

Accrington Stanley FC Scouting Report - Anthony Hudson

Game: Accrington Stanley v Bristol Rovers

Date: 5th November 2011

Score: 2-1

Venue: Crown Ground

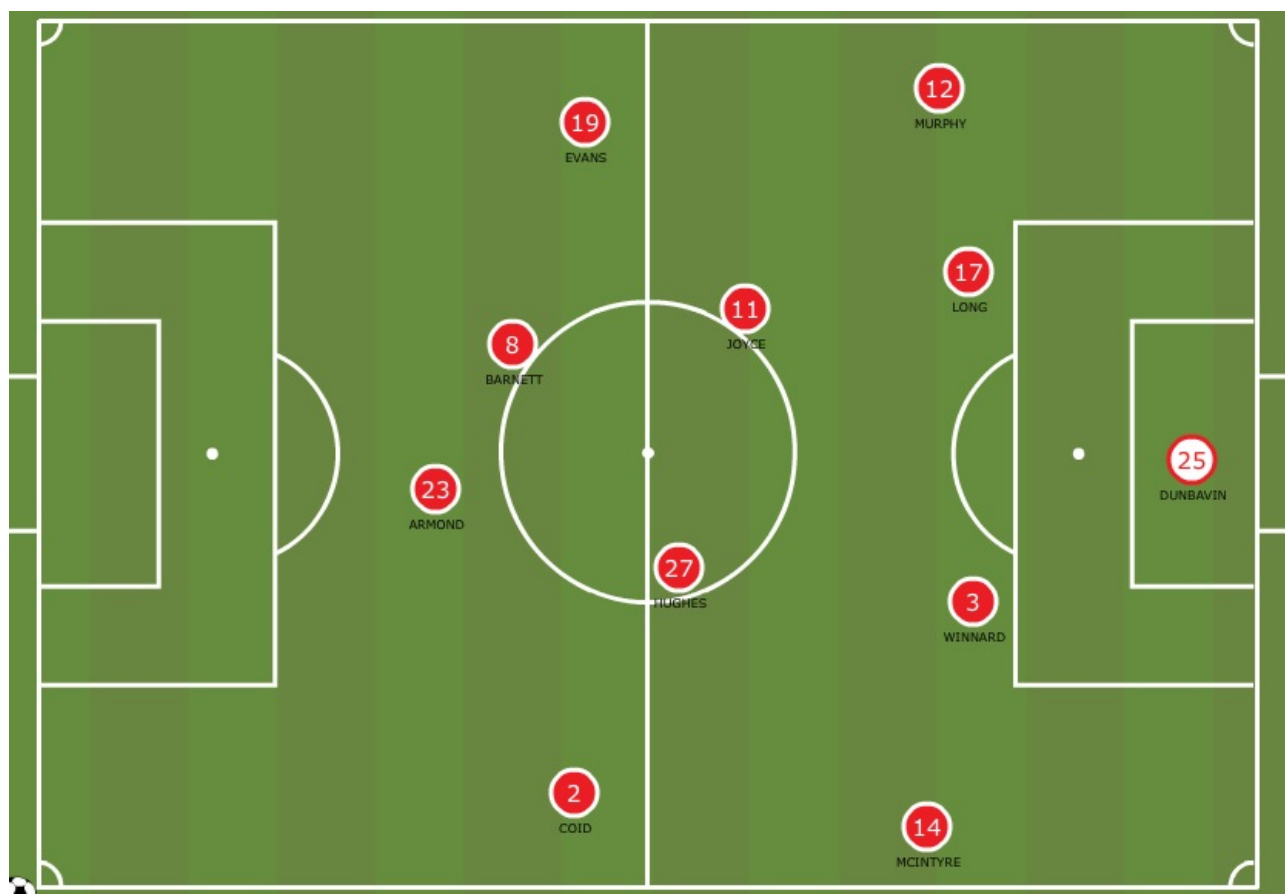
Goals: Evans 5mins 1-0

Long. 30mins 2-0

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Team Set Up:

