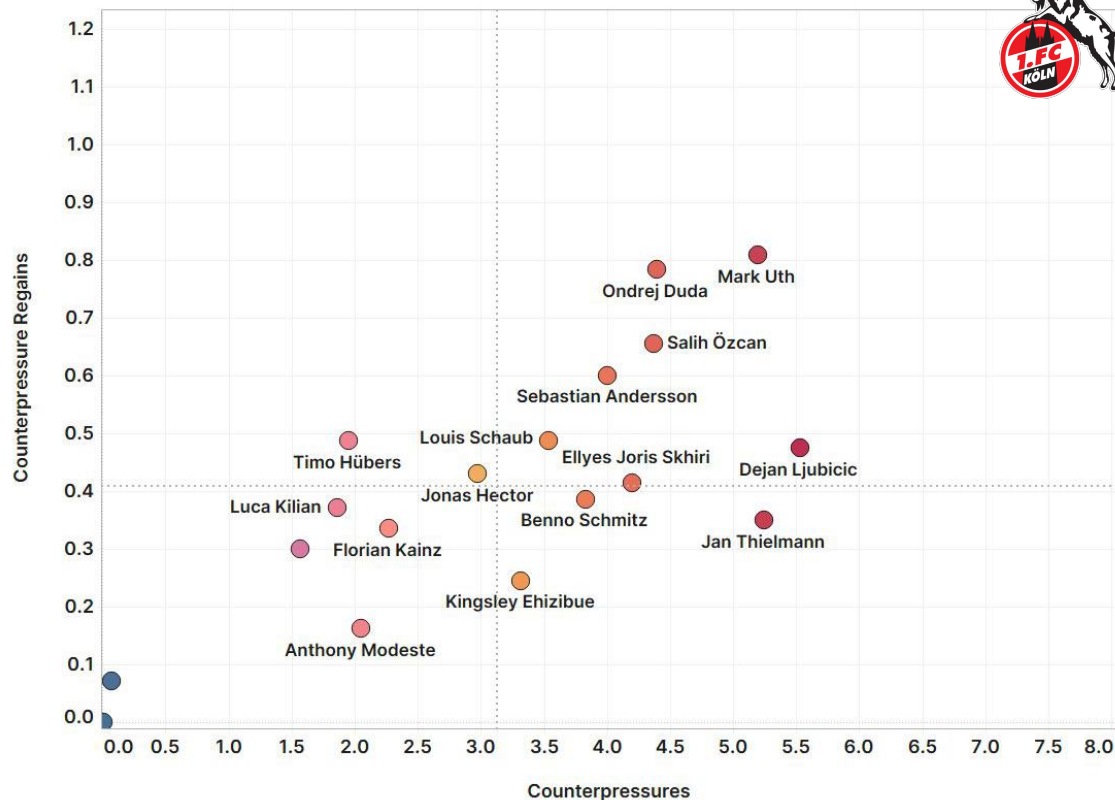
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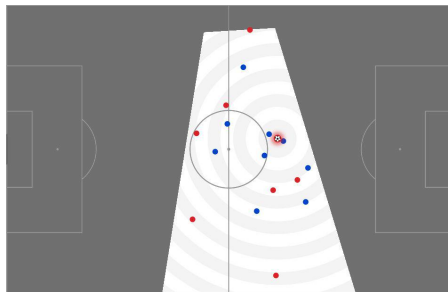Times a team won the ball back within 5 seconds of a player counterpressuring an opponent.

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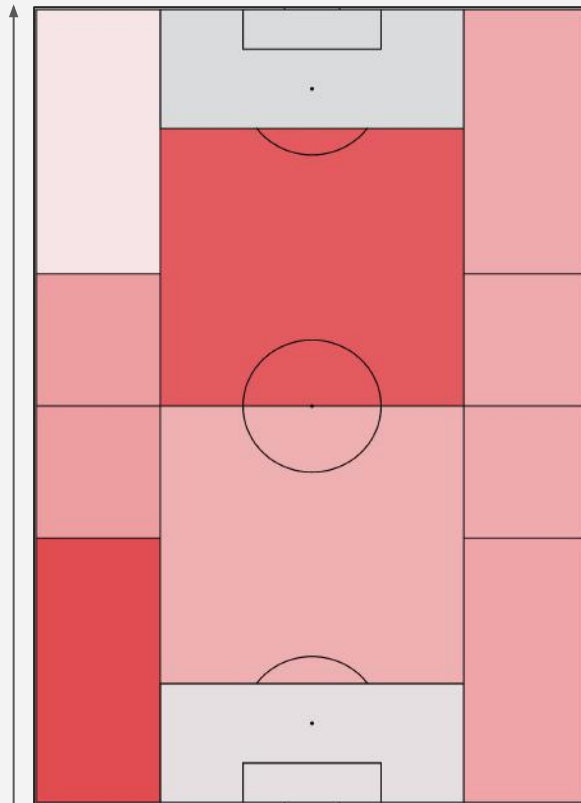

