

# Multi-Ball Attacking Combinations and Finishing



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# KLOPP'S MULTI-BALL FINISHING DRILLS

**Jürgen Klopp:** "We want to attack the opponent non-stop."

## LIVERPOOL'S ATTACKING PRESSURE STYLE

During the **2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Premier League seasons** combined (76 matches), Liverpool recorded **62 wins**, 10 draws, with only 4 losses, and scored an incredible **174 goals (2.29 per match)**.

Their "attacking pressure" style is admired around the world, and they are able to create chances and score goals repeatedly against the best teams in world football, best displayed by their miraculous 4-0 comeback win over Barcelona in May 2019, and their recent 7-0 win over Manchester United in March 2023.

The multi-ball finishing drills included in this section are taken directly from observed Liverpool training sessions, and are a **fundamental training element for the attacking intensity** they have displayed in the extremely successful last few seasons.

This relentless effort to attack and recycle the ball to attack again, and again is what has helped them to apply great pressure on their opponents and overwhelm them.

Using these drills gives you the opportunity to **replicate Klopp and Liverpool's all-action high tempo attacking and constant pressure style of play**.

These drills also enable the Liverpool players to practice specific combinations repetitively in various different scenarios in the final third.

This means that they are **fully prepared with solutions for all the different attacking situations** which occur during a match. All the players know what passes and crosses to deliver, and what runs and finishes they can make. They are constantly challenged to score from a variety of different finishes.

**NOTE BEST:** *Every action in these multi-ball drills is planned precisely so the players are never waiting around, which replicates the intensity and speed of a competitive match.*

## DIAGRAM FORMAT

To best display these multi-ball finishing drills, we have colour-coded each ball on the diagrams and descriptions as follows:

- **Ball 1**
- **Ball 2**
- **Ball 3**
- **Ball 4**
- **Ball 5**
- **Ball 6**
- **Ball 7**
- **Ball 8**

## 7. 3 Forwards Continuous Finishing from Various Types of Assists (7-Balls)



### Balls 1-4 (Finishing)



### Practice Description

**1st Ball (1).** The centre forward (CF) takes a touch forward and shoots.

**2nd Ball (3-4).** The RW plays a lofted pass into the box for the left winger (LW), who runs around the mannequin.

**3rd Ball (2).** The slow pass from the LW is played before the RW's lofted pass.

**5-8.** After the lofted pass, the RW plays a give & go with the CF, runs around the mannequin to receive the return, and delivers a ground cross for either the LW or CF to score.

**4th Ball (9-10).** The Coach on the by-line passes for the RW to score with a first time finish.

**Source:** Jürgen Klopp's Liverpool training session at AXA Training Centre, Liverpool in 2022

## Balls 5-7 (Varied Assists)



**5th Ball (11-12).** The left winger (**LW**) receives, turns into the box, and shoots.

**6th Ball (13-14).** The centre forward (**CF**) drops back at an angle, and then makes an opposite second movement forward. He moves to meet the next pass into the box and finishes on goal.

**7th Ball (15-16).** The right winger (**RW**) also drops back at an angle, and then makes an opposite second movement forward. He moves to meet the lofted pass into the box and finishes on goal.

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