4-4-2

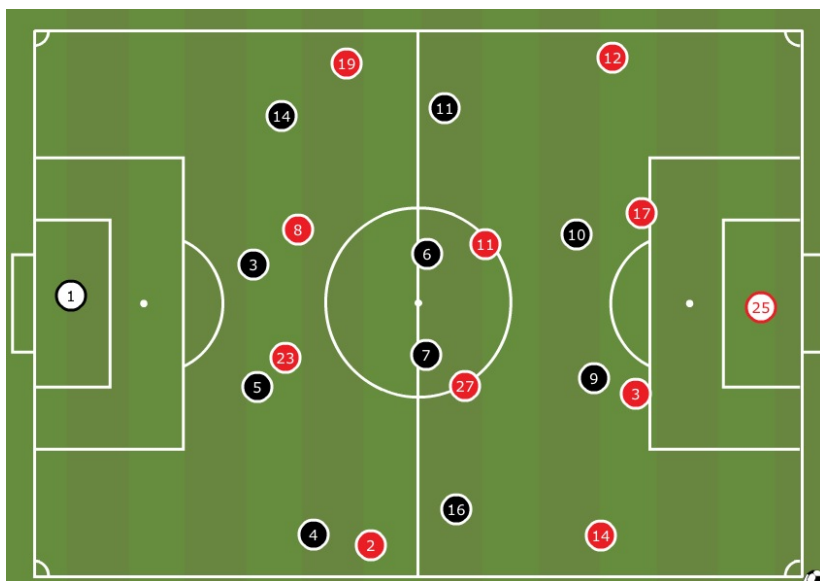


Subs:

01. Murdoch. (on for 25. Dundavin 14 mins)

21. Stockley. (on for 23. Amond 61 mins)

Opposition Shape:



Offensive Organisation

GK looks to play/roll ball out (even under pressure) - *turned over when pressed well* - main player picking up ball was 11/Joyce.

(sub gk/Murdoch -same -play out back - left footed - kicking out of hands = erratic)

Both FBs good on ball (LB McIntyre midfielder) - main pass inside into CM or WM feet.

Played short even under pressure. Long ball down line both with quality.

CBs brave, received ball from back both not comfortable under pressure - not mobile/slow on ball.

CM - 11 good on ball, passing long and short good, drops deeper than 27 (Hughes). 27 signs of quality but casual/inconsistent - both played forward - & amongst each other.

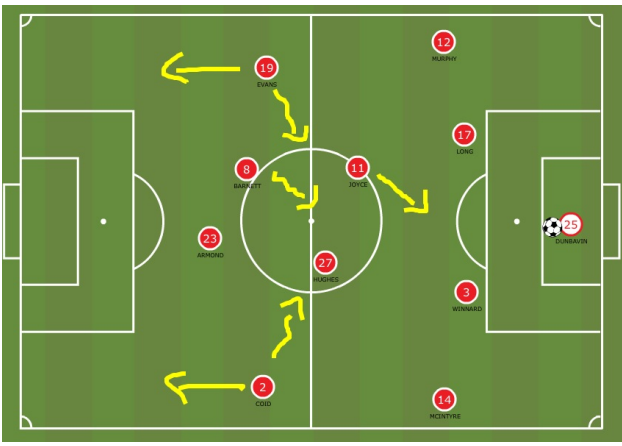
Threaded balls through middle of pitch into fws/wm (off the line) turned over - pitch/tight?

WM - 2 and 19 both come in off line a lot -19 wanders across pitch. 19 technically strong, quick, positive, will go at FB in and outside well, will expose space. 2 positive, athletic, workmanlike, tight areas/under pressure turns ball over.

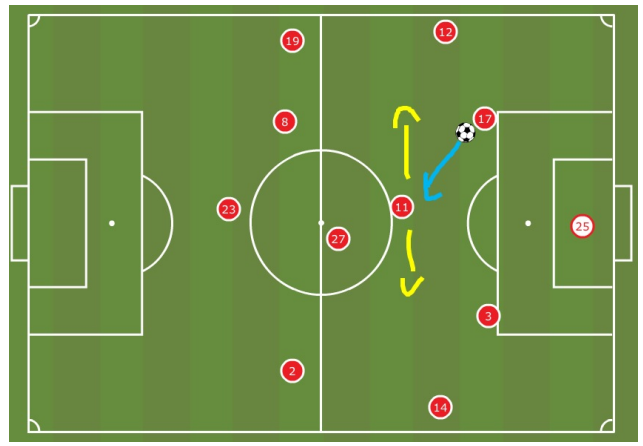
FWs - stay close together in possession. 8 mainly drop short and 23 runs in behind. 8 good feet, tidy, turns on ball, sets and spins - very busy.