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RB Leipzig

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Metric	League Rank
PPDA	8.8 (8th)
Defensive Distance	44.9 (4th)
Aggression %	24% (4th)
Pressures In Opp. Half	79.6 (3rd)
Opposition Pass Completion %	77% (6th)

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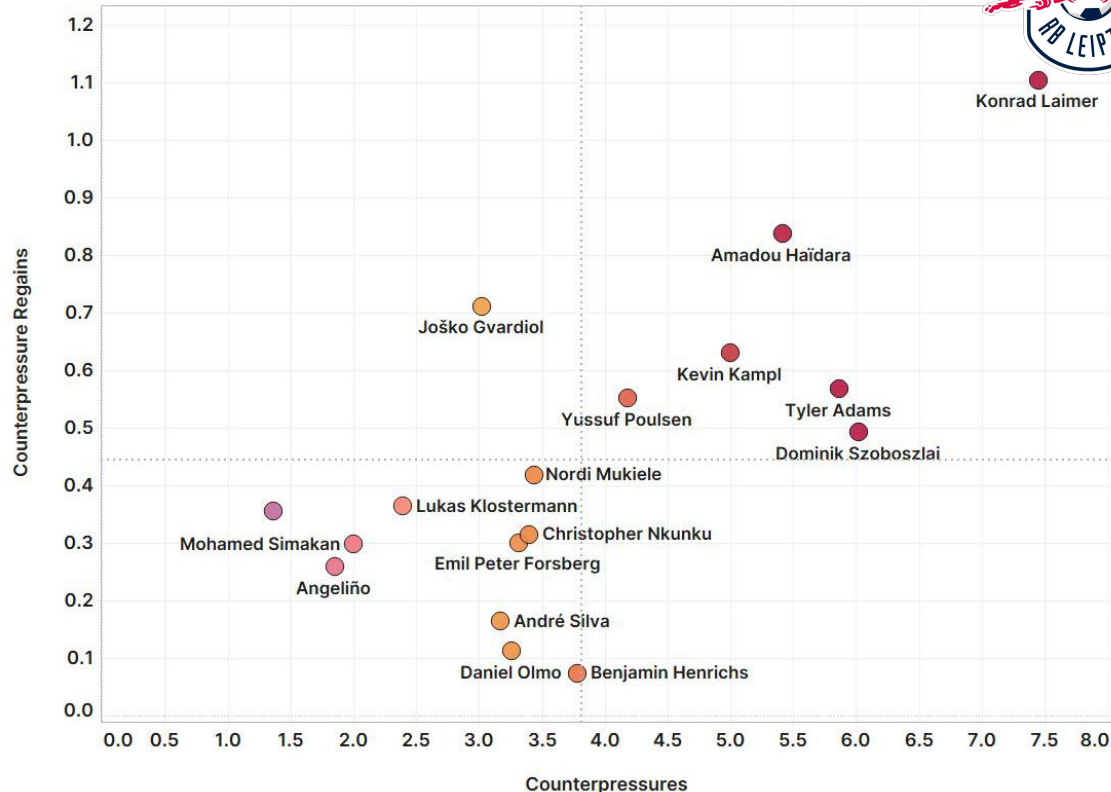
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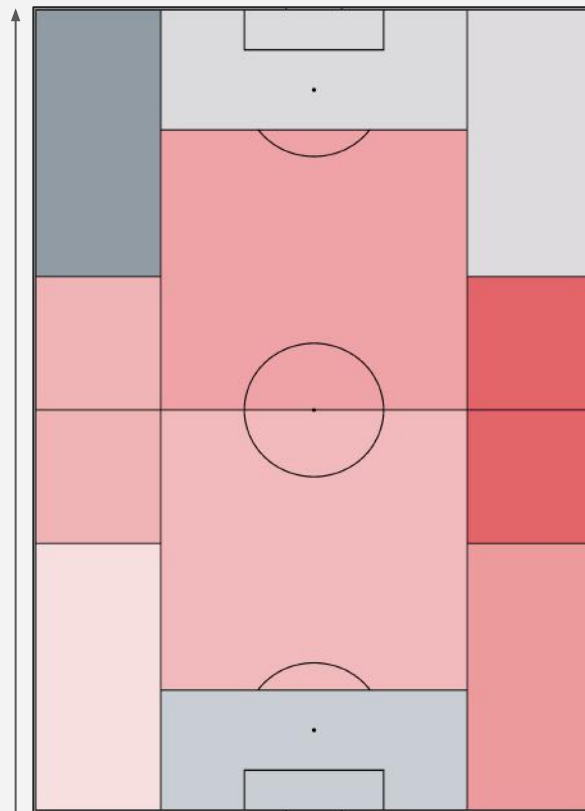Times a team won the ball back within 5 seconds of a player counterpressuring an opponent.
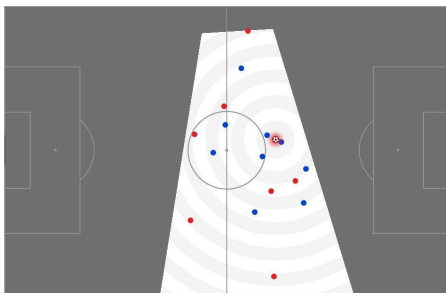
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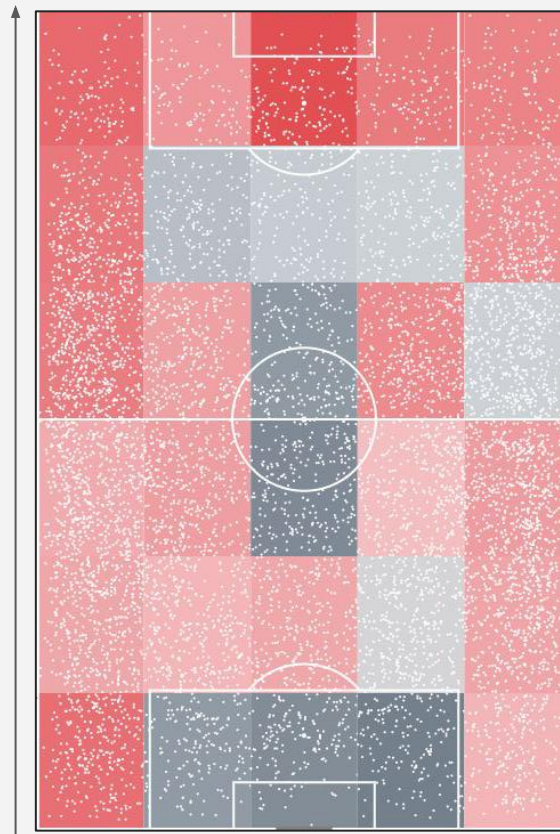*Red = More Players. Black = Fewer Players.*

