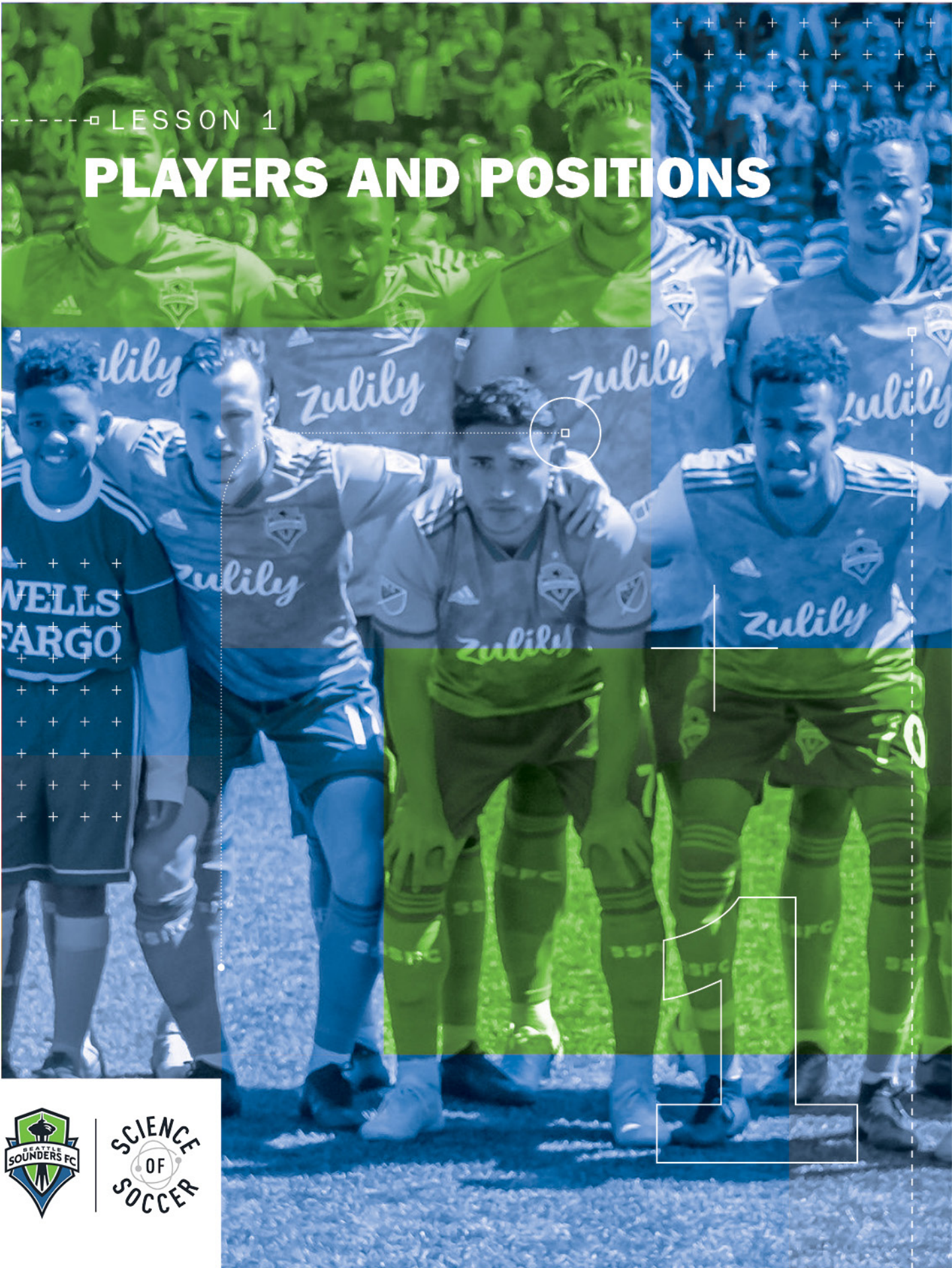


LESSON 1

PLAYERS AND POSITIONS



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Lesson 1 - Players and Positions

Description

Students will learn about the Seattle Sounders players' hometowns and their player positions during a game.