Sub - Stockley straight swap up front - big strong, he was target from FBs on the diag, good in air - flick ons/hold up.

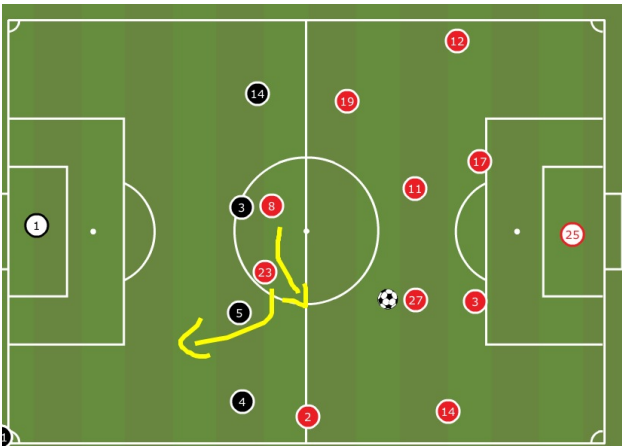
Pattern of Play



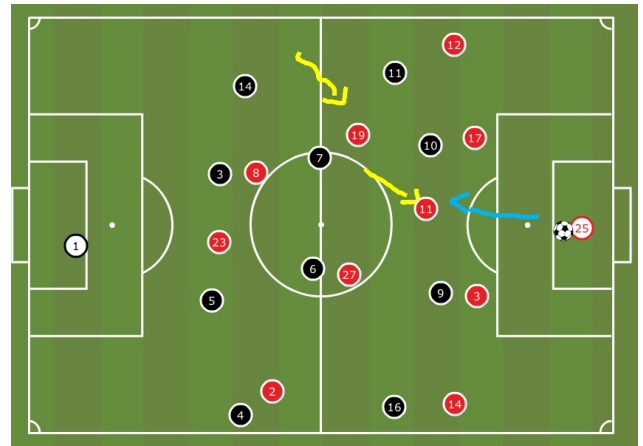
Main movements in possession.



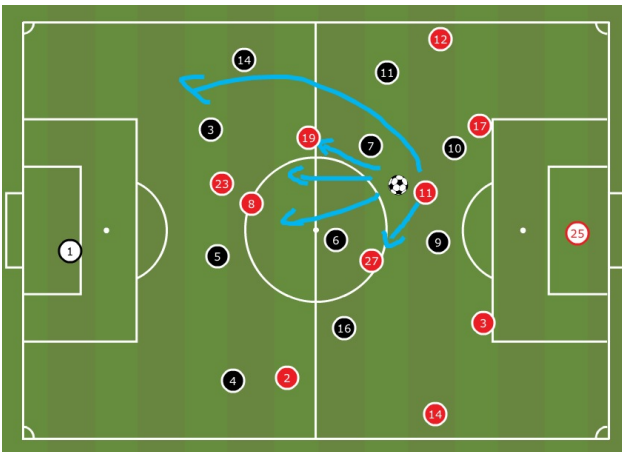
11 drops short to get ball from DF a lot



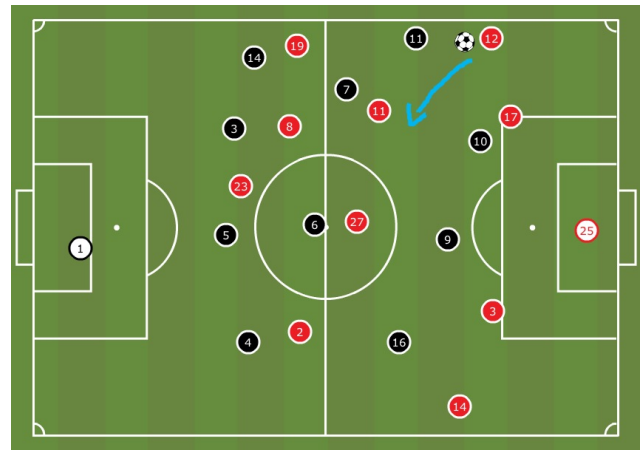
8/23 stay close - 8 mainly drop short.