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Defensive activity

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Metric	League Rank
PPDA	7.8 (3rd)
Defensive Distance	45.1 (3rd)
Aggression %	23% (11th)
Pressures In Opp. Half	75.9 (8th)
Opposition Pass Completion %	78% (9th)

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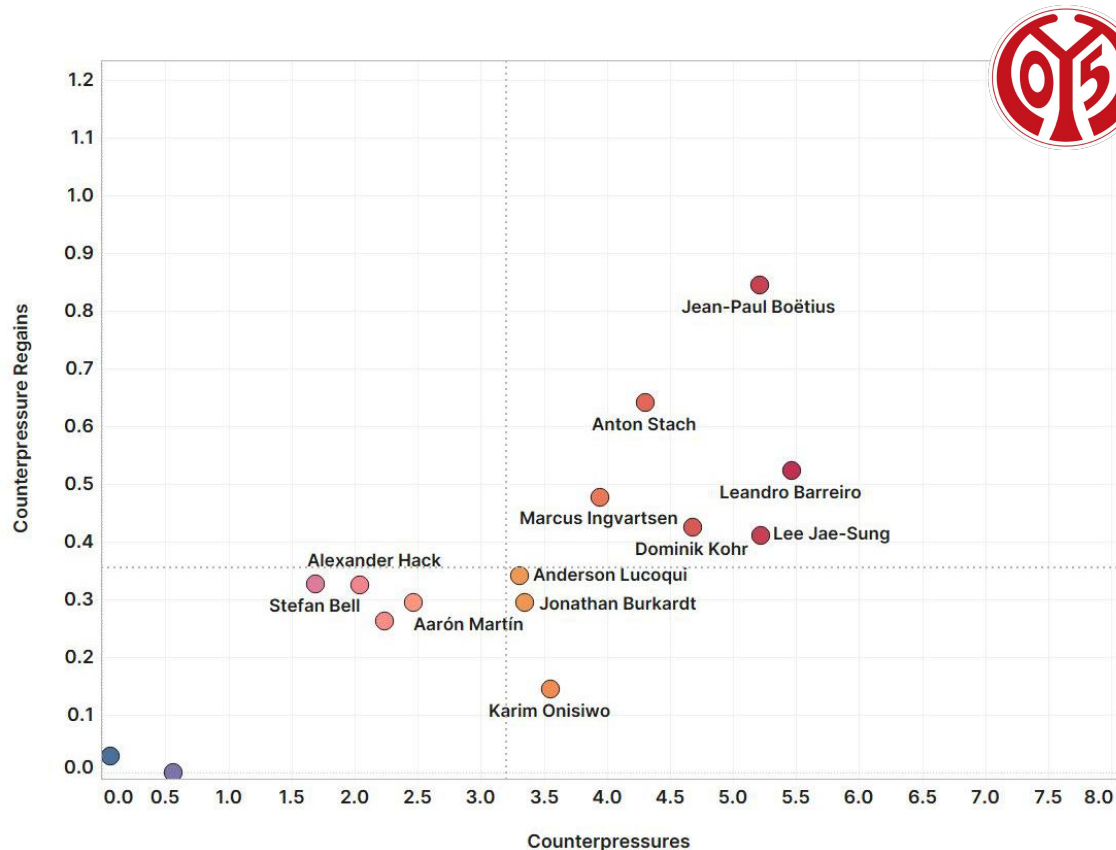
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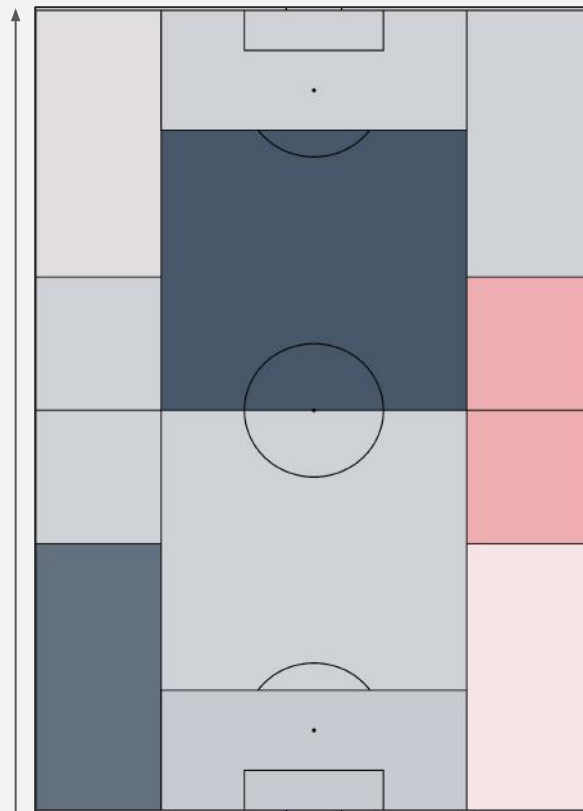Times a team won the ball back within 5 seconds of a player counterpressuring an opponent.
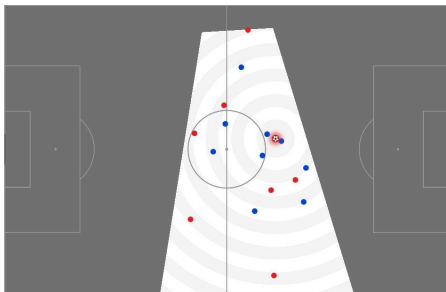
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VfB Stuttgart

