



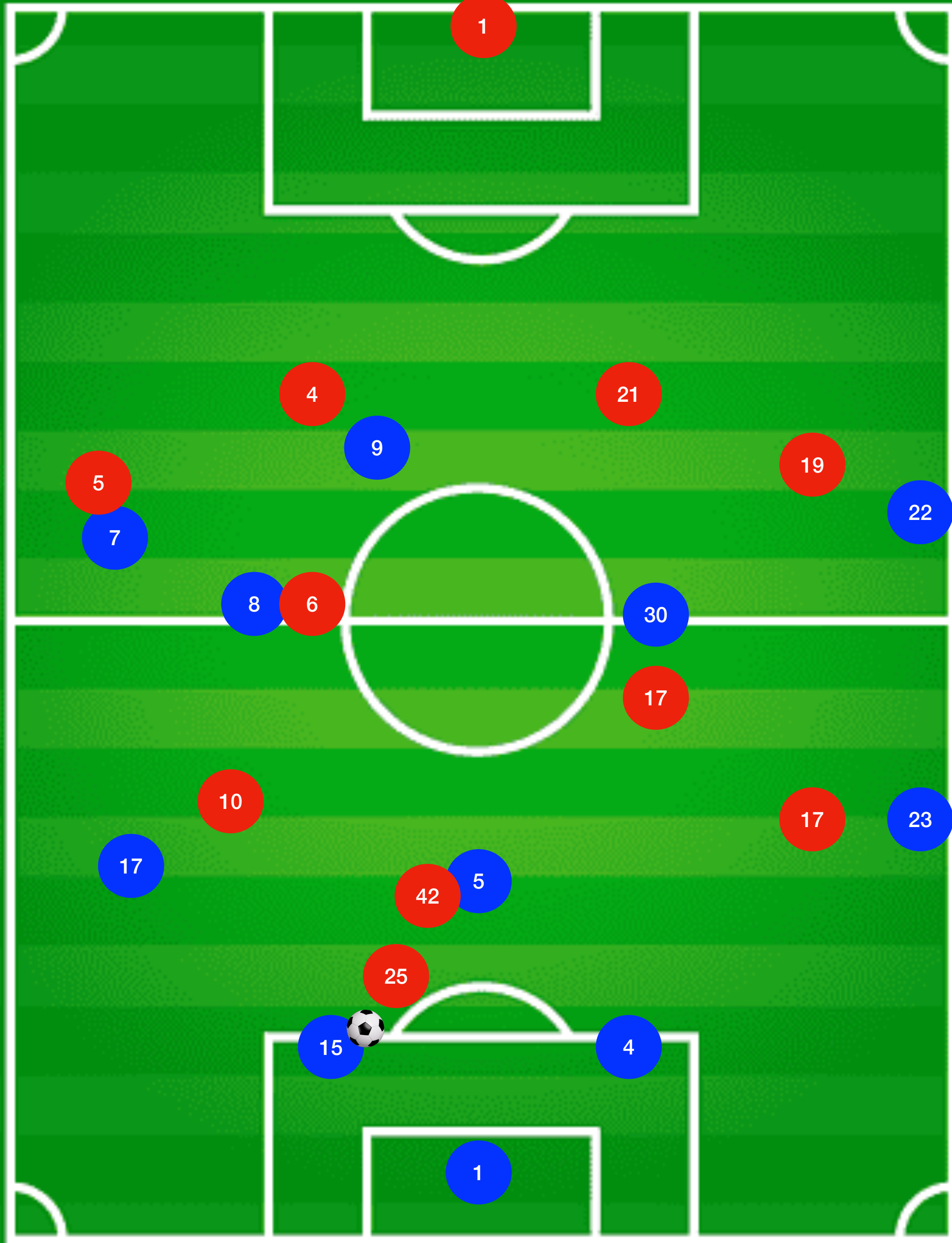
# Bayern Munich vs FC Barcelona

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**In Possession - Build Up.**





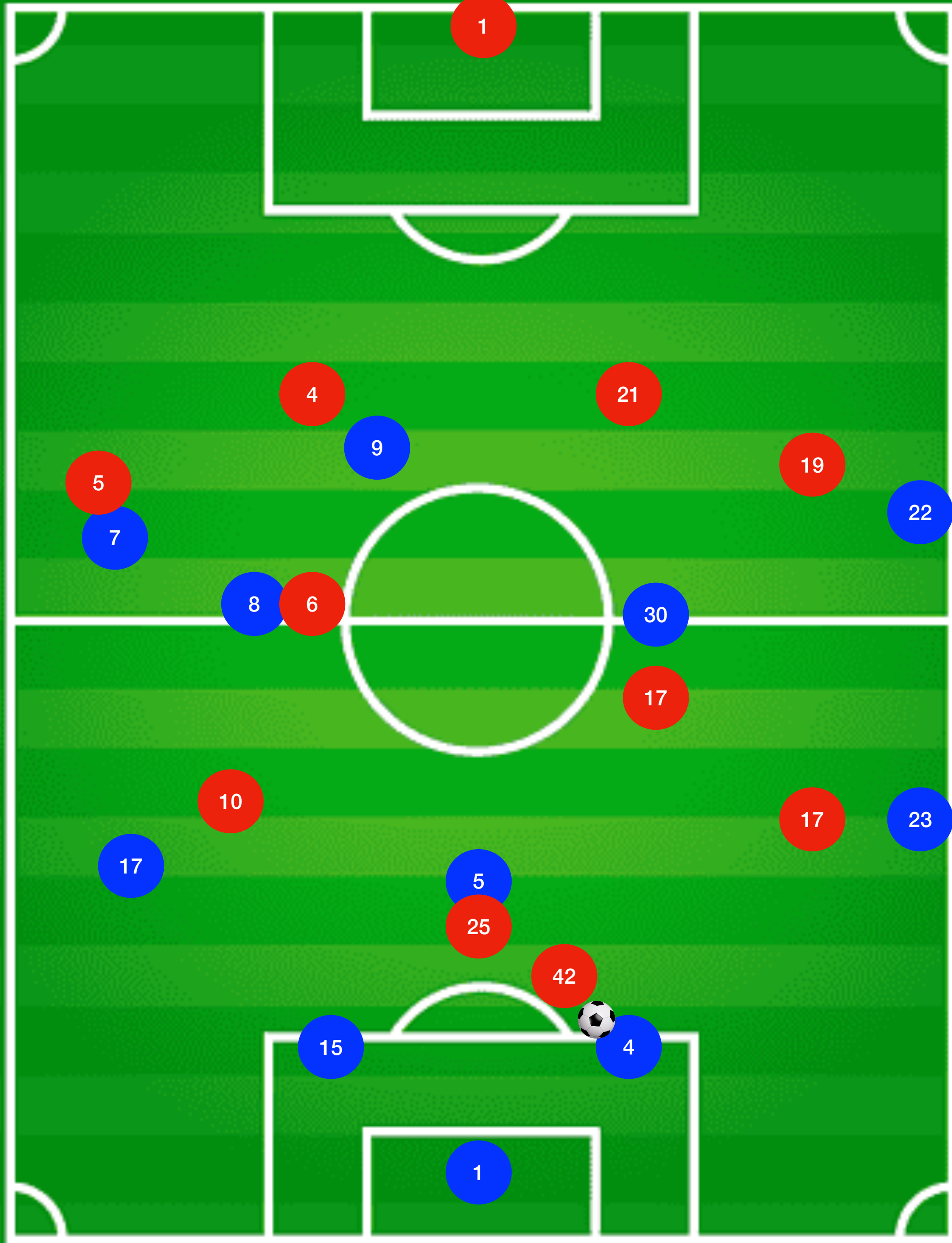
Bayern Munich pressed in a 4-2-3-1 structure, with the aim of always cutting off passing lanes to Busquets.

