Manchester City

'The final stretch'

Tactical Stills from the final 20 matches
From the 2021-2020 Campaign

2021 – 2020

Premier League Champions

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Strategy refers to positional affordances on the field, this is not to be confused with positions or positional play, but more so how a coach chooses to divide zones on the field and what values you attribute to these zones. This plays a vital role in individual, group and collective referencing as well as principle development within your desired style of play.
Moreover, the question of how these zonal values vary when playing with or against the ball as well as during transition moments of the game. For example what value is given to the flanks vs the center of the pitch during transitions, when pressing, or when deciding the ideal zones to occupy or to arrive in during positional attacks.

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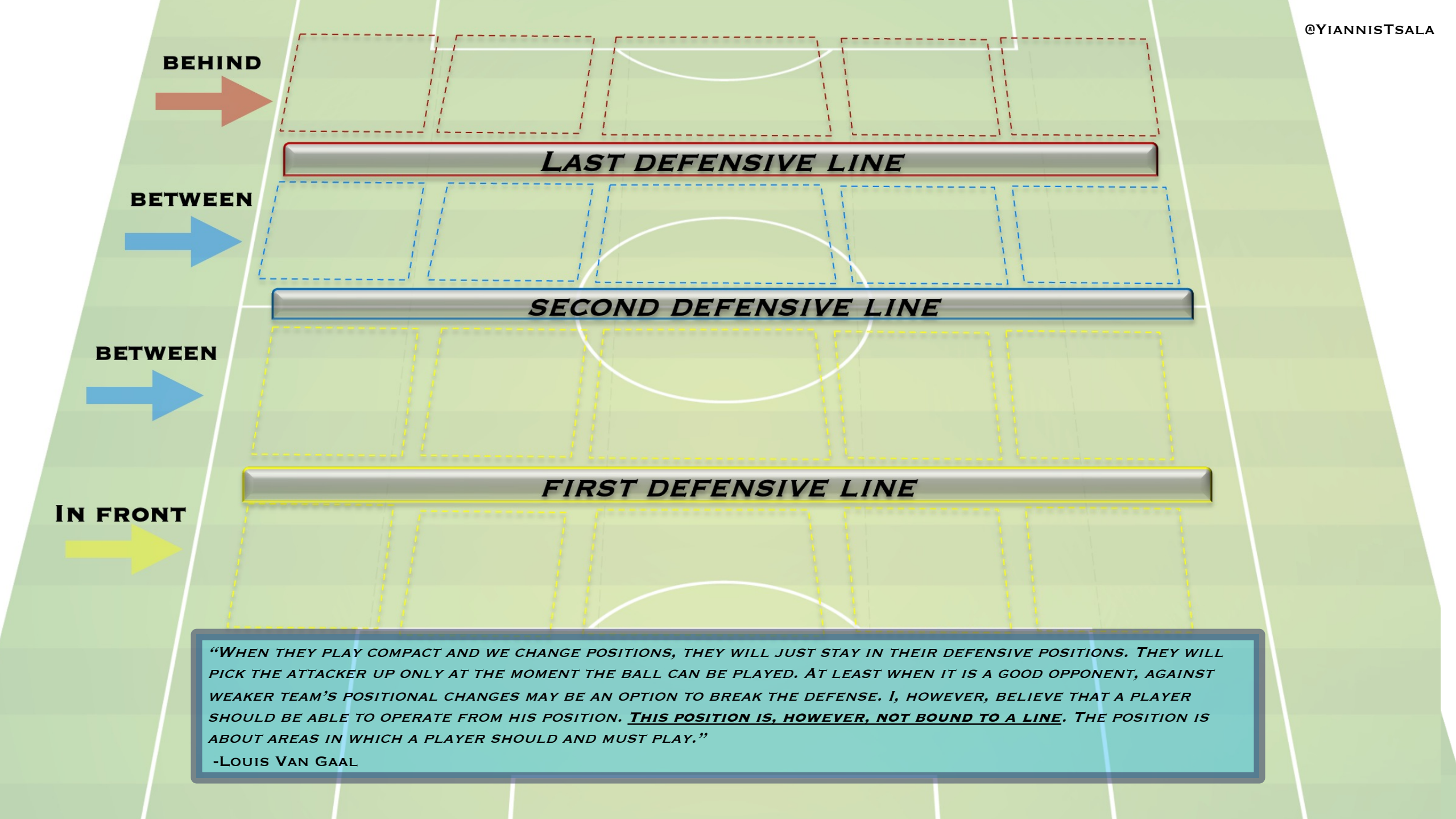
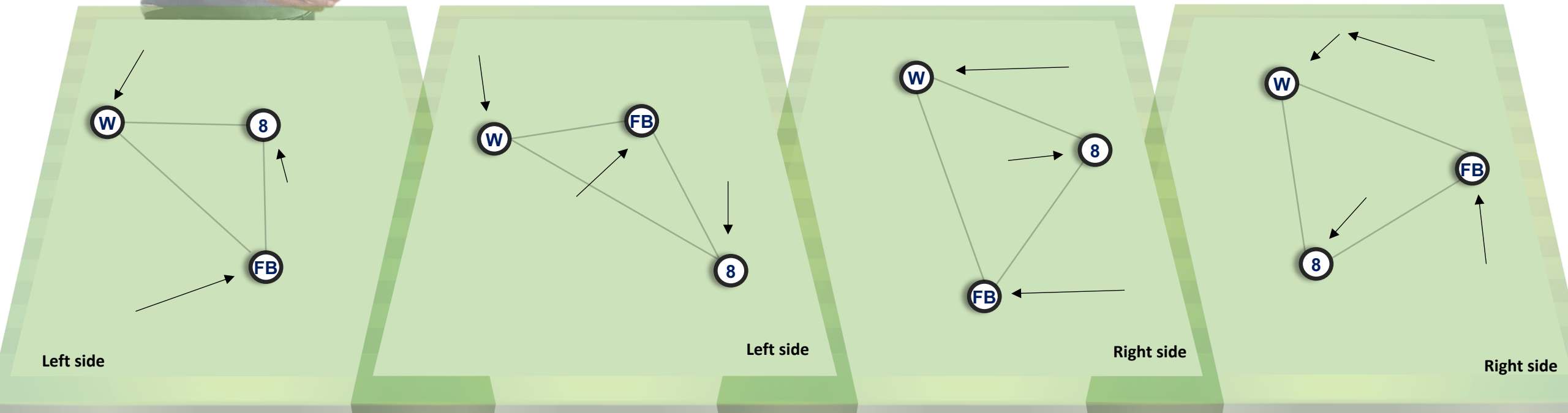
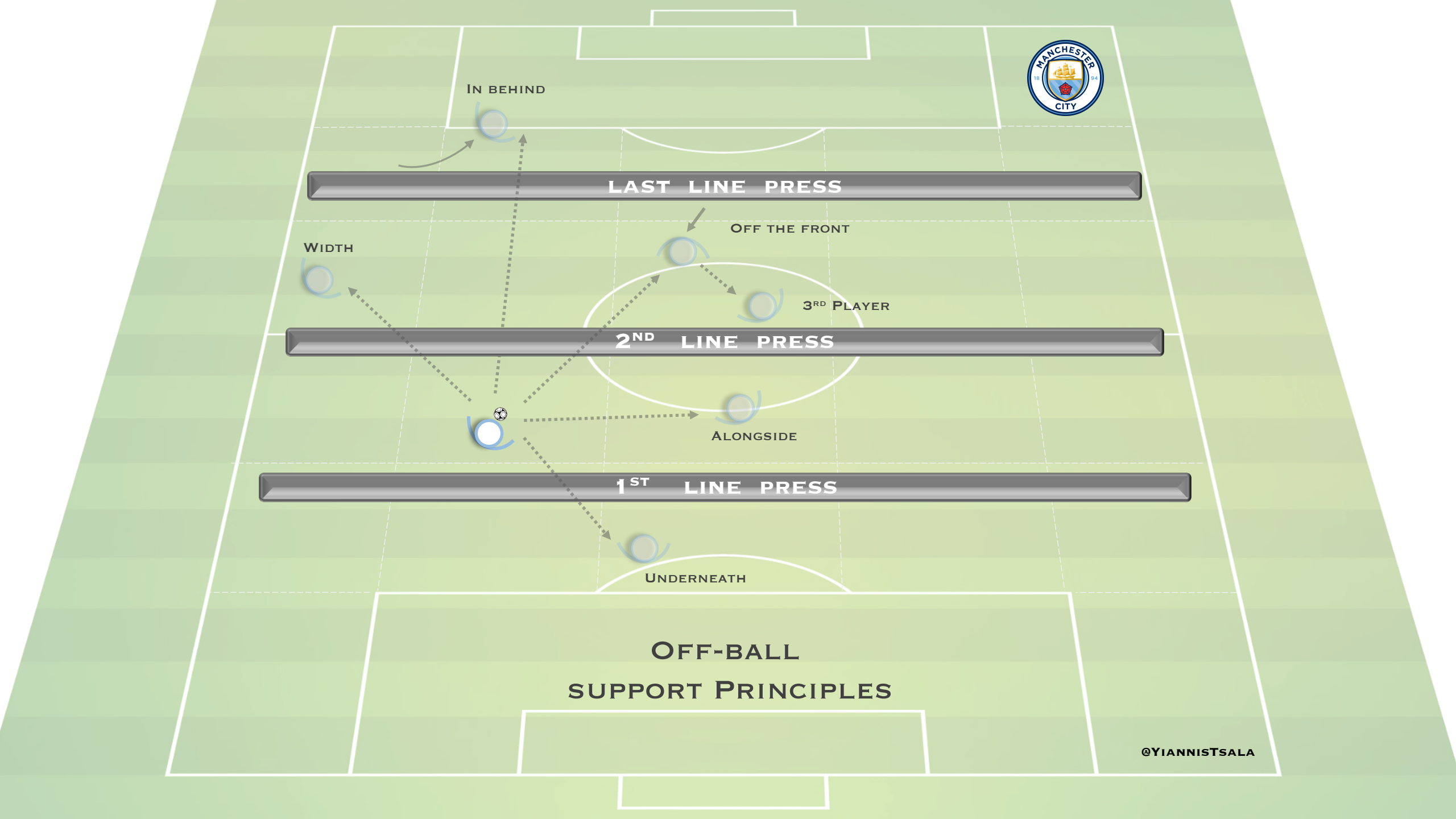


*"When they play compact and we change positions, they will just stay in their defensive positions. They will pick the attacker up only at the moment the ball