Materials

1. Agility cones
2. Mesh pinnies
3. Soccer balls
4. Soccer field clipboard
5. Soccer goals
6. Tape measure

Vocabulary

Goalie: The goalie is the only member of a team who is allowed to touch the ball with his/her hands. Positioned directly in front of the goal, it is the goalie's job to prevent the opposition from scoring.

Defenders: These are players whose primary role is to keep the opposition from scoring.

Midfielders: These are players who are required to move forward and contribute to goals, but also help out their defenders when the team does not have the ball.

Forwards: These are players responsible for scoring goals and creating scoring opportunities for their teammates.



Names, Positions, Origins, and Numbers of Seattle Sounders Players

Name	Position	Birthplace/Hometown	Jersey #
Saad Abdul-Salaam	Defender	Gahanna, OH	12
Will Bruin	Forward	St. Louis, MO	17
Handwalla Bwana	Midfielder	Mombasa, Kenya	70
Jonathan Campbell	Defender	Greensboro, NC	3
Jordy Delem	Midfielder	Fort-de-France, Martinique	21
Stefan Frei	Goalkeeper	Altstaetten, Switzerland	24
Joevin Jones	Defender/Midfielder	Carenage, Trinidad & Tobago	none
Kim Kee-hee	Defender	Busan, South Korea	20
Kelvin Leerdam	Defender	Paramaribo, Suriname	18
Danny Leyva	Midfielder	Las Vegas, NV	75
Nicolás Lodeiro	Midfielder	Paysandú, Uruguay	10
Chad Marshall	Defender	Riverside, CA	14
Bryan Meredith	Goalkeeper	Scotch Plains, NJ	35
Jordan Morris	Forward	Seattle, WA	13
Trey Muse	Goalkeeper	Louisville, KY	1
Alfonso Ocampo-Chavez	Forward	Merced, CA	87
Víctor Rodríguez	Midfielder	Barcelona, Spain	8
Alex Roldan	Midfielder	Pico Rivera, CA	16
Cristian Roldan	Midfielder	Pico Rivera, CA	7
Raúl Ruidíaz	Forward	Lima, Peru	9
Harry Shipp	Midfielder	Lake Forest, IL	19
Brad Smith	Defender	Penrith, Australia	11
Gustav Svensson	Midfielder	Gothenburg, Sweden	4
Nouhou Tolo	Defender	Douala, Cameroon	5
Román Torres	Defender	Panama City, Panama	29
Henry Wingo	Midfielder	Seattle, WA	23



Lesson 1 - Worksheet 1.2

Soccer Formations

There are a variety of formations that can be made with the 11 players on a soccer team. Four possible formations are listed below:

Formation (A) 3-5-2 indicates that, in addition to the goalie, there are 3 defenders, 5 midfielders and 2 forwards

- (A) 3-5-2
- (B) 3-2-5
- (C) 4-3-3
- (D) 4-4-2

Use the Soccer Formations chart to the right and the “Names, Positions, and Hometowns of the Seattle Sounders Players” chart to answer the following questions:

1. How many forwards are needed for Formation (B)?
2. How many defenders are needed for Formation (C)?
3. List a group of Sounders players that could be used for Formation (D):

Defenders: _____

Midfielders: _____

Forwards: _____ Goalkeeper: _____

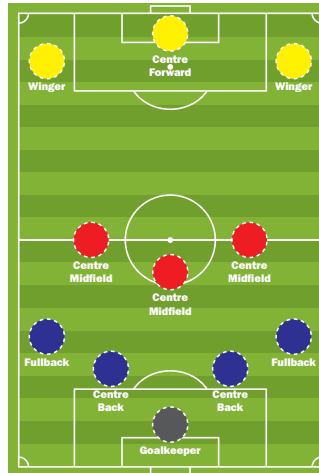
(A) 3-5-2



(B) 3-2-5



(C) 4-3-3



(D) 4-4-2