Defensive activity

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Metric	League Rank
PPDA	9.5 (12th)
Defensive Distance	42.4 (12th)
Aggression %	21% (14th)
Pressures In Opp. Half	70.1 (14th)
Opposition Pass Completion %	79% (12th)

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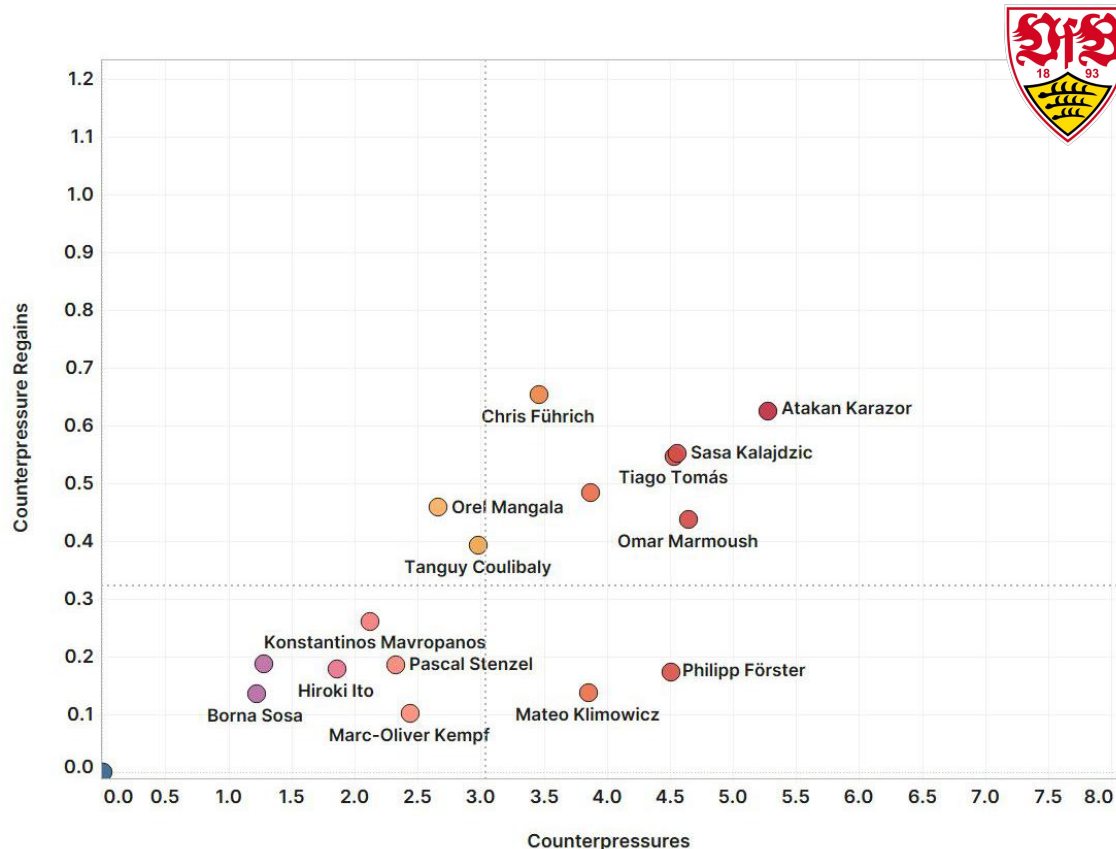
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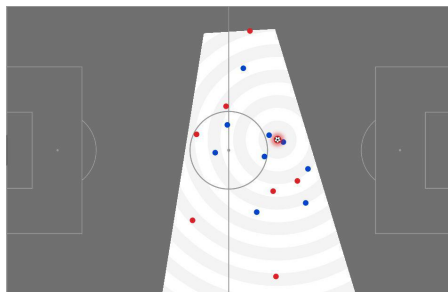Times a team won the ball back within 5 seconds of a player counterpressing an opponent.