can be played. At least when it is a good opponent, against weaker team's positional changes may be an option to break the defense. I, however, believe that a player should be able to operate from his position. **This position is, however, not bound to a line**. The position is about areas in which a player should and must play."*

-Louis Van Gaal

> *"The greater the number of such mini-models in the teams arsenal, the faster and more unexpectedly they vary within the framework of the game model chosen for a match in general and taking into account the characteristics of the opponent in particular."*
> - Valeriy Lobanovskyi




In behind
LAST LINE PRESS
Off the front
Width
3RD Player
2ND LINE PRESS
Alongside
1ST LINE PRESS
Underneath
Off-ball
support Principles
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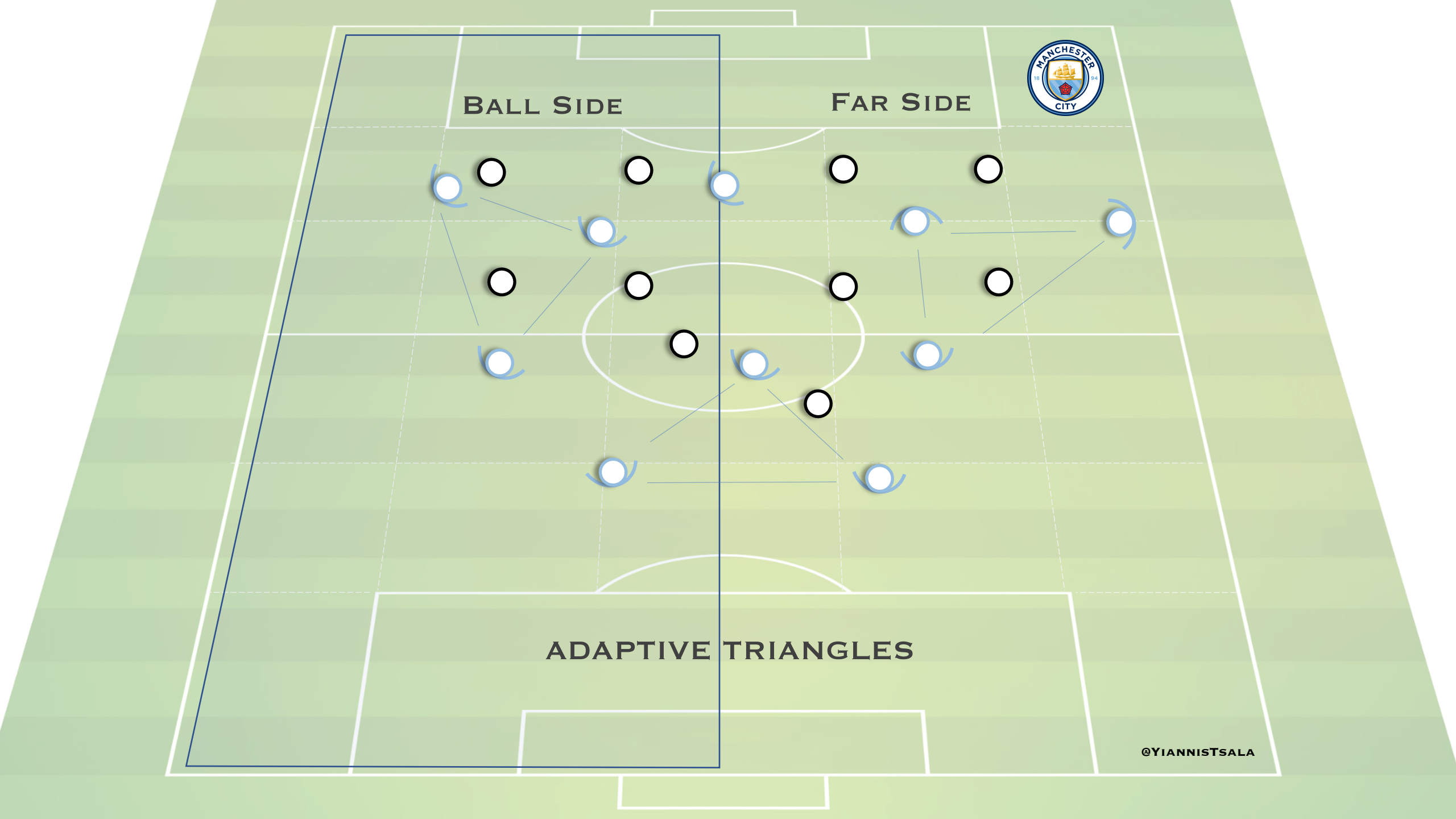
Ball Side
Far Side
ADAPTIVE TRIANGLES
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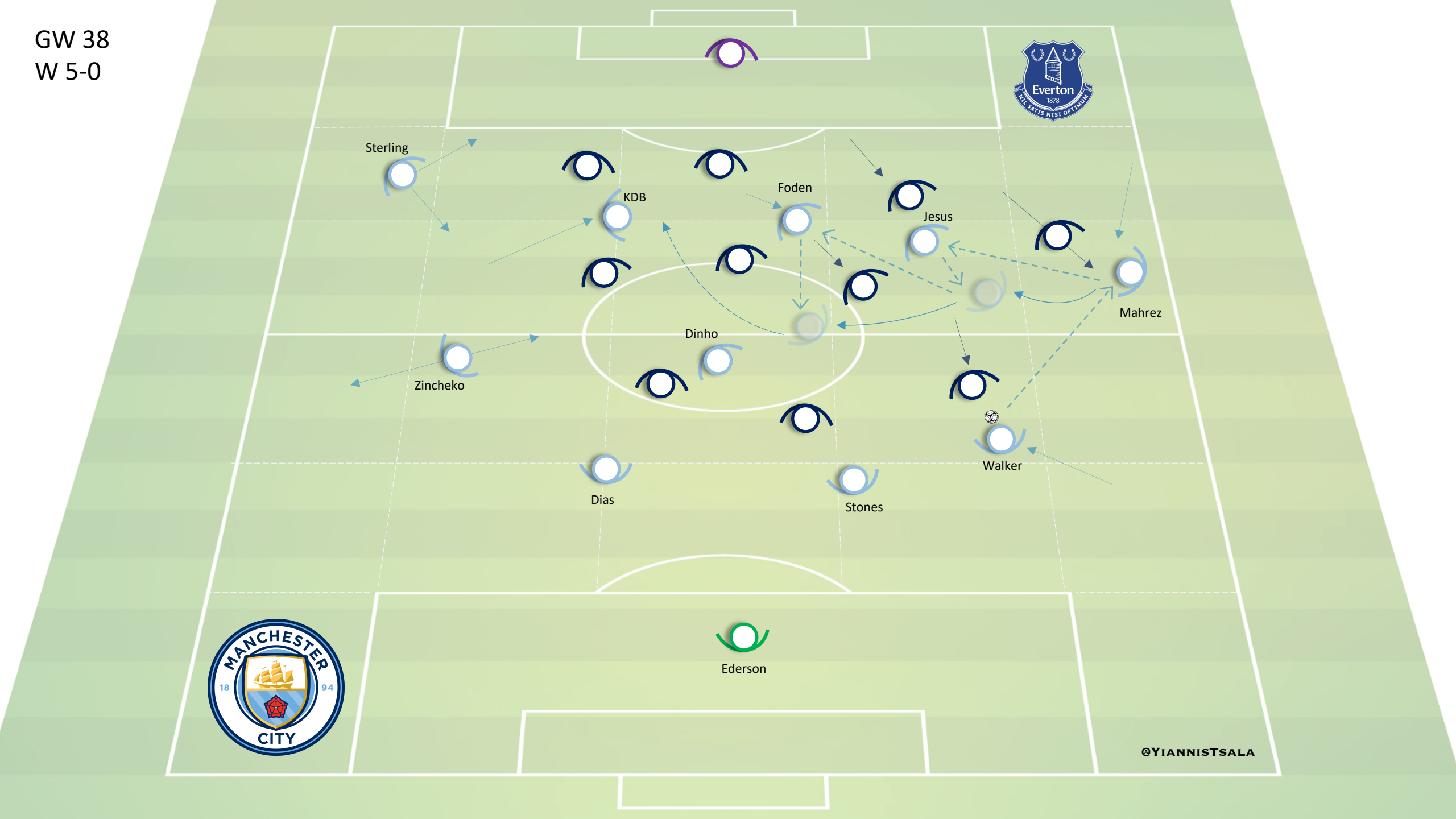
GW 38
W 5-0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Sterling
KDB
Foden
Jesus
Mahrez
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Zincheko
Walker
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MANCHESTER