They did this by constantly rotating the “front 2” of Musiala (42) and Muller (25) depending on which side the ball was played to.

For example, if the ball was with Christensen, Muller would release and Musiala would cover Busquets.

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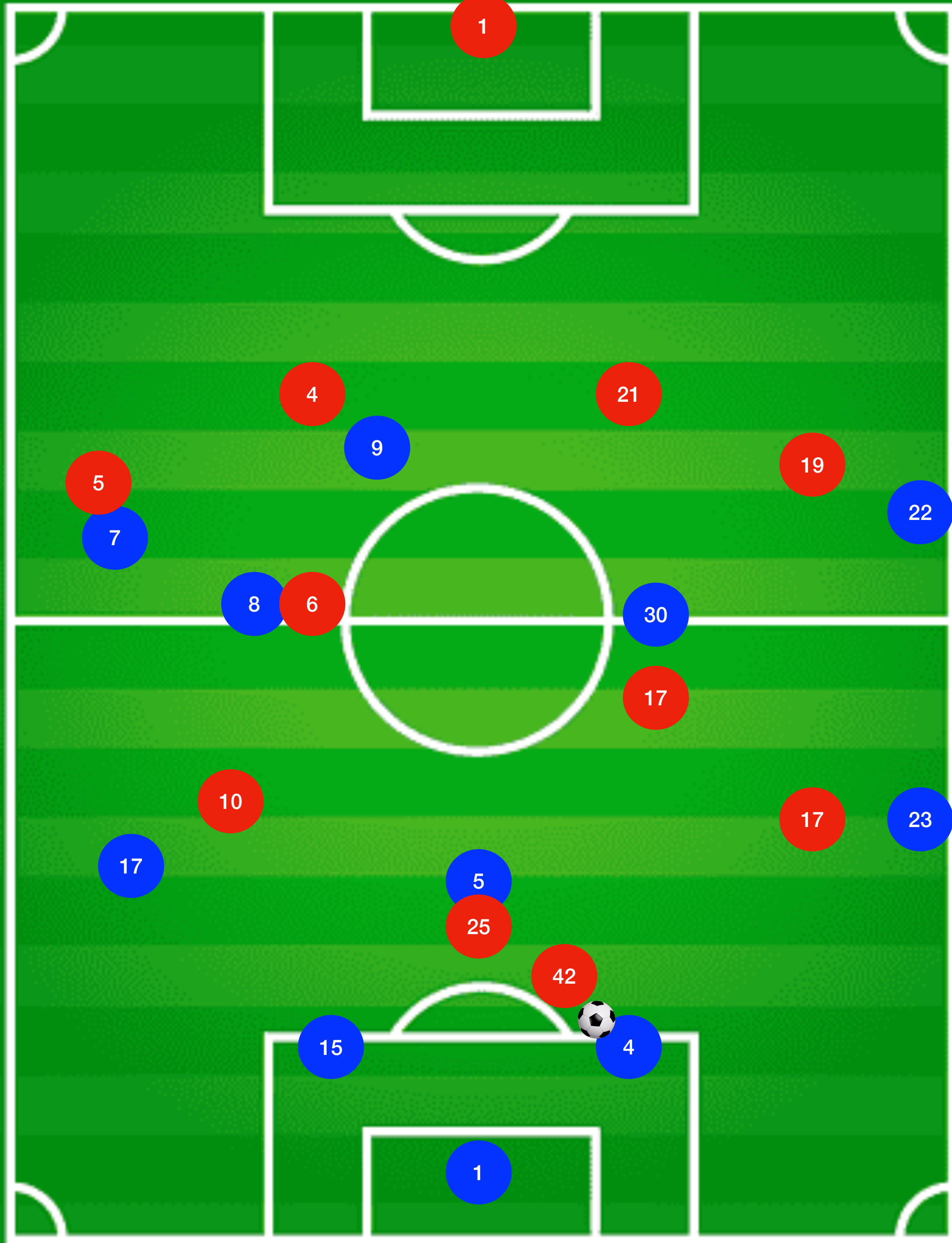




If the ball was transferred across to Araujo, Musiala would then jump, Muller would then look to cover Busquets.