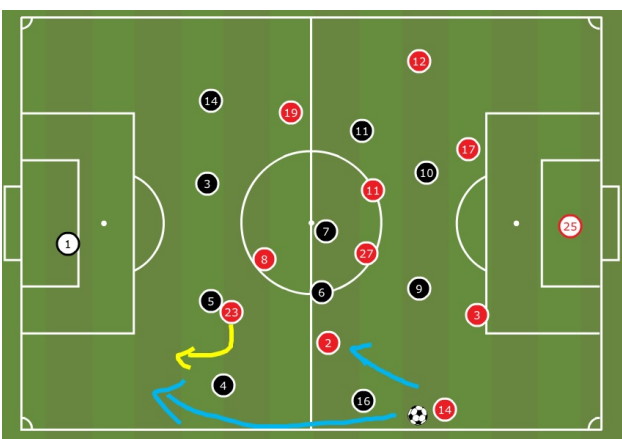
Gk play out under pressure - will give to 11



11 range of pass -short to 27 a lot - negative.



RB main look into CM even under pressure.



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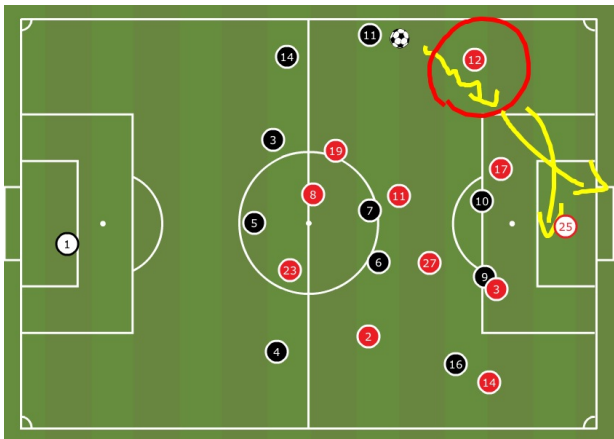
Offensive Transition

No real threat/pace in behind on the break. 19 looked for it early from gk on the counter. Play mainly slowed down from gk and go short. Throw ins not taken quickly.

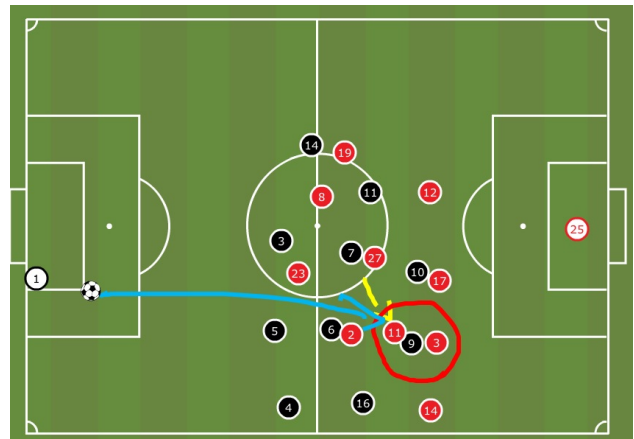
Defensive Organisation

Murdoch/GK looked solid in air. Effective crosses by Bris. Rovers - low/pace/across face
Back four push up very high (near 1/2 way) when ball with opposition DF/GK.
Both FBs physically strong but 12/RB was very exposed with (Carayol/11) pace and mainly when he ran inside him - allowed crosses and shots by doing so.
3/Winnard (capt) - strong in air and when ball near him - pace turning? Slow. Struggled with (9/Harrold) - fought and grabbed him, conceding f kicks.
Both CBs - pace in behind????
19 RM - no discipline when team lose ball. 12/RB isolated 2 v 1 and 1 v 1 often (resulting in 11 coming over). Both FBs exposed due to WM playing inside. Opposition FBs had too much time to pick passes out.
CMs busy and pressed - but 27/Hughes no go with runners/casual at times.
Both fws work off ball and press the DFs but looks off the cuff.
11 screened (9/Harrold) for all goal kicks / long alls. Left big spaces out wide.

Team dropped off when 2-0 and 2-1 up allowing a lot of pressure in their half.



RB weak tackling/running in vs pace.