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CITY
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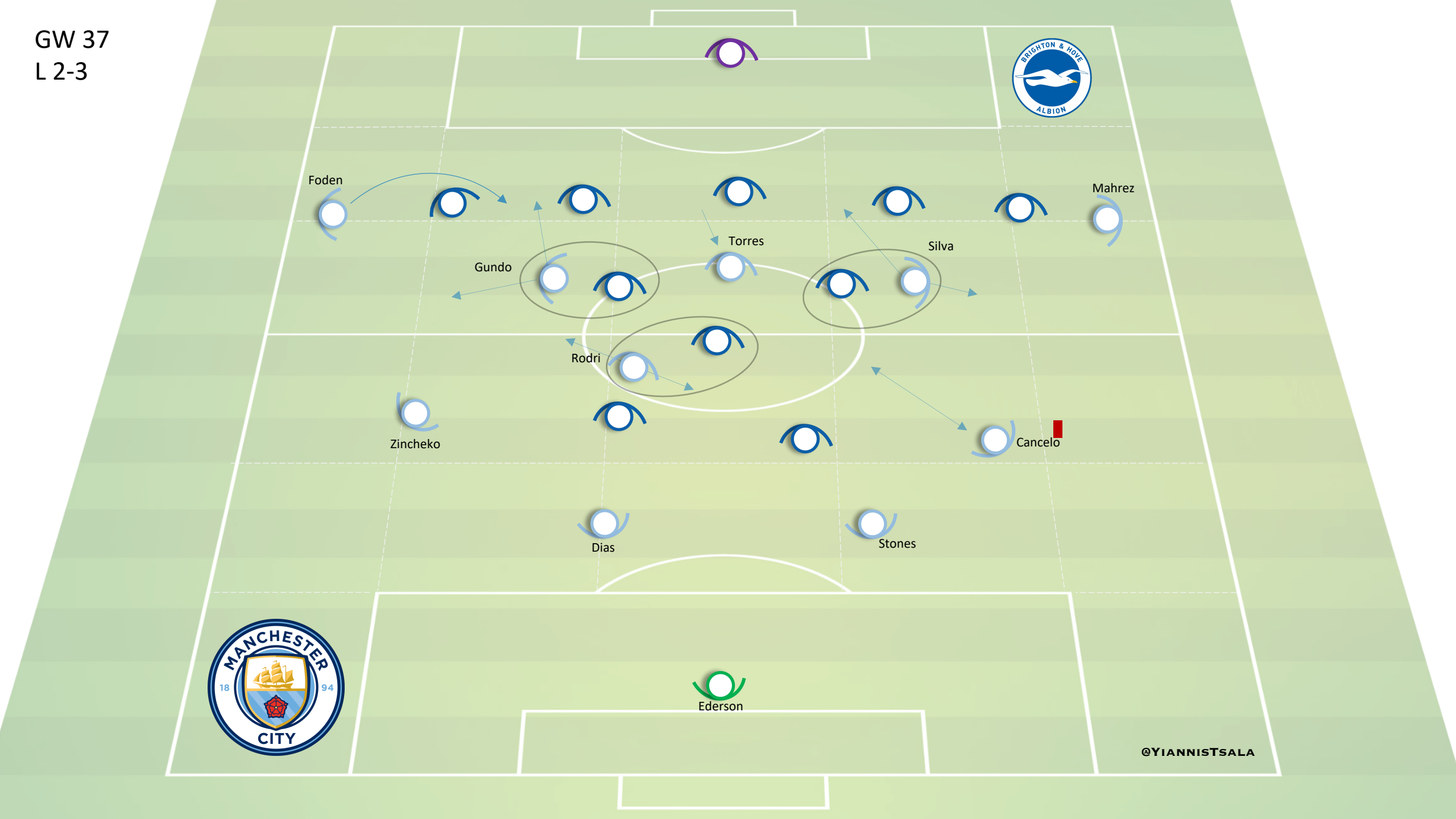
GW 37
L 2-3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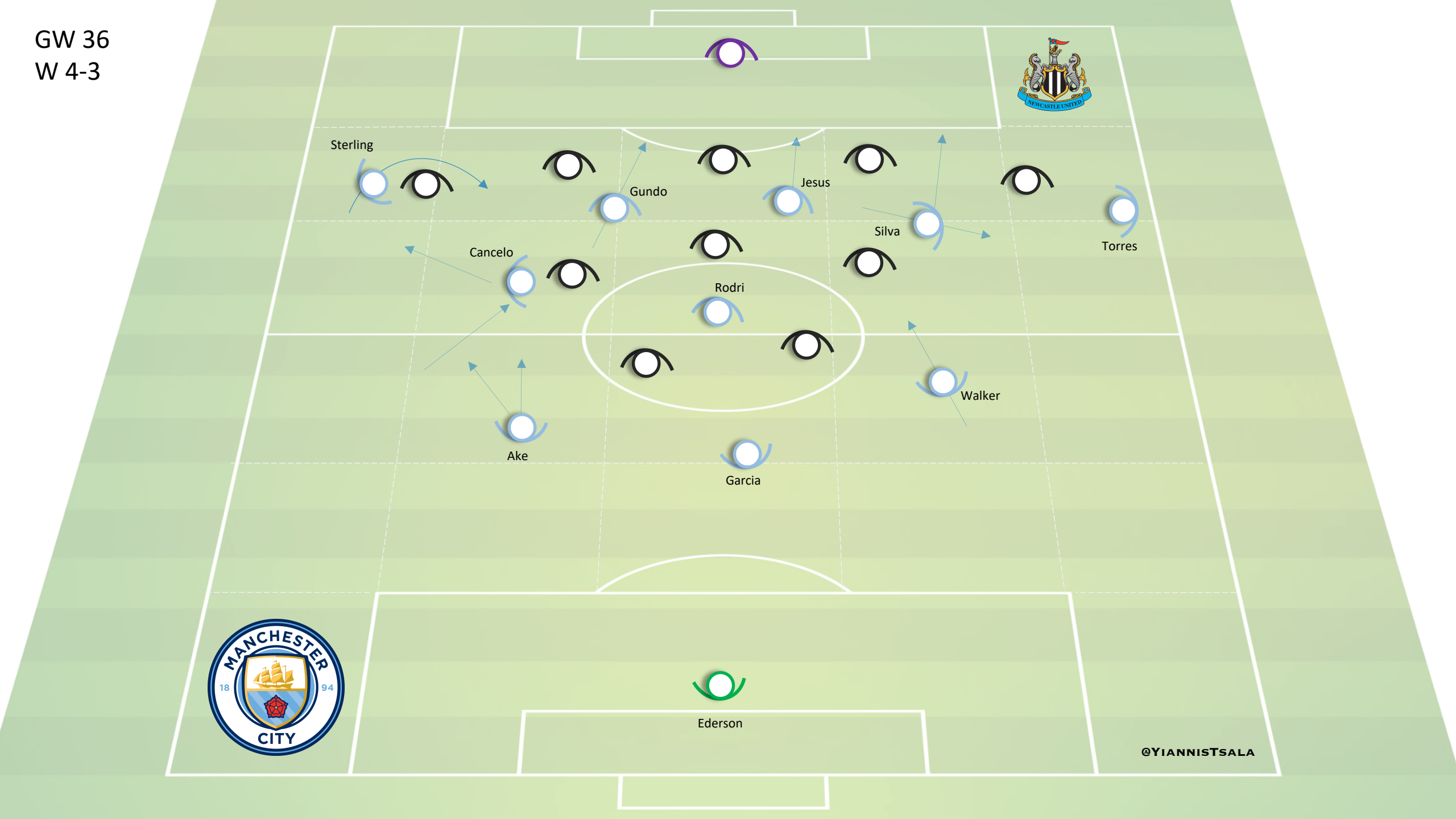
GW 36
W 4-3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GW 35
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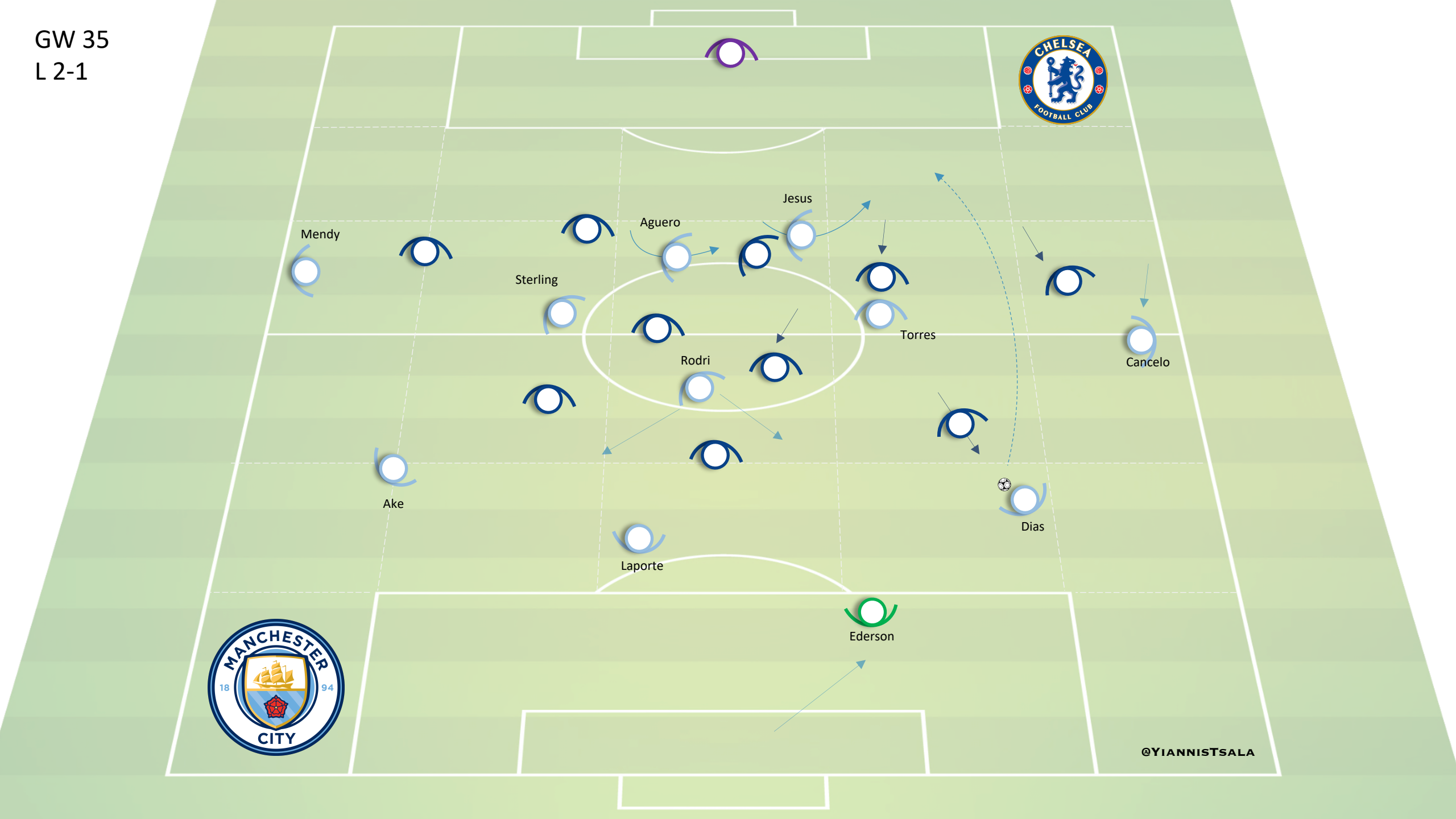
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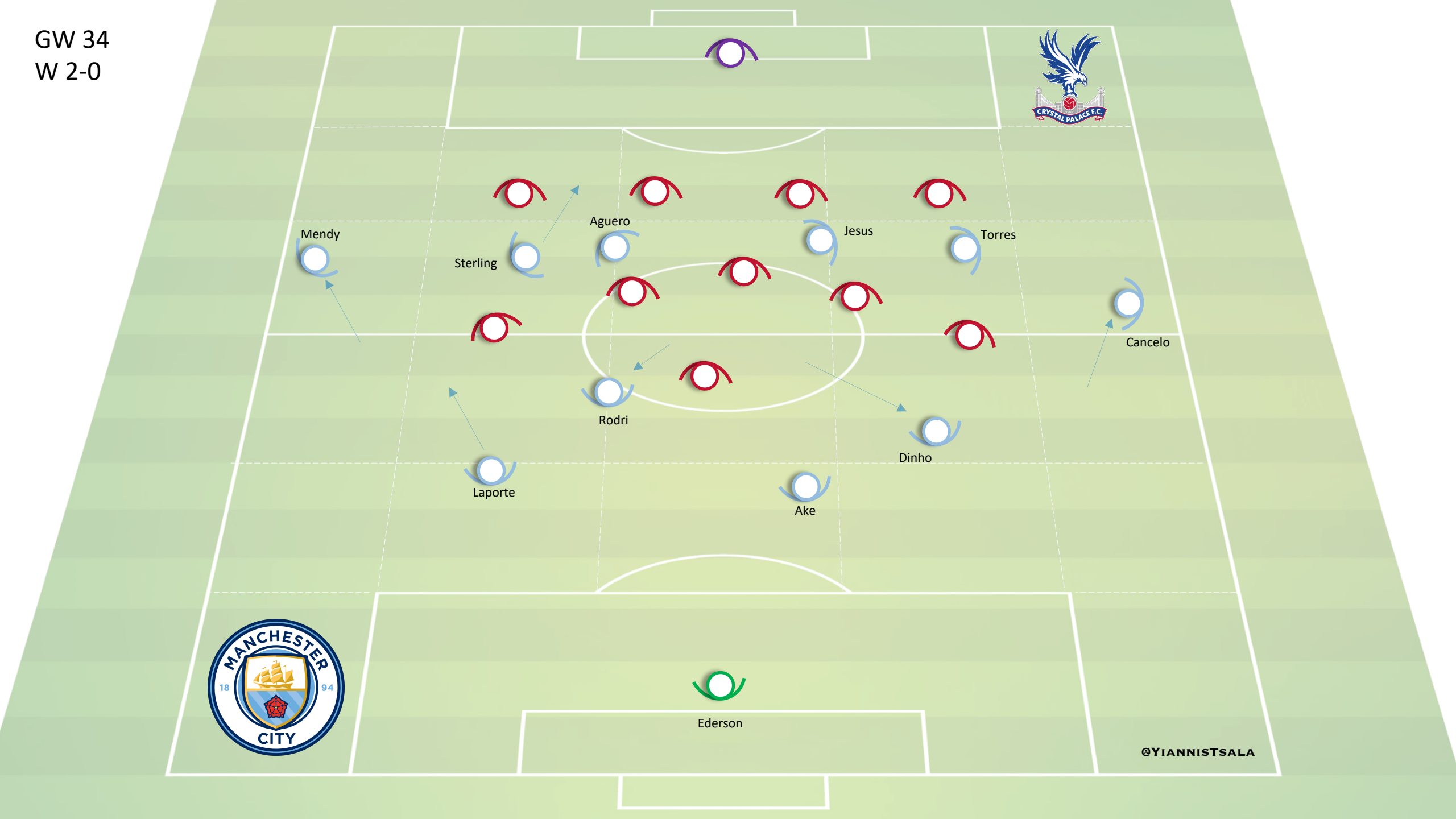
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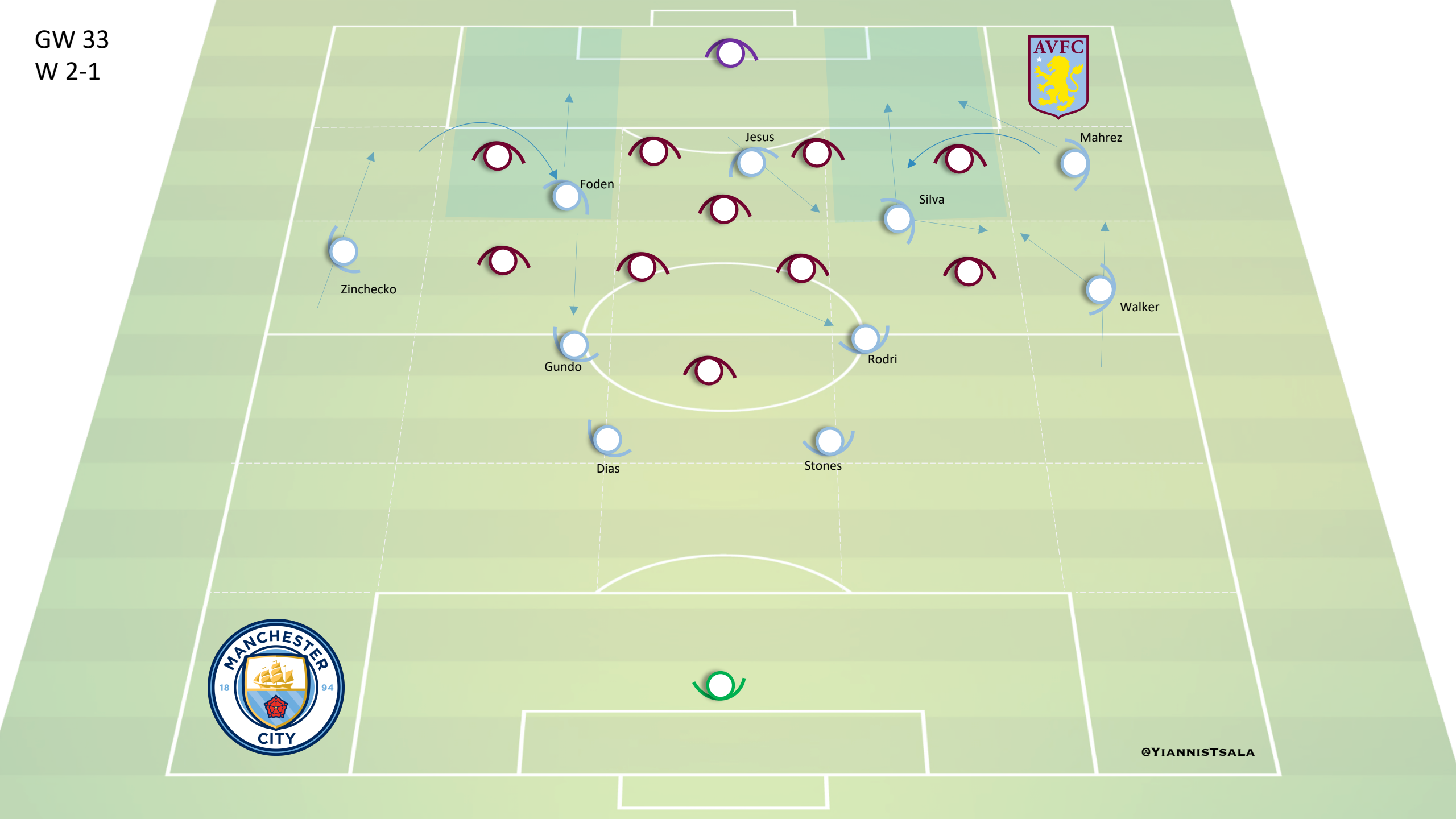
