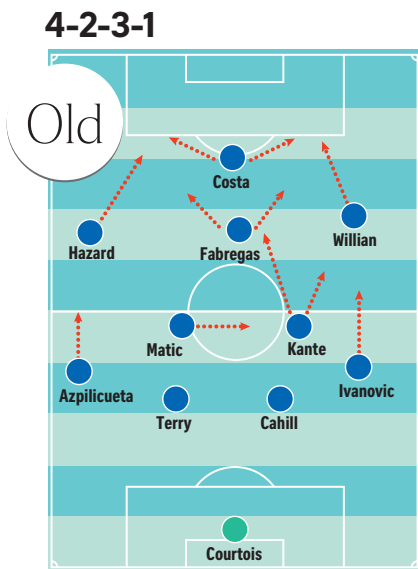


Winning formula

FORMATION CHANGE

After two straight league defeats in September, Conte made the bold decision to switch to a seldom-used formation in the Premier League: 3-4-2-1.

- He sacrificed one attacking forward to insert an extra central defender to shore up the defence.
- The two fullbacks become the wing-backs, giving them the licence to join in the attack from the two flanks.
- The two remaining forwards have more space to provide ammunition for the lone striker.



WINNING NUMBERS

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Chelsea's league record from October to December, after changing into the 3-4-2-1 formation

76

Goals scored by Chelsea, best in the league

16

Clean sheets, 2nd best in the league behind Tottenham (17)

\$788m

Net worth of Chelsea squad