11 screen Harrold - weak in MF to win_2nds

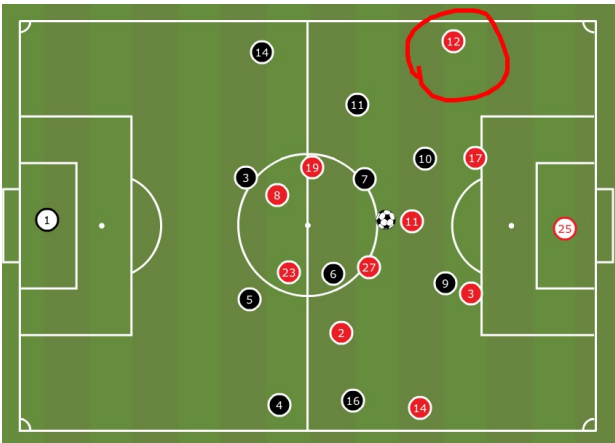
Defensive Transition

FBs exposed when team lose ball - especially RB. Both WM come inside. 12/RB hugely exposed down RHS.

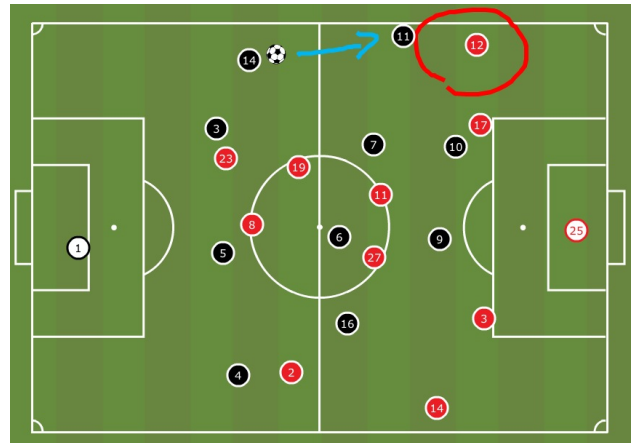
Fws and wm do rotate to fill in when they lose ball - but jobs not done well when this happened mainly down RHS.

19 slow to defend.

From gk kicks out hands - 19 runs central to look for 2nd ball - big space left/exposed.



19 movement exposes RB



Goal conceded - exposed 1 v 1 lots of space

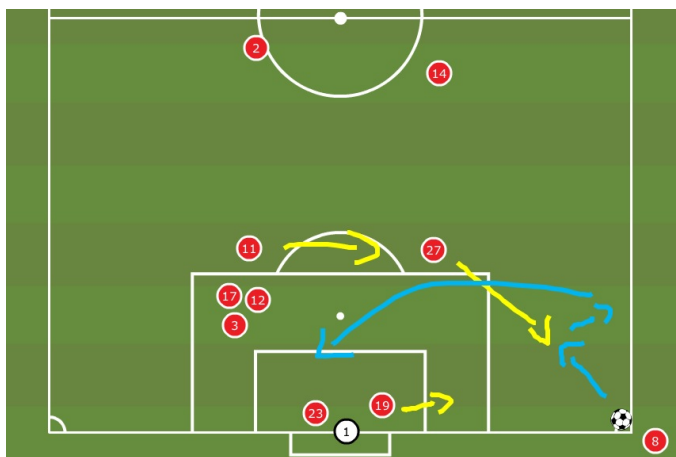
Set Plays

Corners (for) organised and a threat - same initial movement for all corners
 No long throws on day
 Rarely took quick throws - looked to play it in to pass and keep ball
 Got crosses in from a lot of throw ins in attacking third - set back to thrower
 Goal from free kick - well rehearsed