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GW 32
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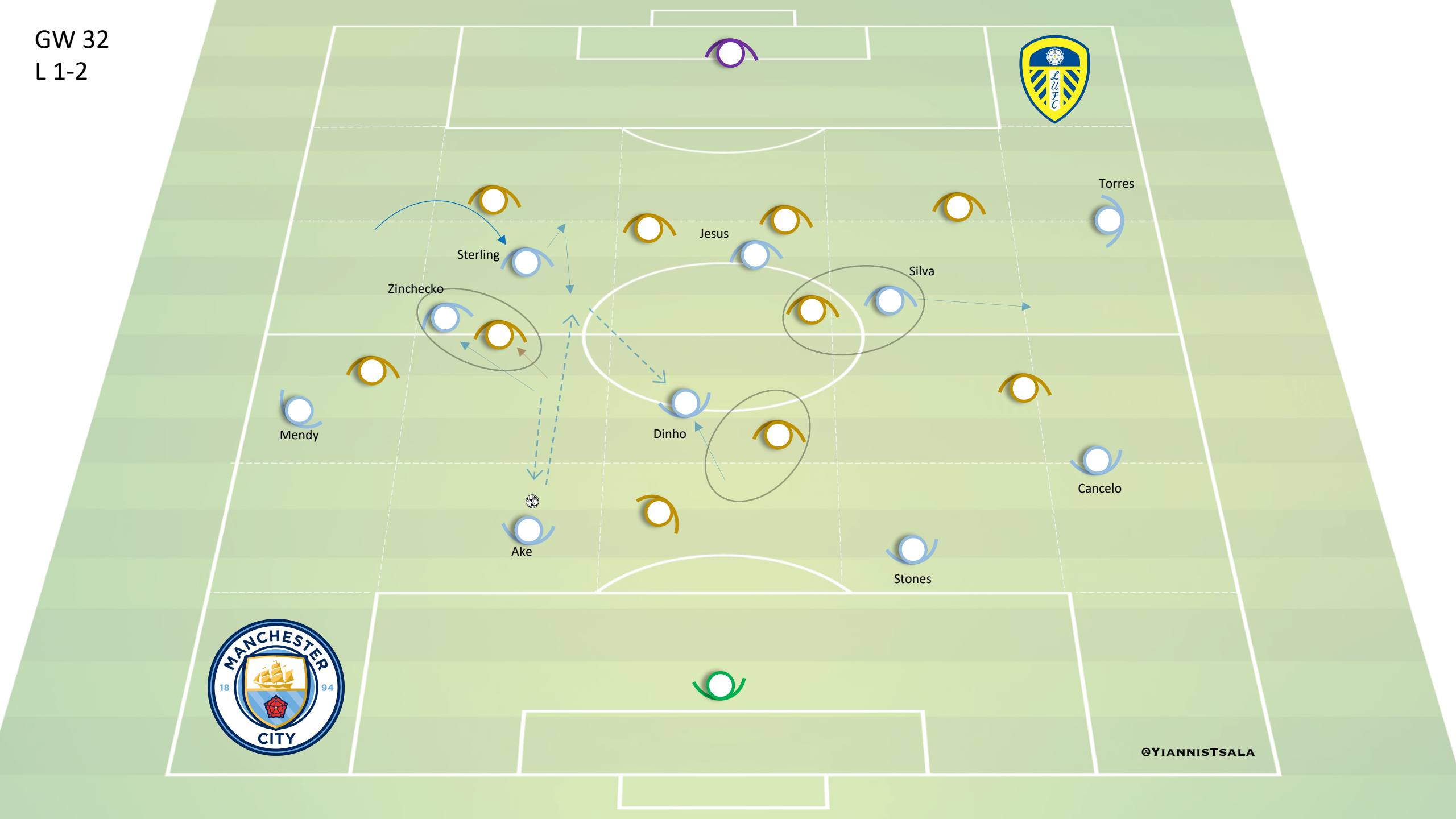
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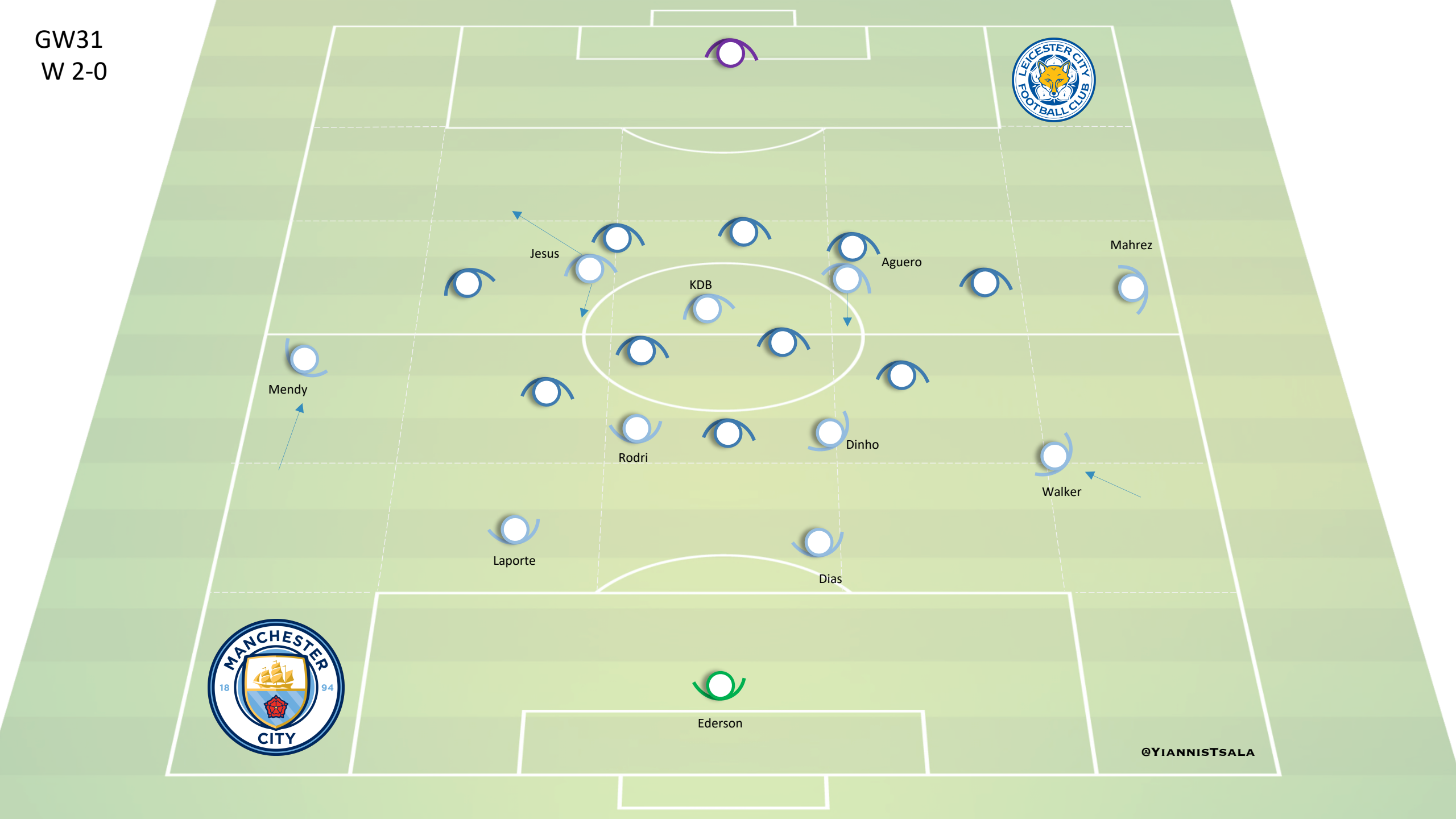
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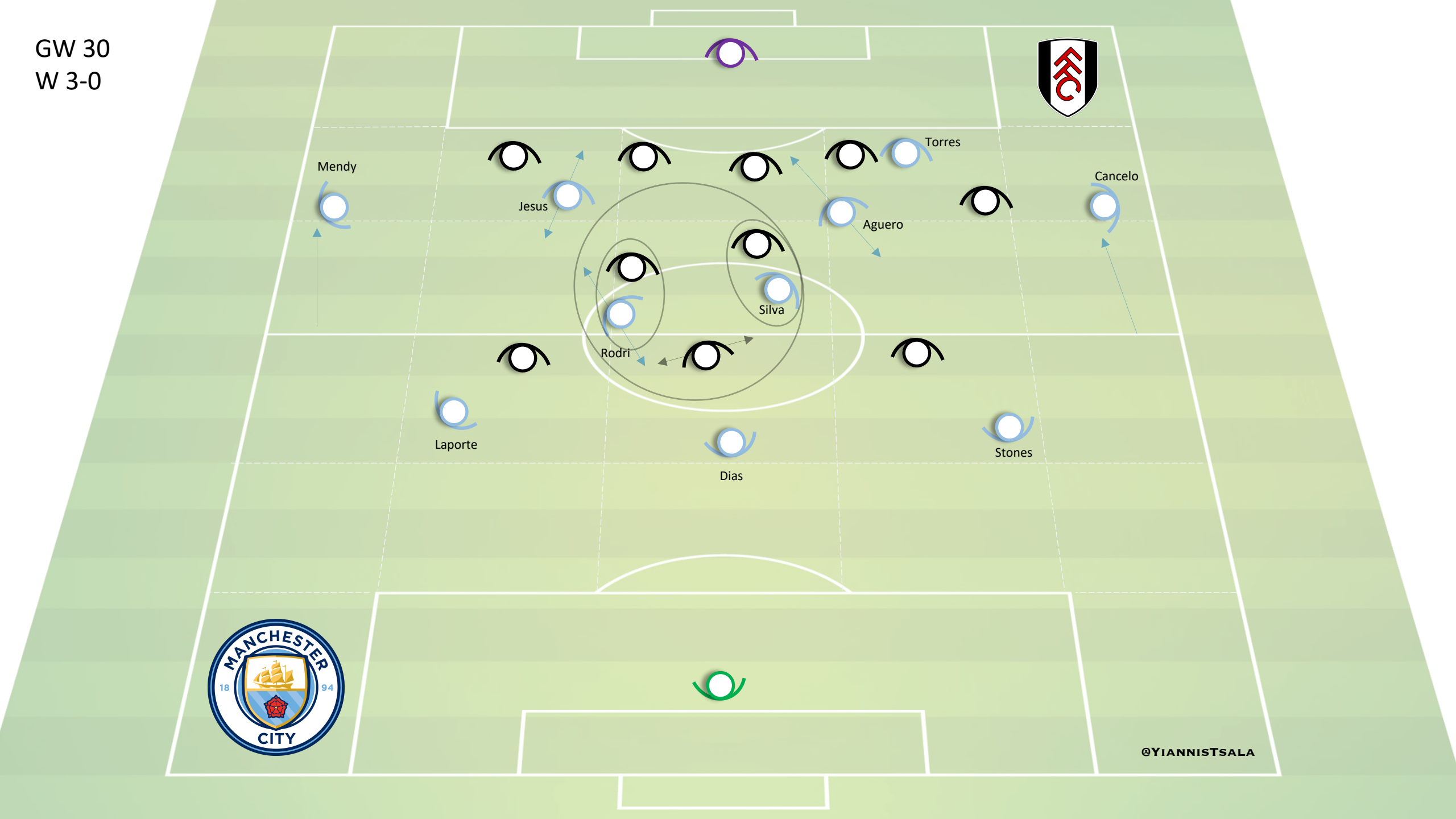
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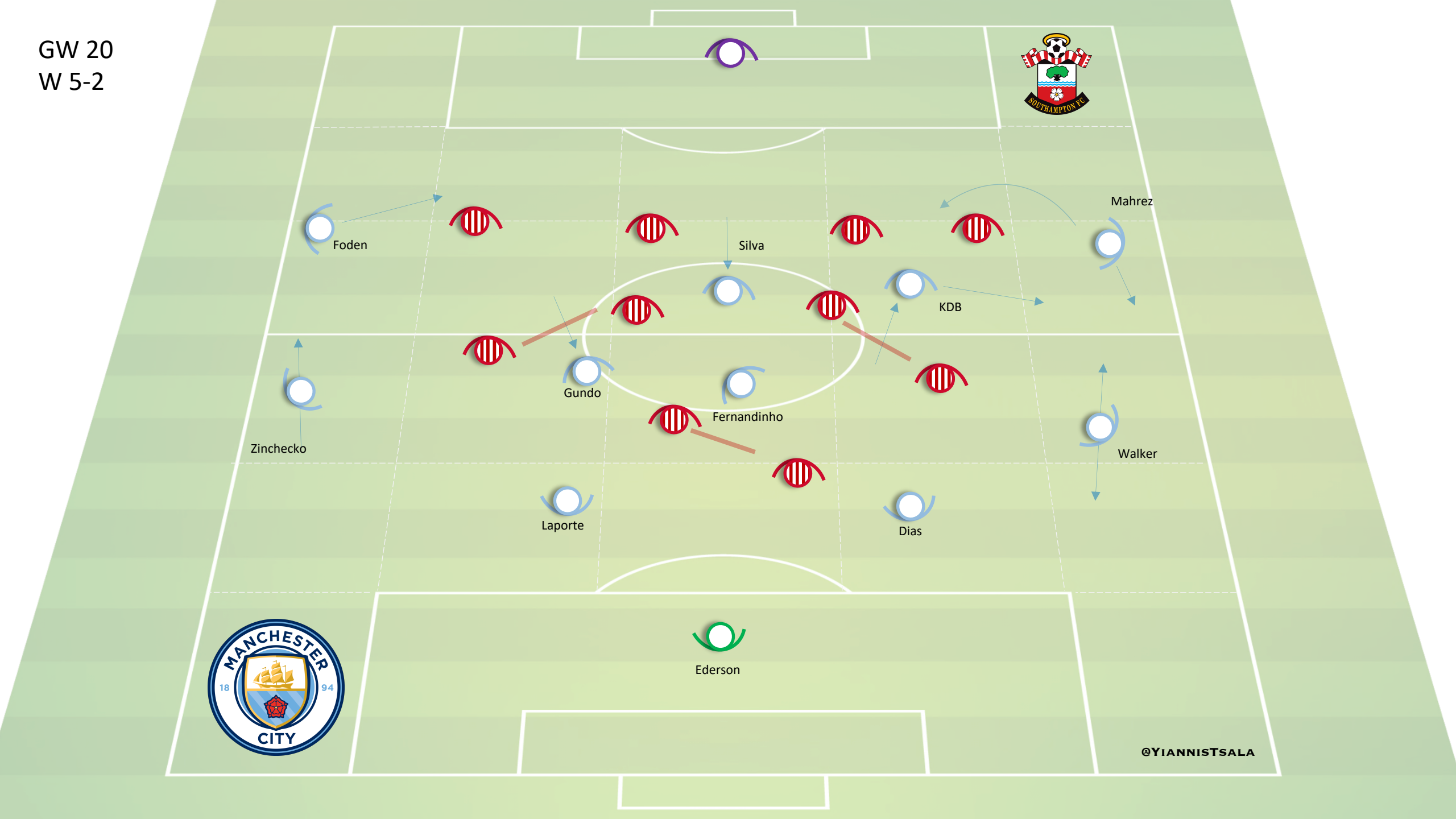
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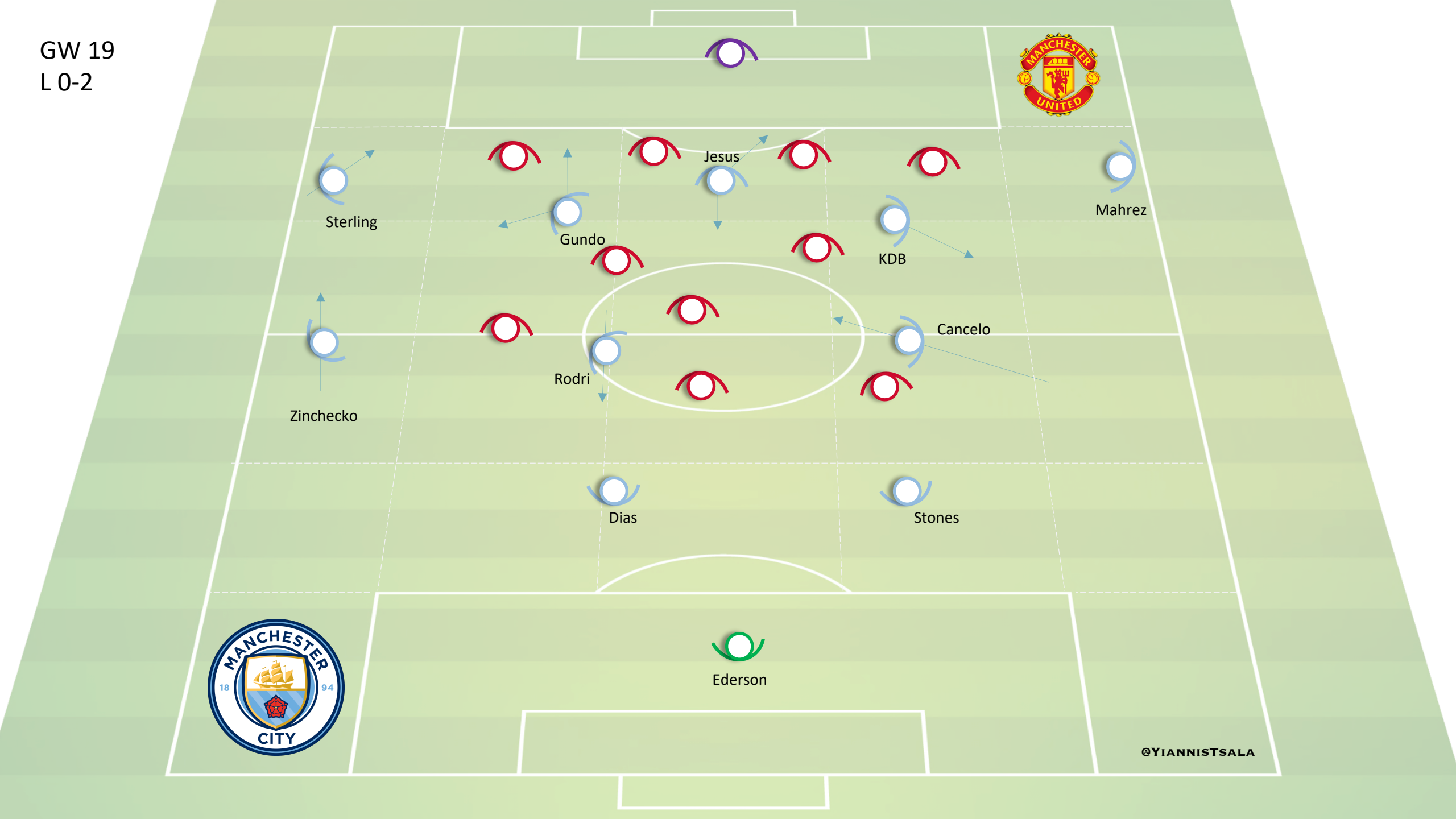
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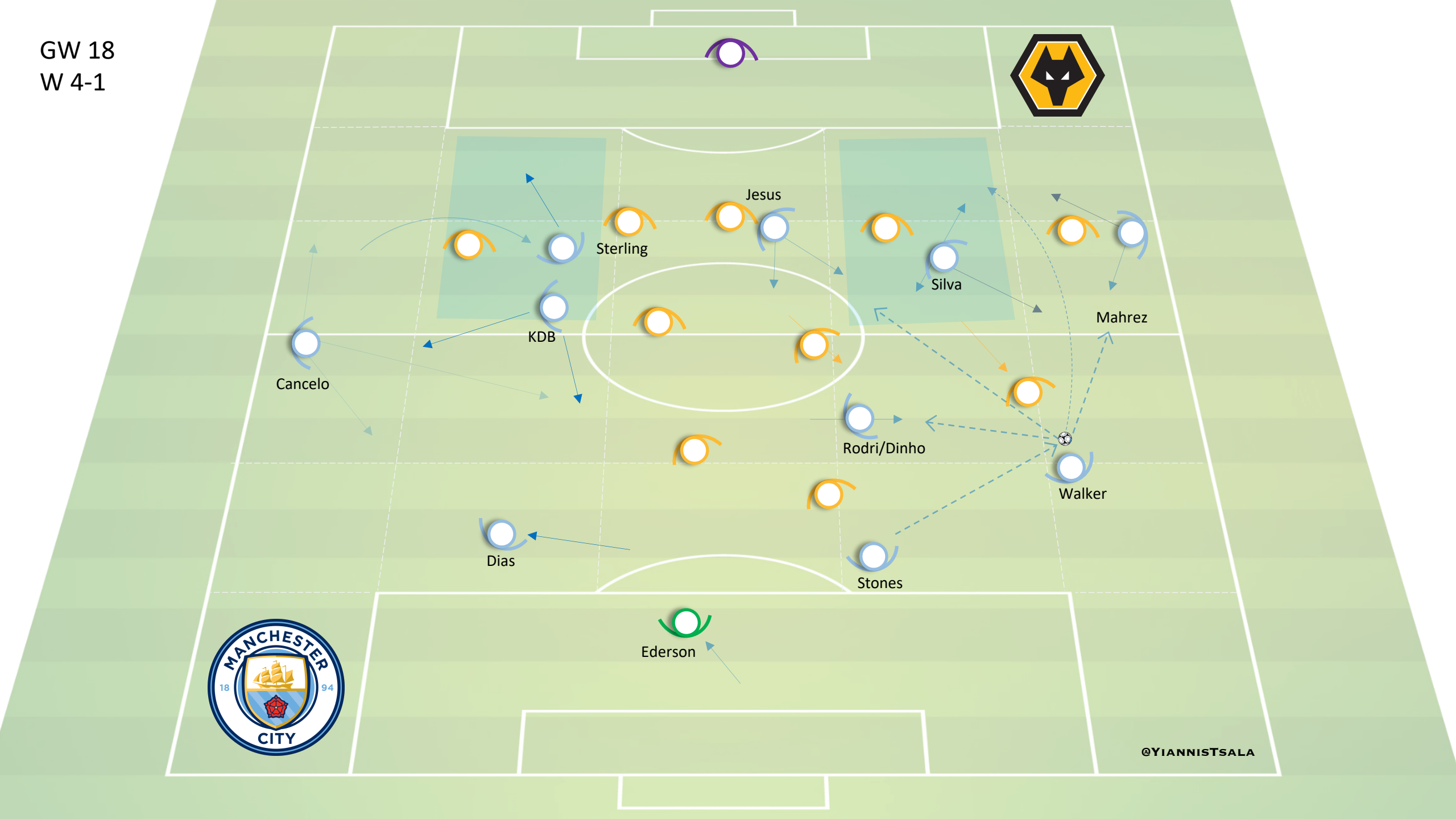