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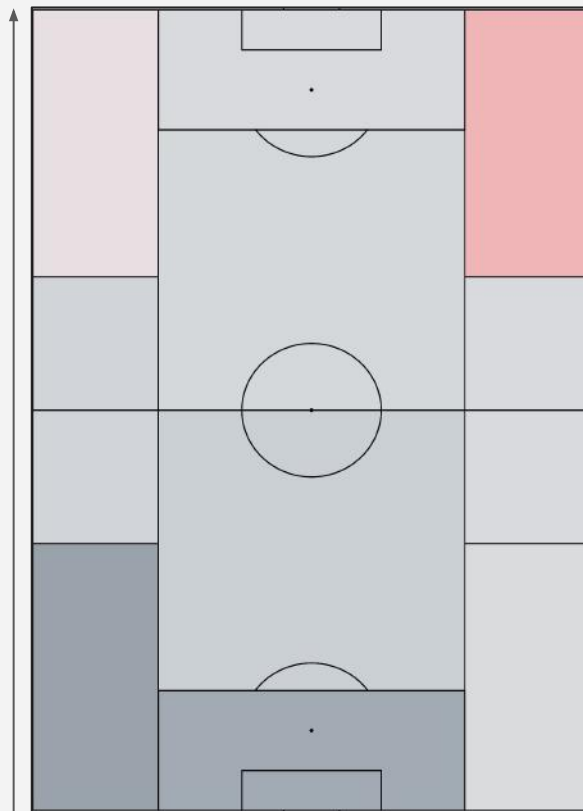
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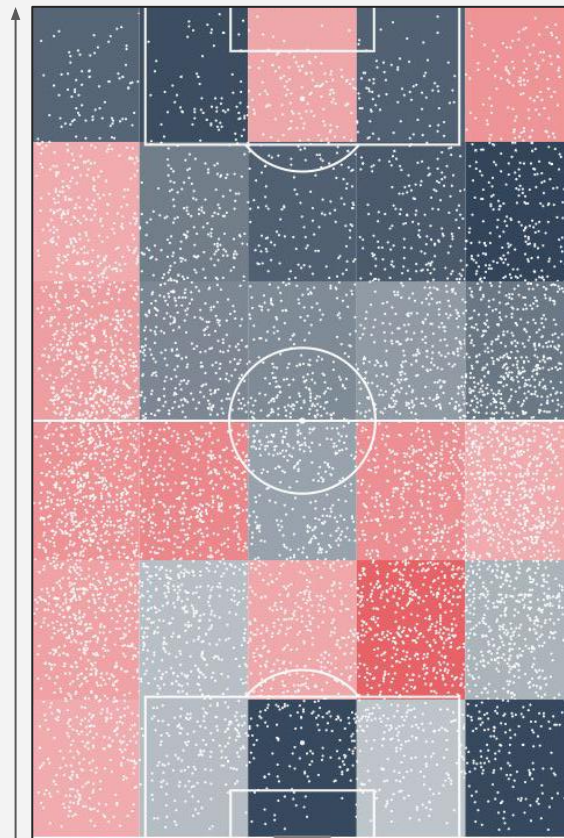
Union Berlin

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Metric	League Rank
PPDA	11.9 (18th)
Defensive Distance	42.6 (11th)
Aggression %	20% (16th)
Pressures In Opp. Half	67.1 (15th)
Opposition Pass Completion %	81% (17th)