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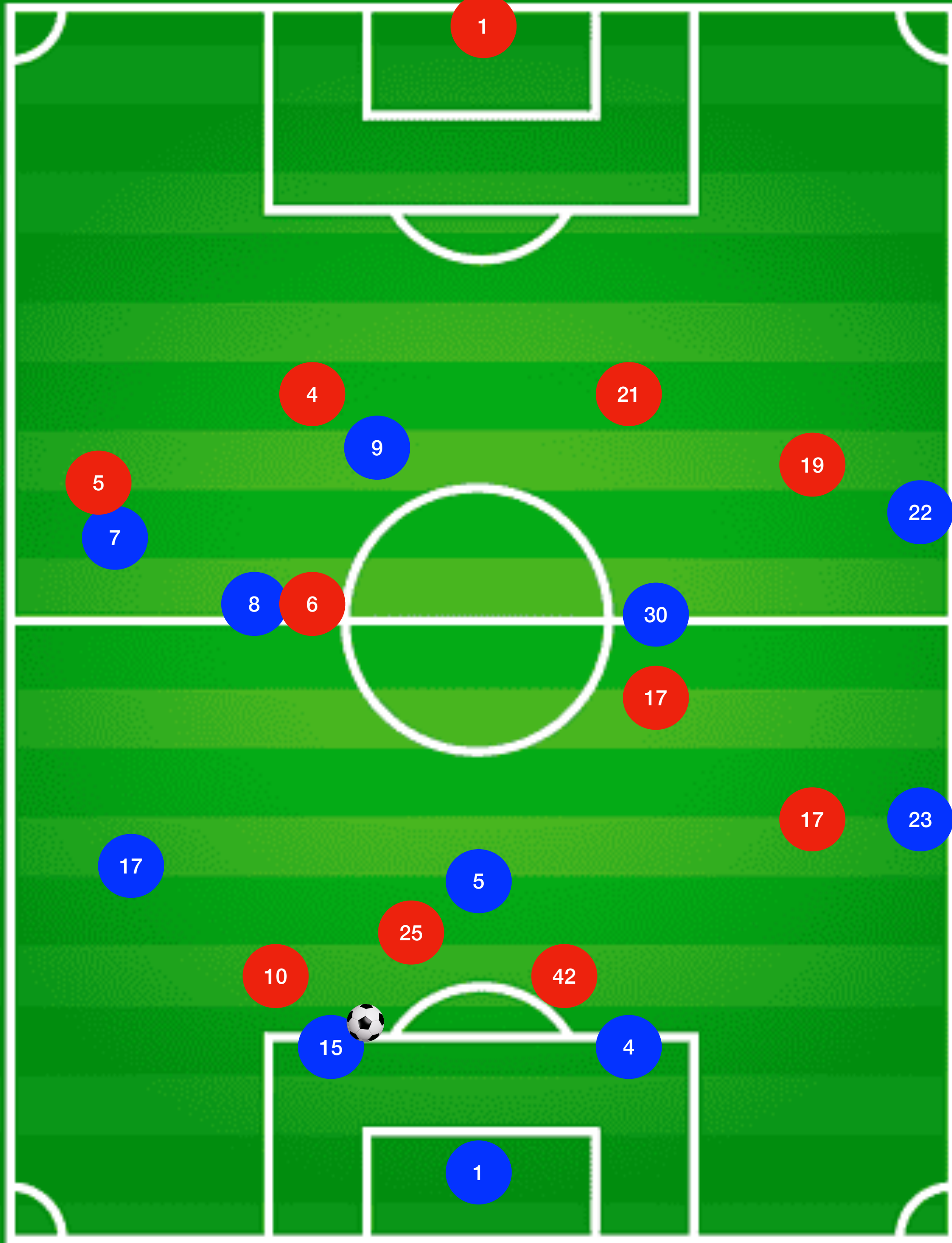


Where Bayern struggled, was in that transition moment where the spare CB (e.g Christensen in this example) had time and space.

What would happen is the Winger on that side, e.g Sane (10) would Leave his man and jump to try and press the CB on the ball...