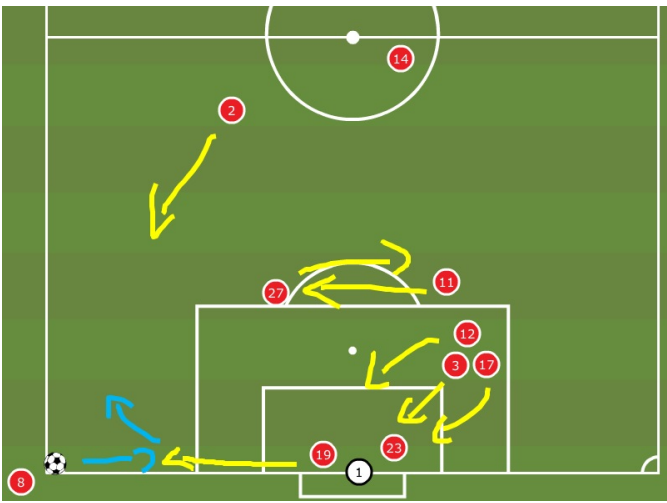
Heights and Best Headers, Other

Name	Height	Main Header	
25. Dunbavin	6'1		
2. Coid	5'11		
3. Winnard	5'9	3. Yes	
8. Barnett	5'10		8. Corner taker
11. Joyce	5'11		11. Gets on the ball
12. Murphy	6'0	12. Yes	
14. McIntyre	5'10	14. Yes	
17. Long	6'3	17. Yes	17. Loan burnley
19. Evans	5'10		19. Loan blackburn
23. Armond	5'11	23. Yes	
27. Hughes	5'9		
Subs			
1. Murdoch	6'2		
21. Stockley	6'2	21. Yes	21. Option to change style of play

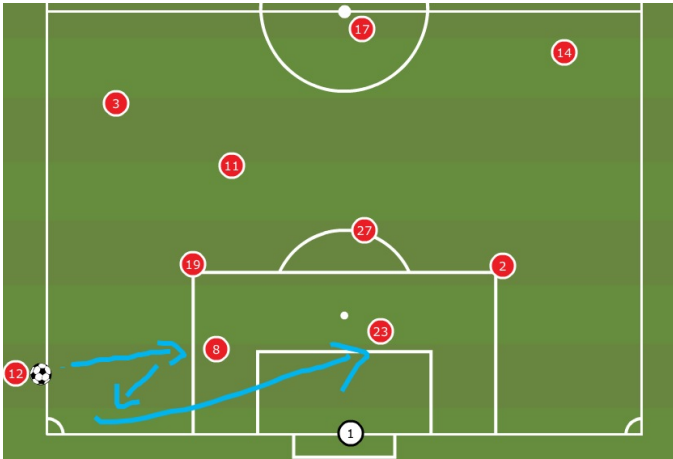
For



*8 - r foot inswing
 19 always came short
 27 short one - set and cross
 23 pulls off gk*



19 played short and set back to 8
 11 - 27 switch sides
 2 short
 8 cross with right foot

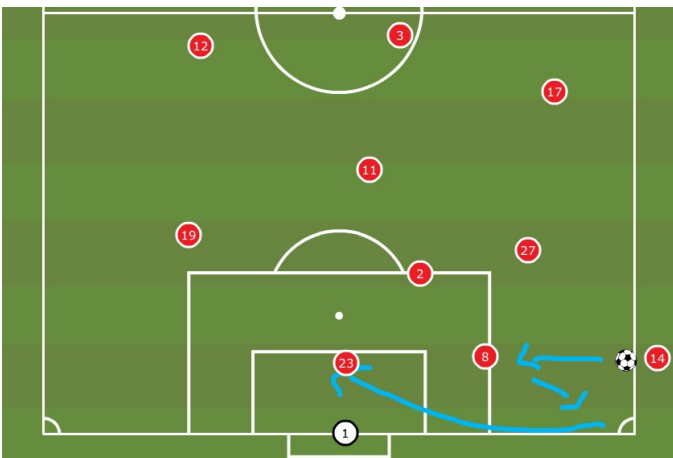


Throw ins in final third - resulted in a cross most times.