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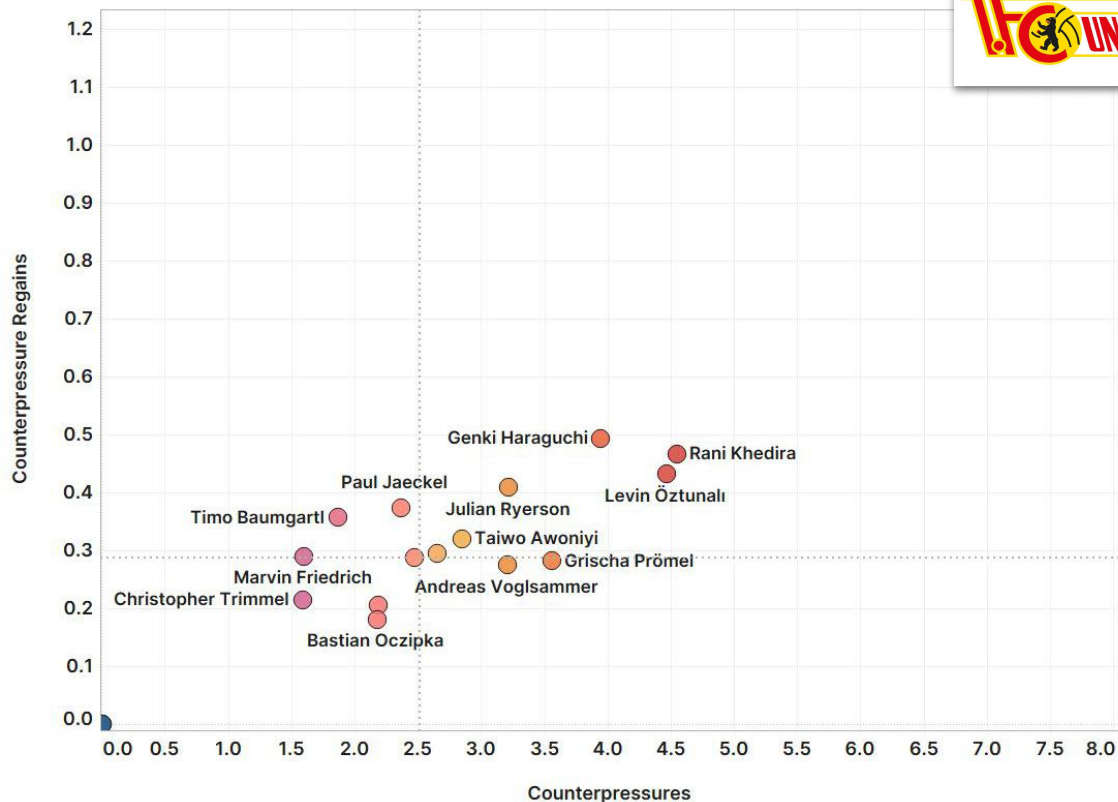
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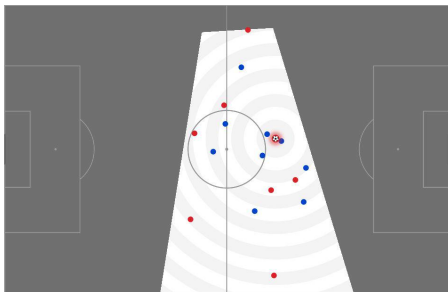
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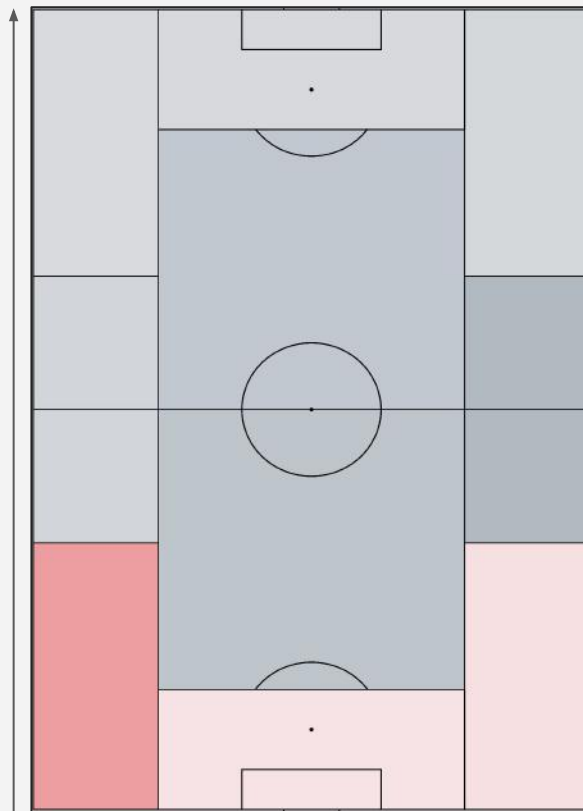