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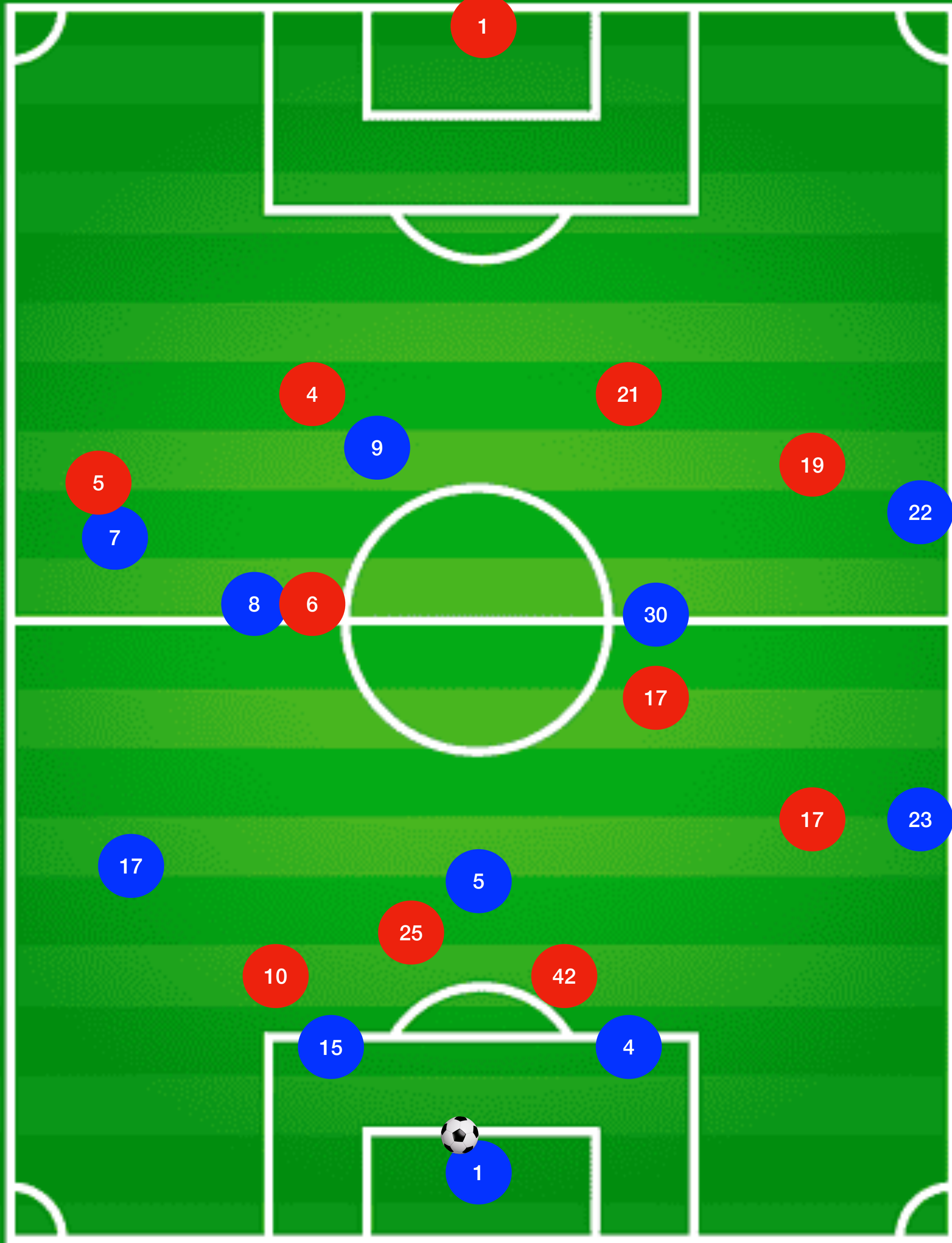
Because Busquets was the main focus for Muller and Musiala, They would rather the CB have the ball than allow a passing lane Inside to Busquets.

When the Winger left his man to jump Christensen or Araujo, The Full-Back on the far side would be the “free man”.

The out-ball would be down to Ter-Stegen recognising this and playing Over/through.

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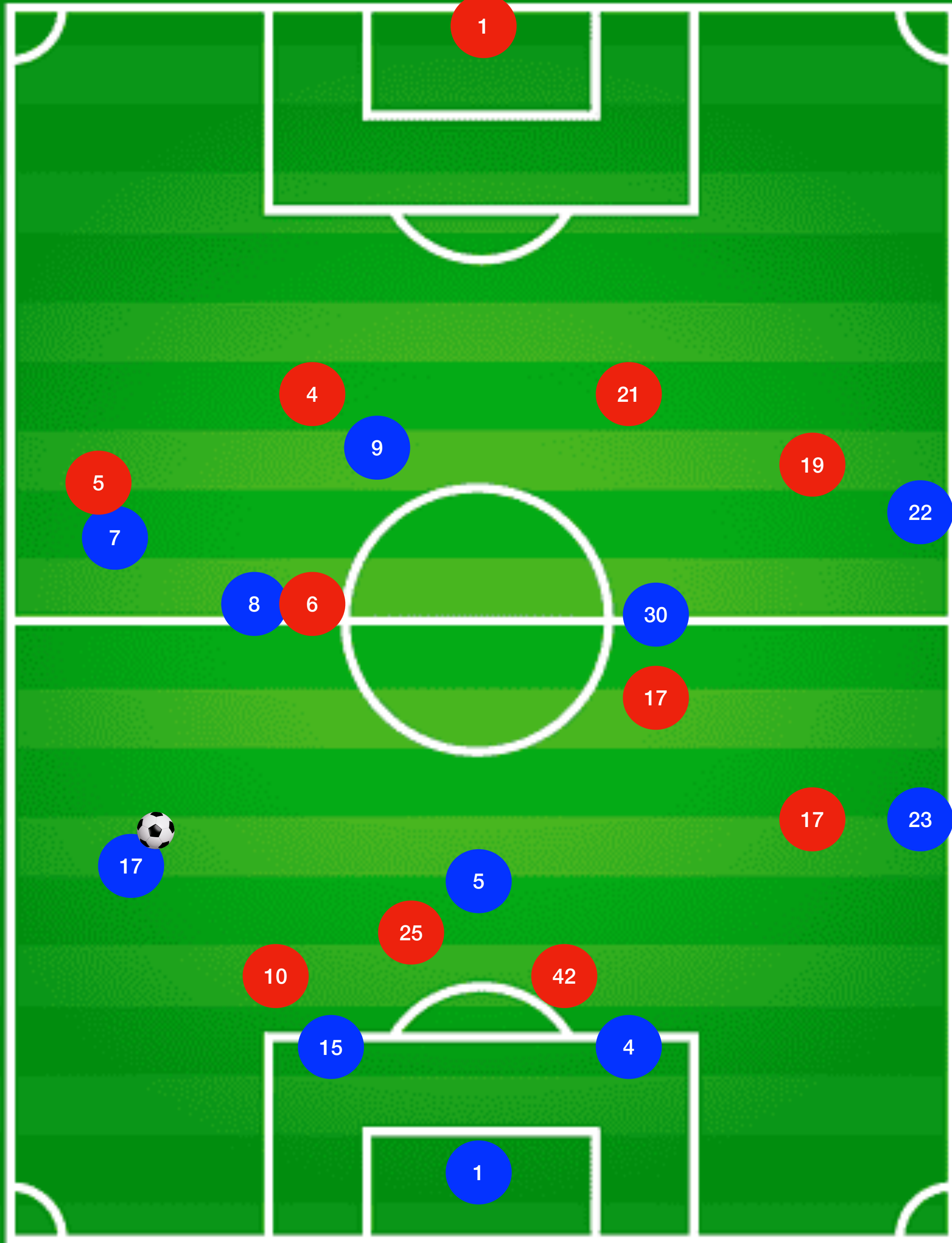