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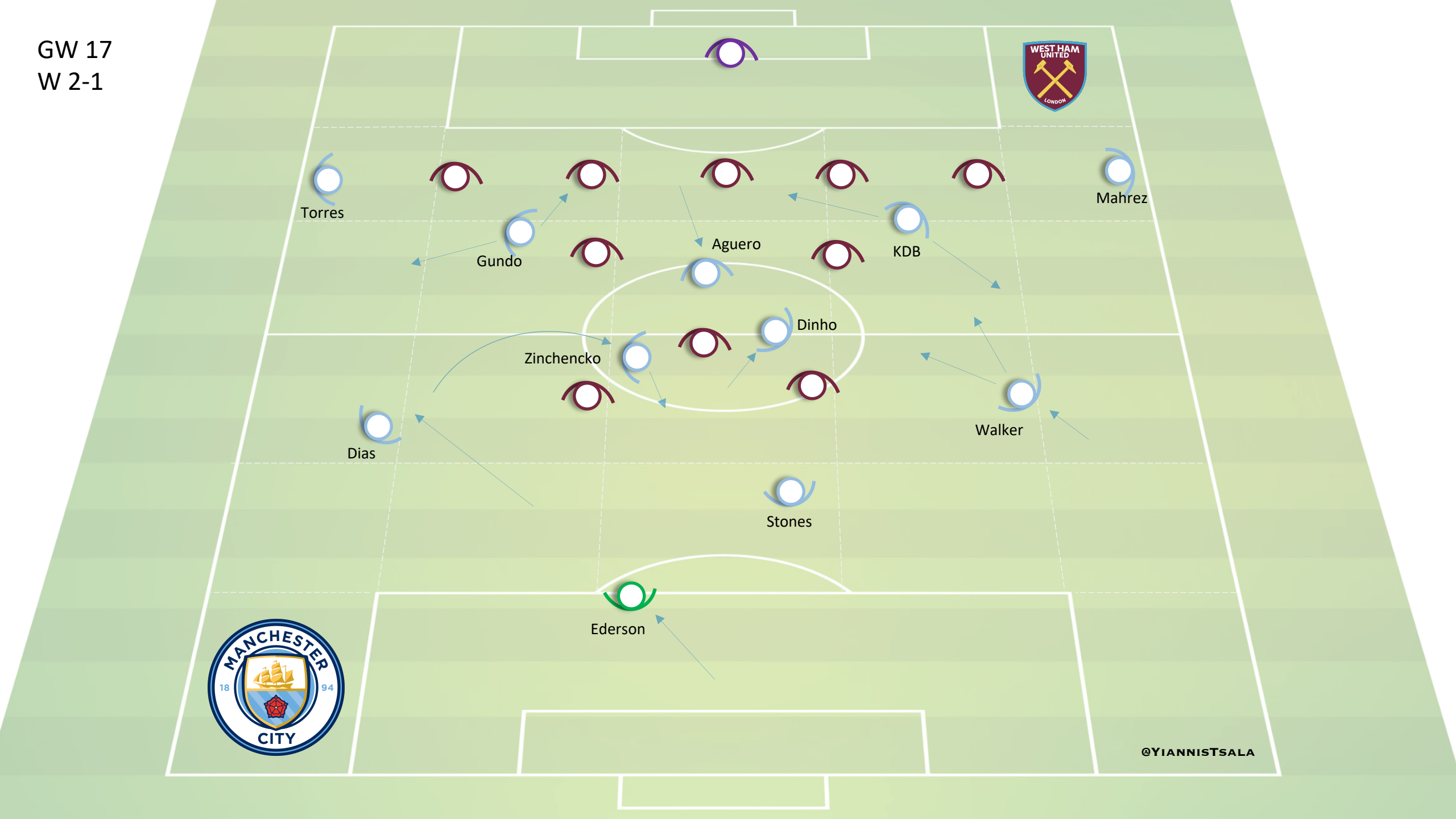
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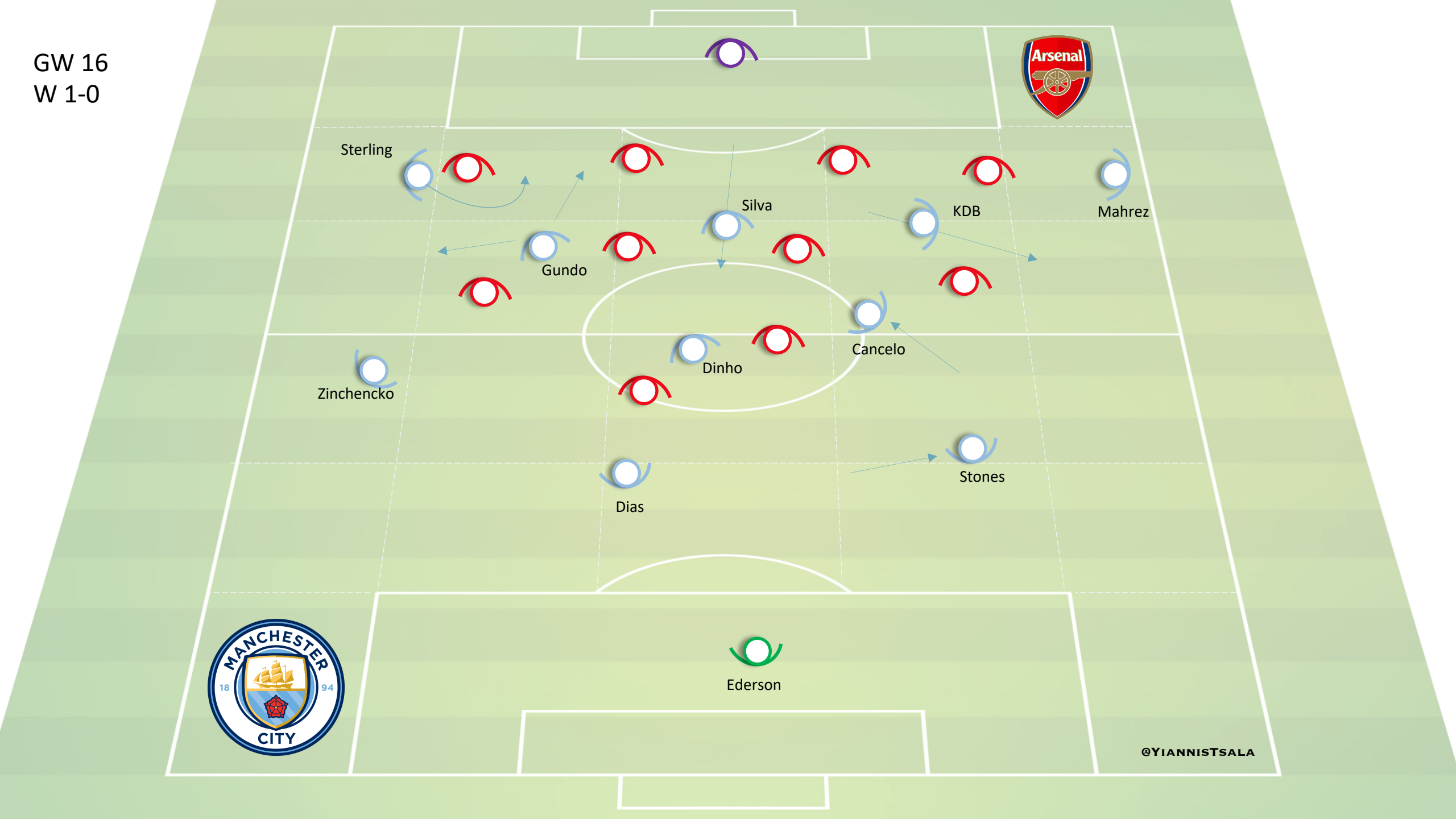
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GW 15
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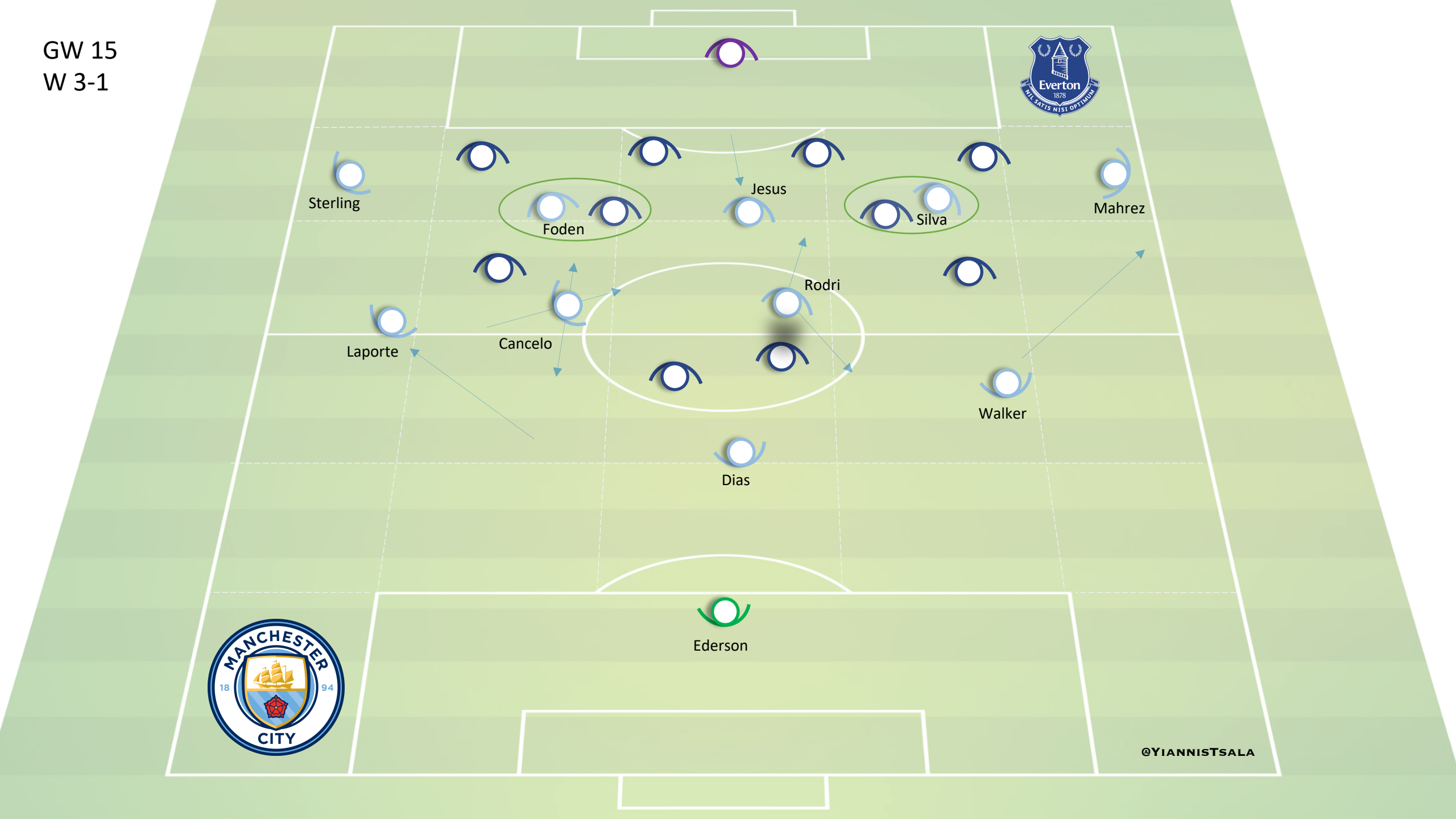
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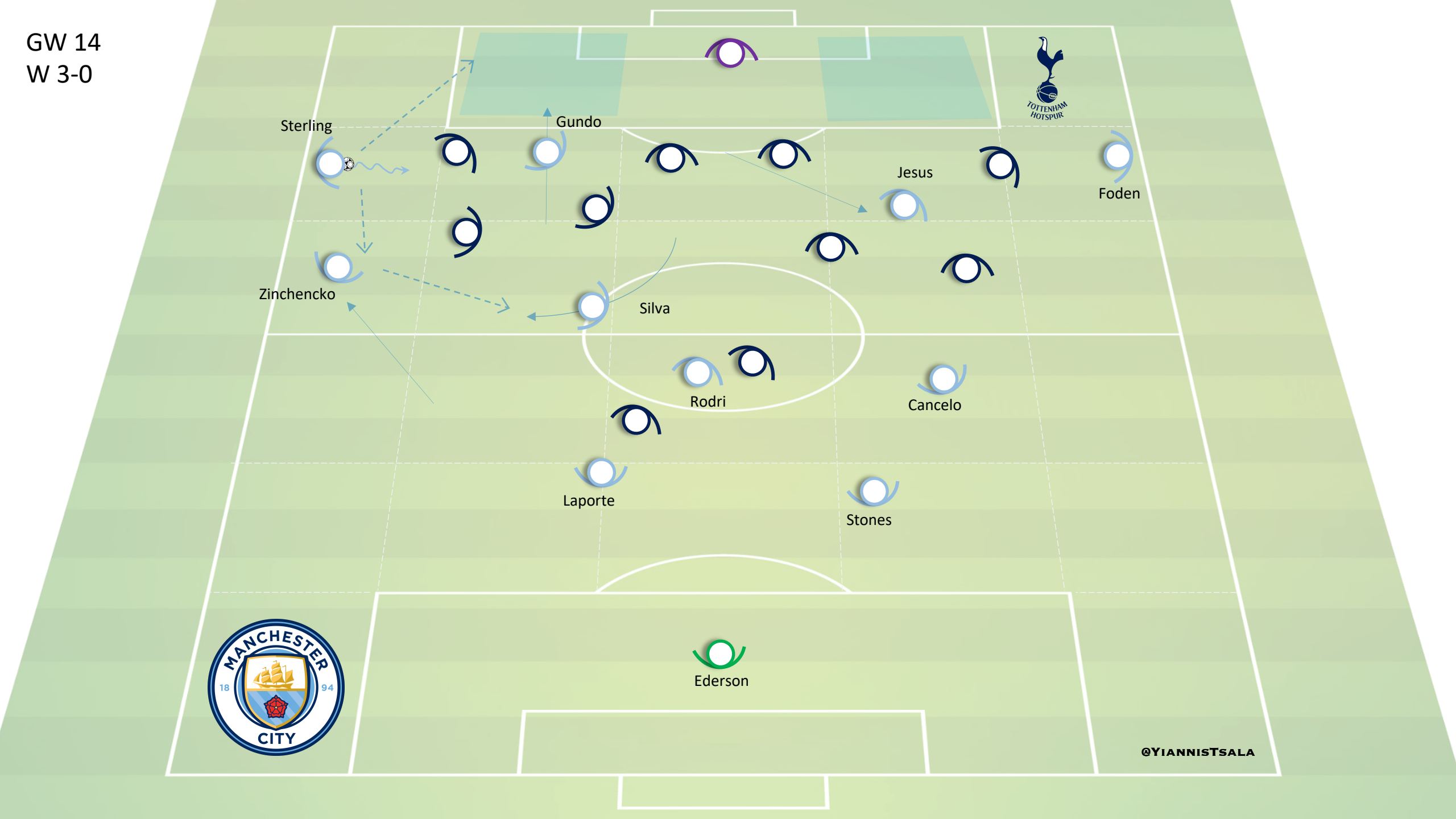
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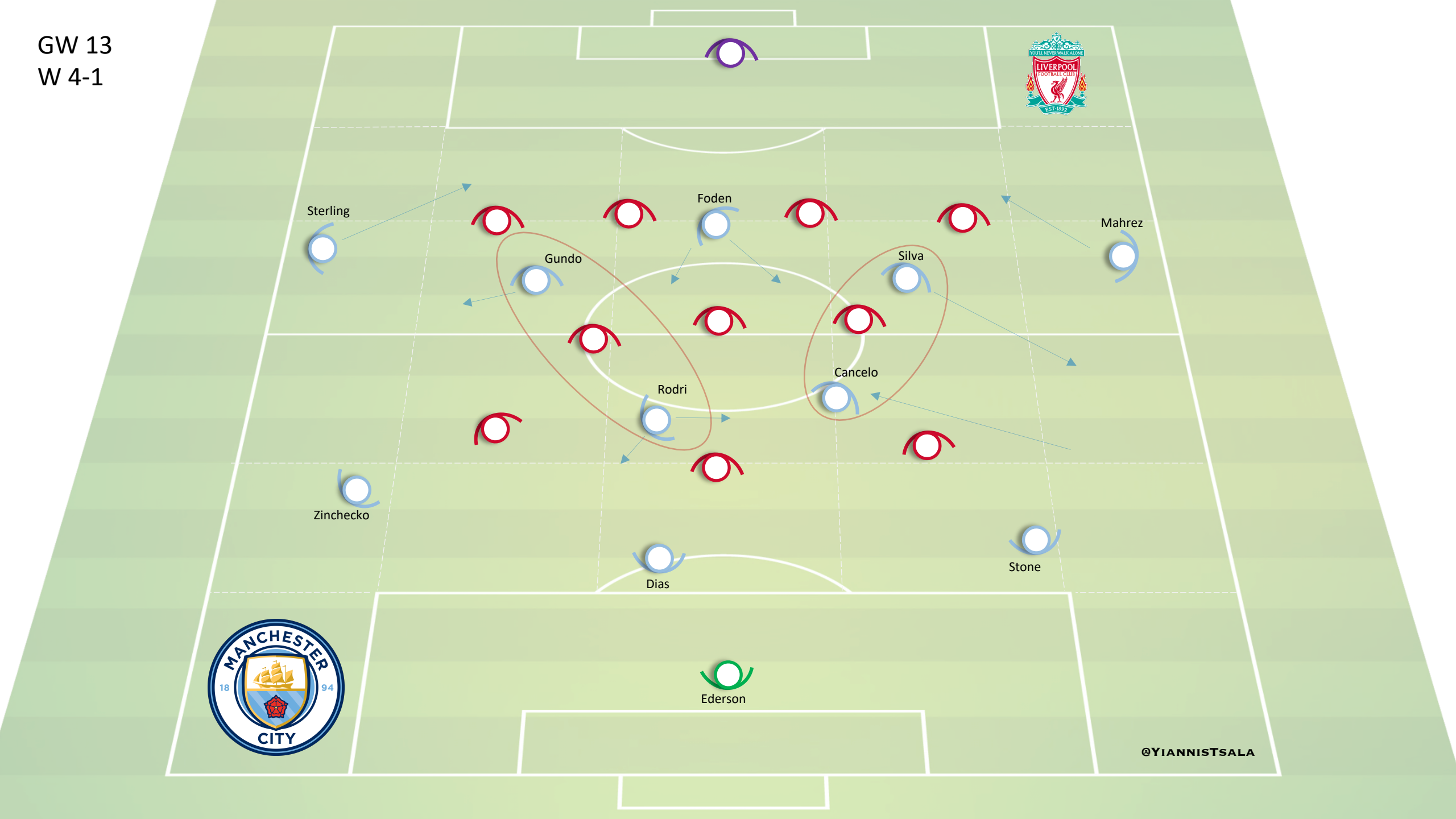
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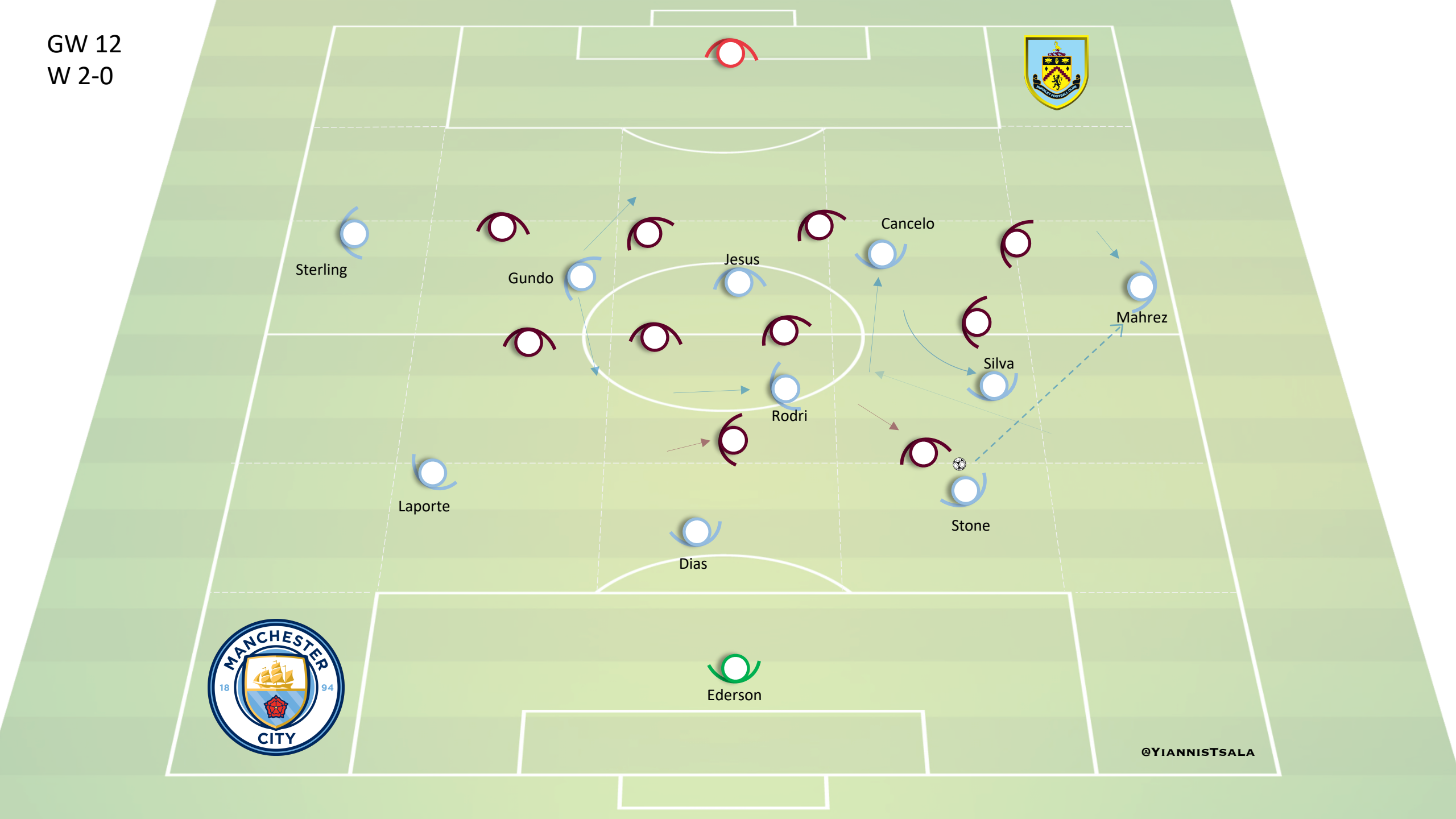