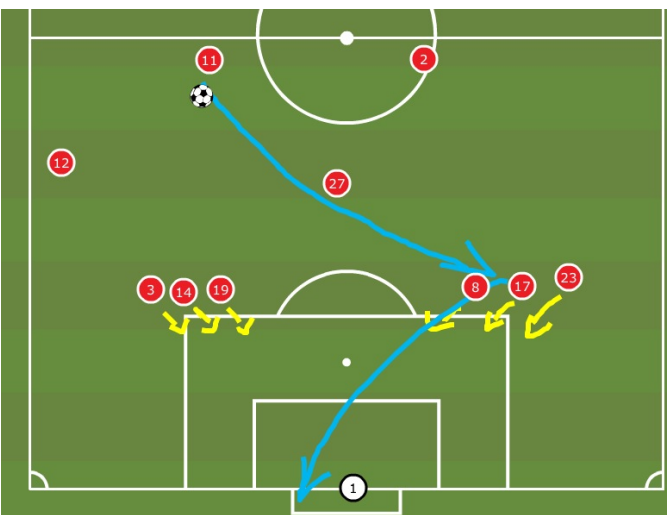
No long throw

Short and set back - cross

Marking was poor/no one doing thrower quick enough



Same on both sides

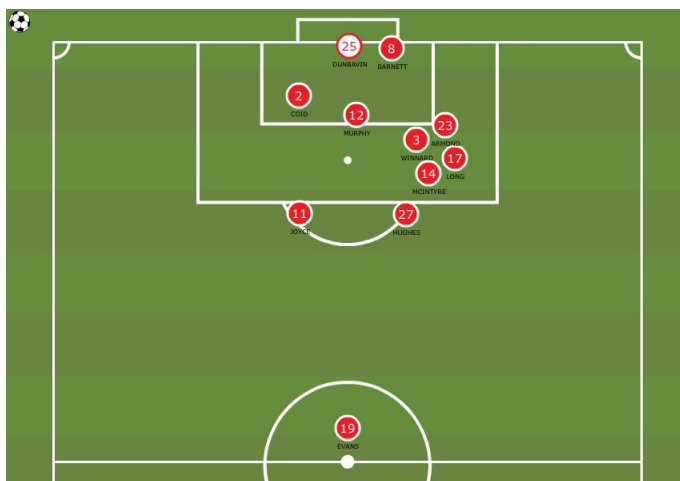


Goal

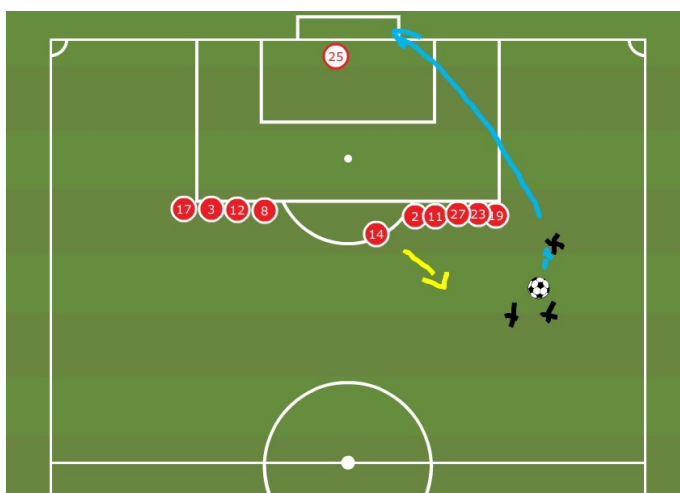
Looked like going to group on 11s right - 3,14,19.

Good ball - great volley

Against



*8 on far post (21 did post after sub)
2 in hole
12 free/zonal
3,23,17,14 mark
11,27 edge
19 stay up*



Good effort - to gk bottom left

Three on ball. Touch - set and round wall.

Main Strengths on the Day

Started well - on front foot - early goal.

19 - pace - skill - direct

8 in and around the box - technically strong - good movement

Set pieces - organised/prepared and physical presence

11 - if given time - dictates play - will receive ball from back four/gk

Both FBs good on ball - will McIntyre play there at LB?

Throw ins in attacking third - always resulted in cross in the box - mainly from FB/thrower
21 when he came on - big/good in air - changed way they played - he peeled off on the diag/knock downs (good option to change way play/or state of game 2-1 down hanging on?)

Physically strong team - imposed themselves on Bristol Rovers early and got the lead against what were the better team

Main Weaknesses on the Day

Moment they lose possession - weak in FB/wide areas

RB dealing with pacey wide man

RB tackling vs wide man going inside him - resulted in many crosses and shots (sent off last minute - poor challenge on 11)

27/Hughes - experienced but didn't go with runners/inconsistent under pressure on ball

Over play out of back at times - Pressed high up - with discipline - give ball away

Passes forward/centrally from CBs and CMs - turned over under pressure - tight & pitch/bobbly in the middle

Back four high line - CBs lack pace turning/running

3/CB captain - vs Harrold/9 struggled - resulted in grappling/pulling shirt = f kicks

19 - lacks discipline with shape - rarely tracked back to support FB