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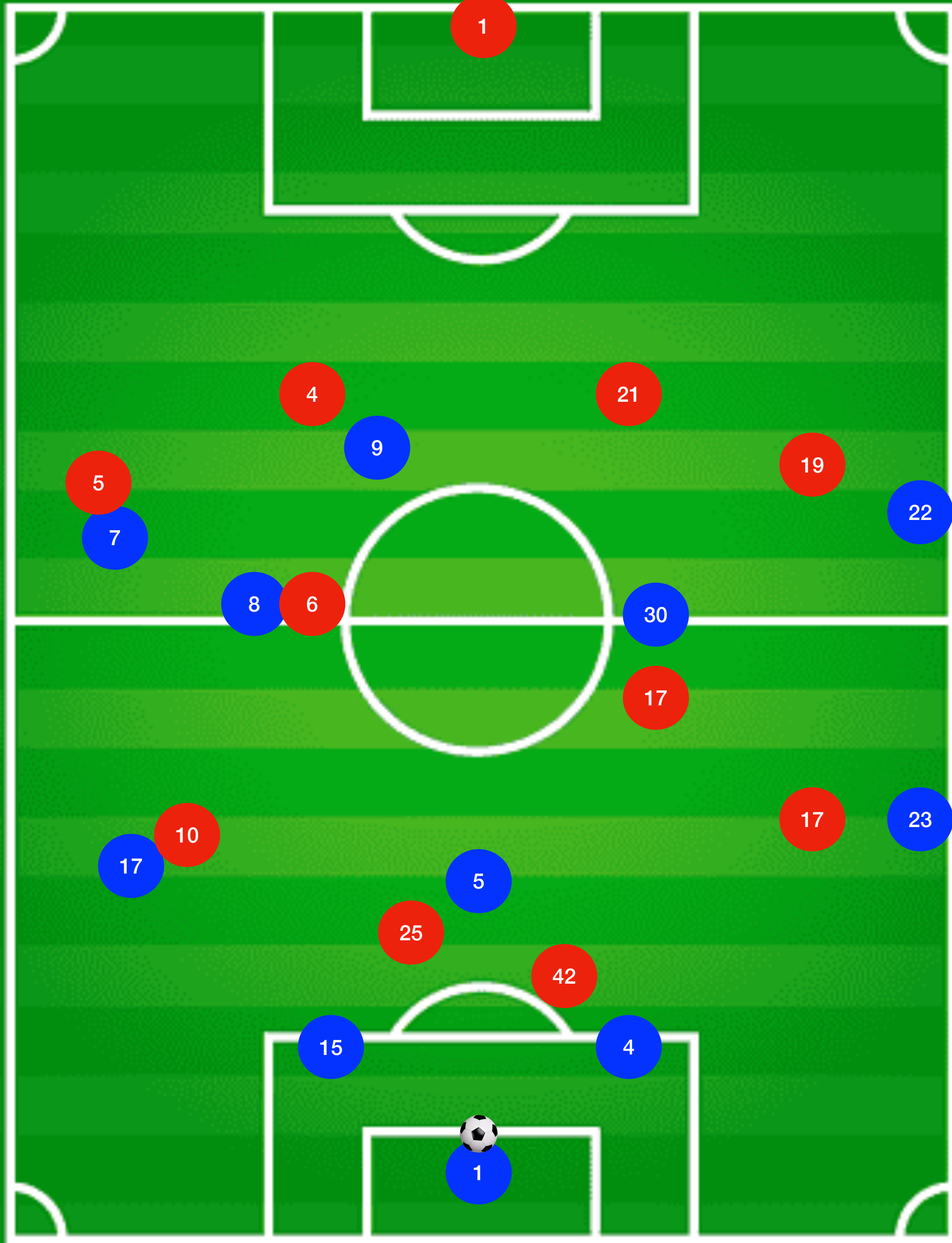


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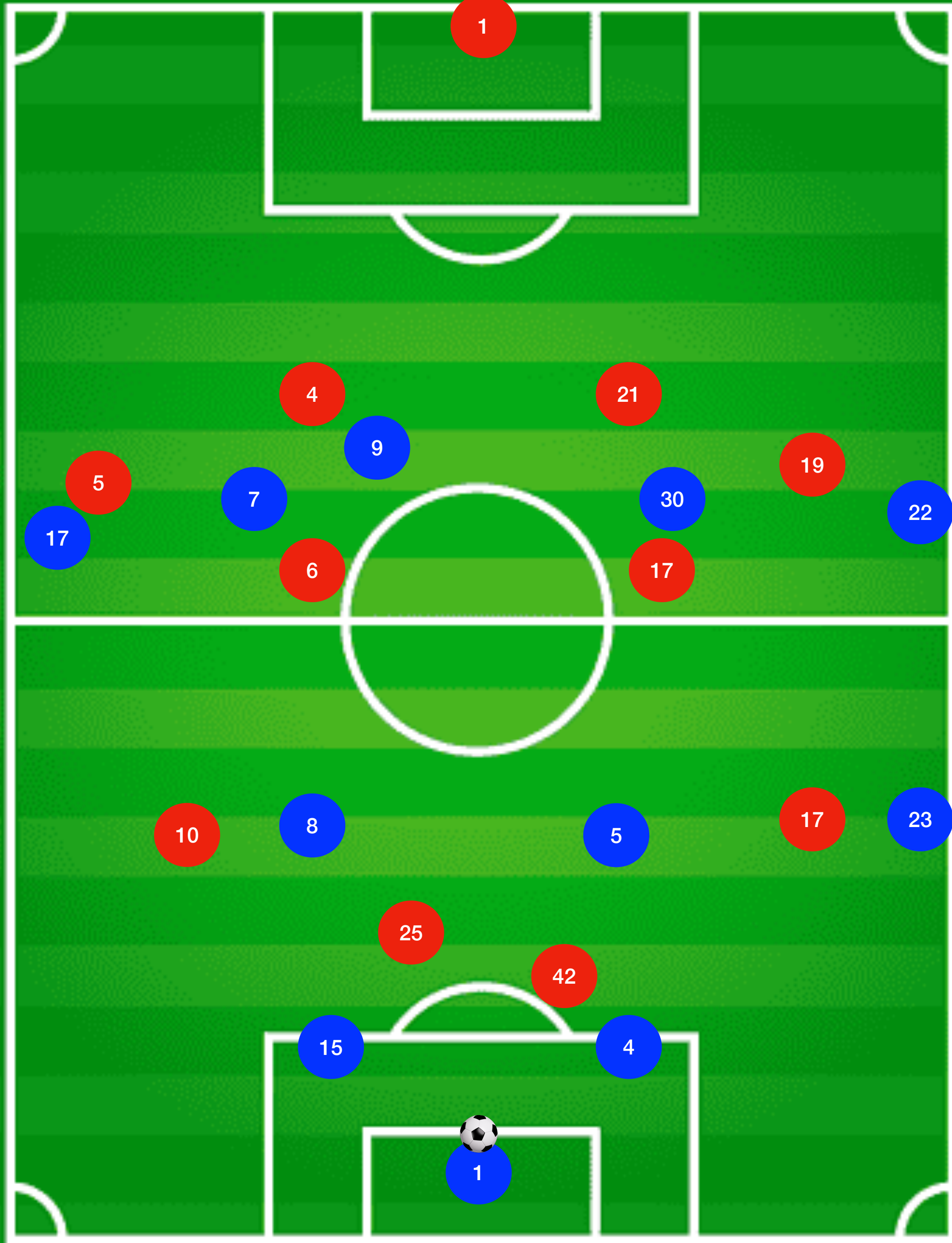