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PPDA	9.0 (9th)
Defensive Distance	41.4 (16th)
Aggression %	24% (7th)
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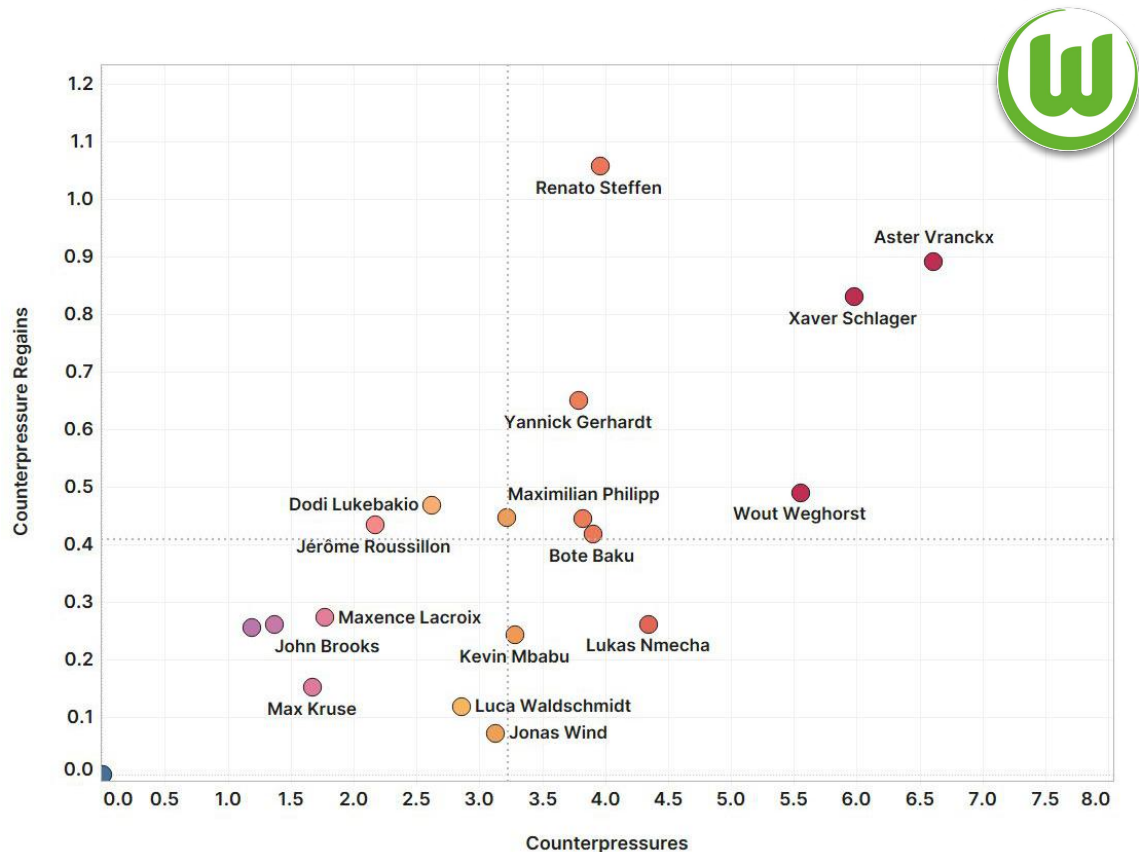
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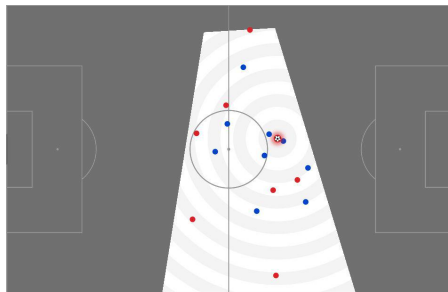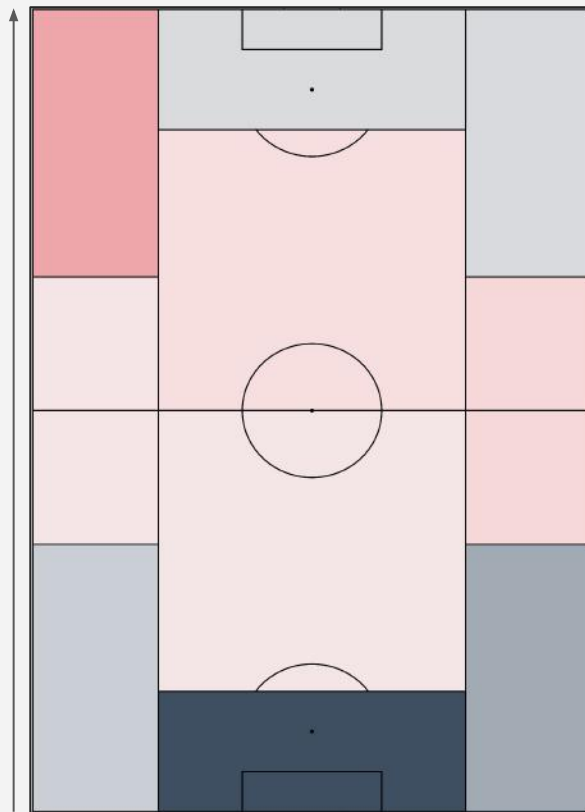