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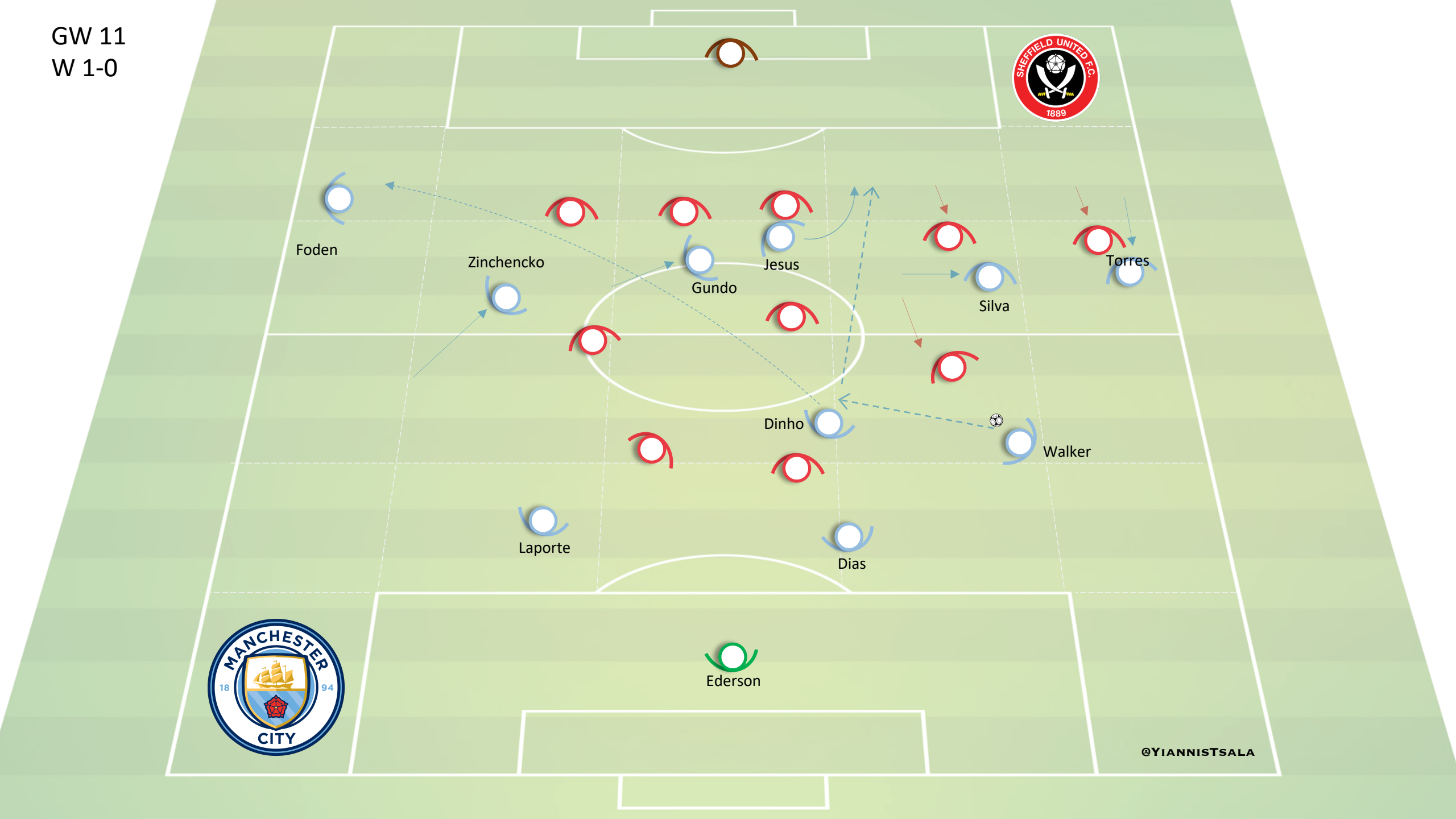
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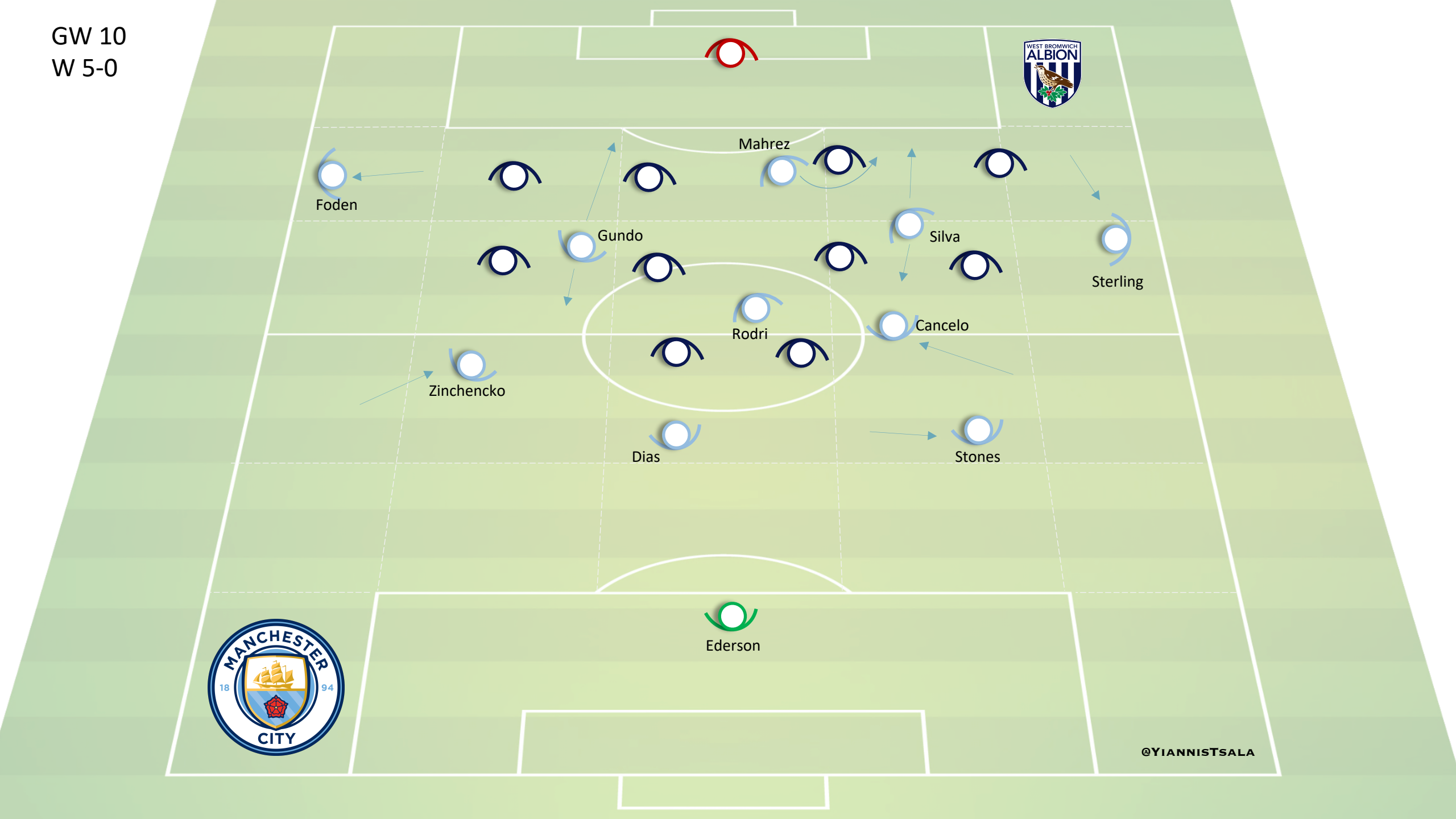
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As always with all learning and reflections do not overly identify with it as all models are wrong, they are imperfect, oversimplified versions of reality, only reality is reality. Or better as Chung-Tzu put it '*The perfect person employs thier mind as a mirror; it grasps nothing; it refuses nothing; it receives, but does not keep.*'

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