Another way “we” as Barcelona could free up Busquets, or passing Lanes inside, would be to rotate Pedri/Gavi deeper.

The best way to do this would be to push Alonso/Kounde higher.

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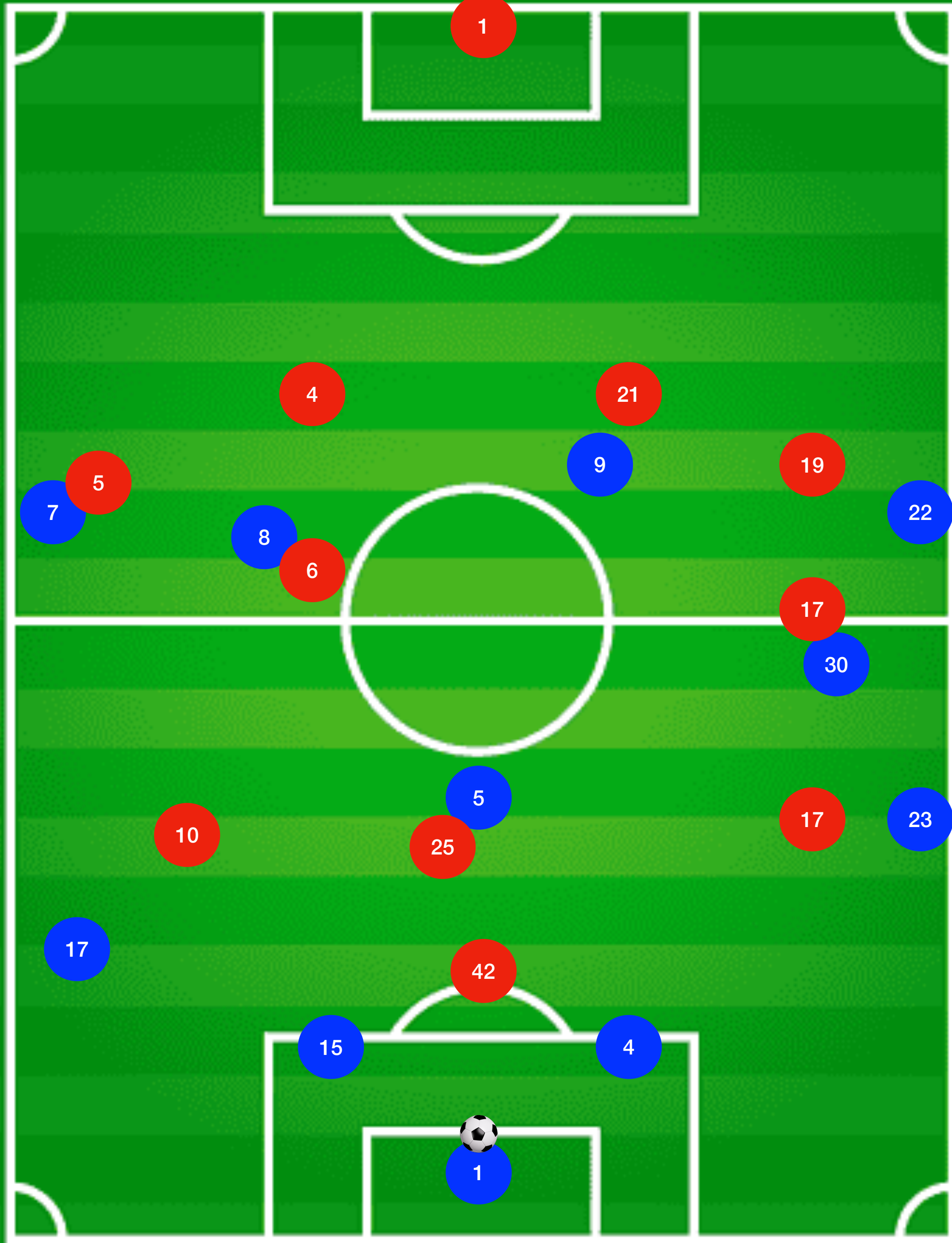




If Alonso (17) were to be higher, Dembele could move inside.  
This would allow Pedri to drop deeper to create the extra man inside  
Giving Sane a decision to make, does he stay central or does he drop  
Deeper to cover an overload with Alonso?

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What we “Barcelona” could also do, is pull either Gavi/Pedri Into wider spaces.