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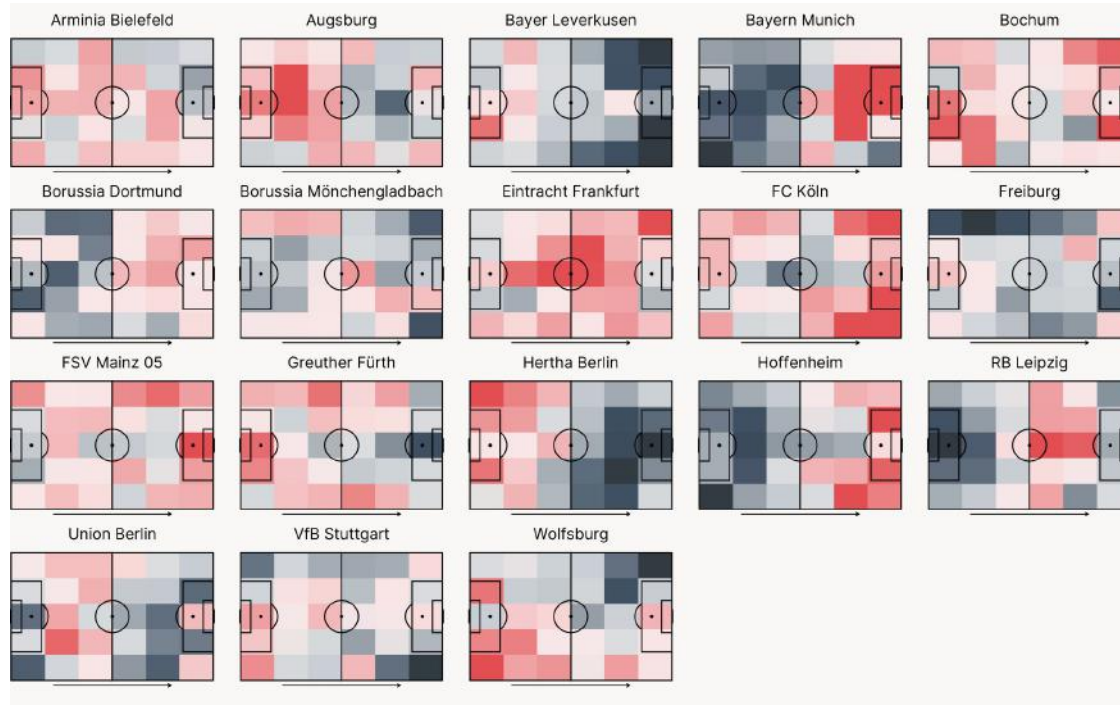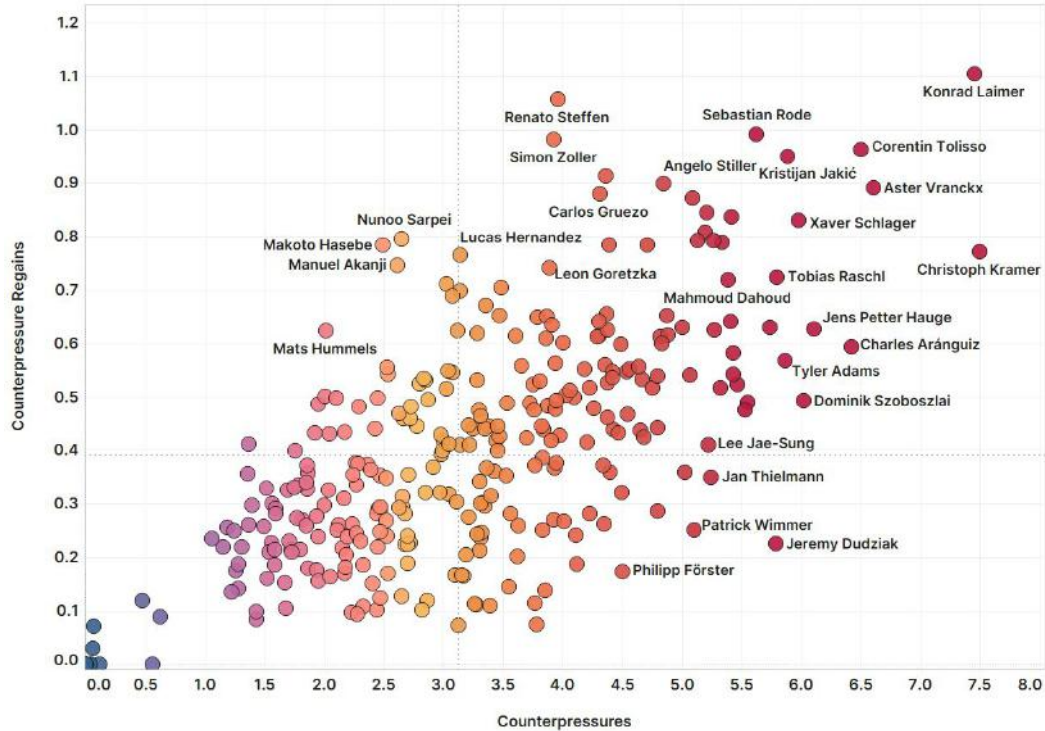

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