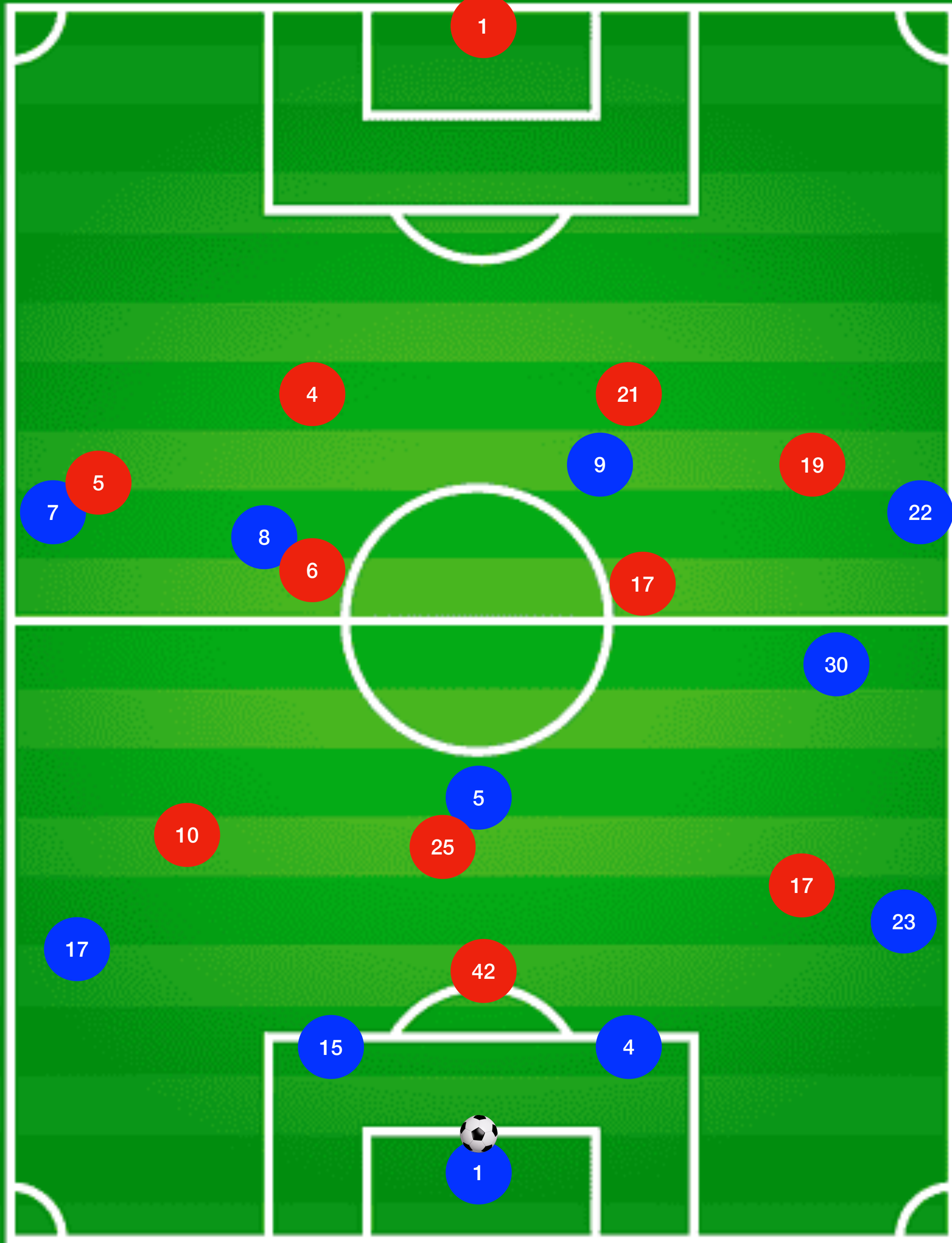
Raphina and Dembele stayed high & wide, so we could create Overloads in wide areas.

Would Sabitzer come all the way across?

If so, Lewandowski has nobody screening him and we could Find his feet.

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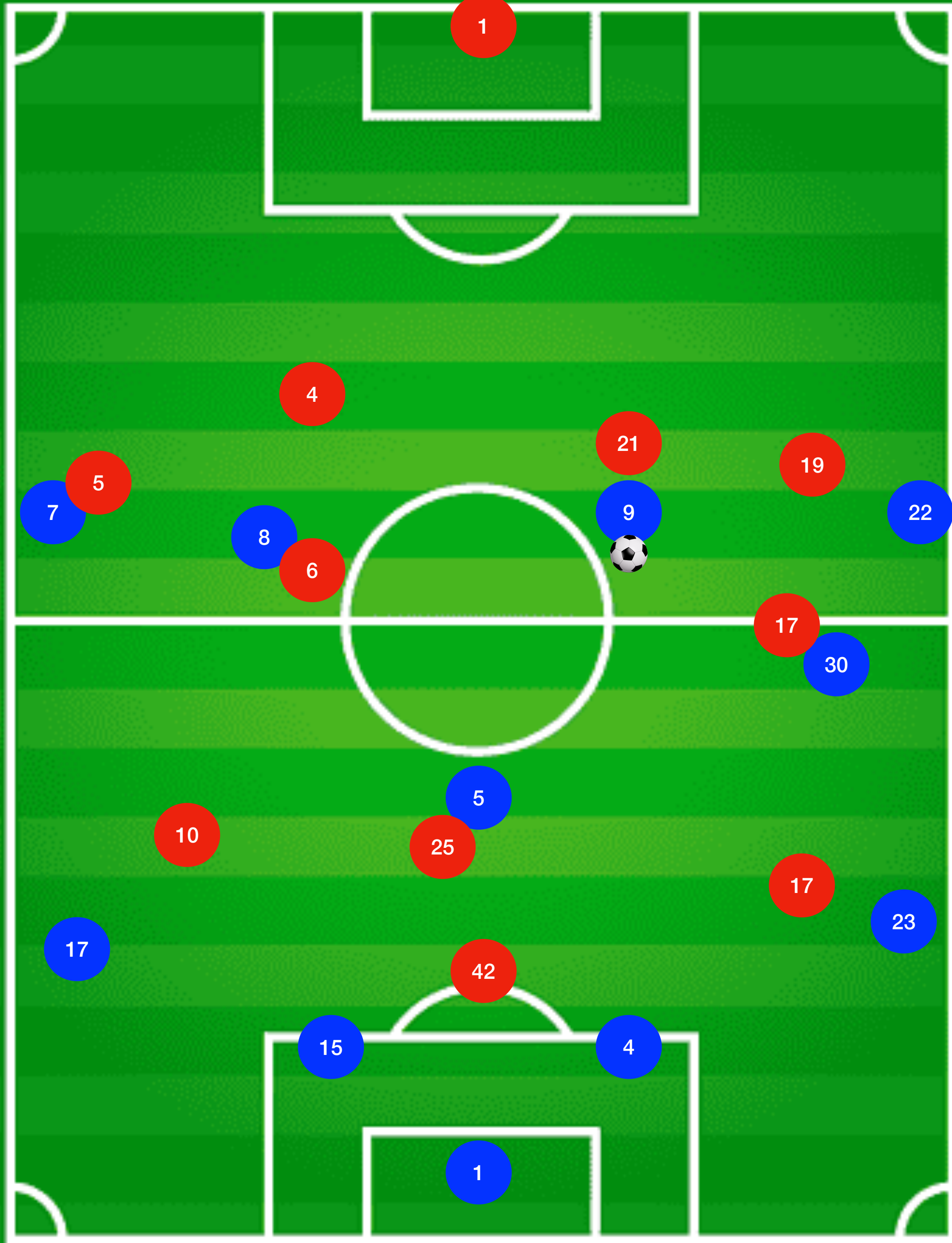


To help this, “we” would need to drop Kounde deeper, to force Mane higher and create the space to see whether or not Sabitzer followed.

If he didn’t, we would have a 2v1 against Davies.

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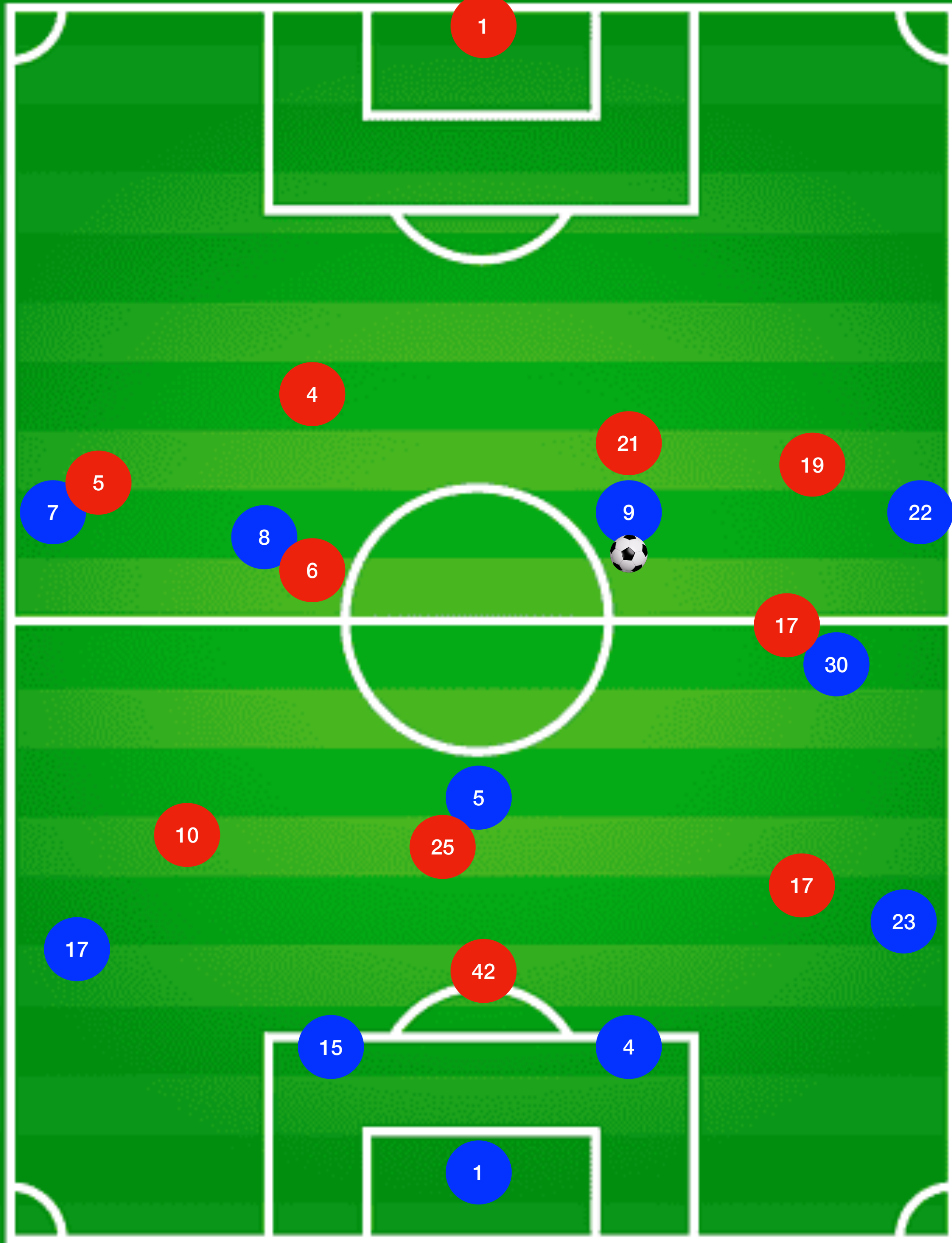




If he did, we could look to clip into Lewandowski's feet.

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This would only work if Pedri held his space so that there was no screen from Kimmich.

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