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International Football

Quality wise international football might not be the best football comparing to Top Leagues or Champions league.

But it is the soul of football. There are no directors involved, no transfers made. It's just about pure education and about tactical cultures created over decades.



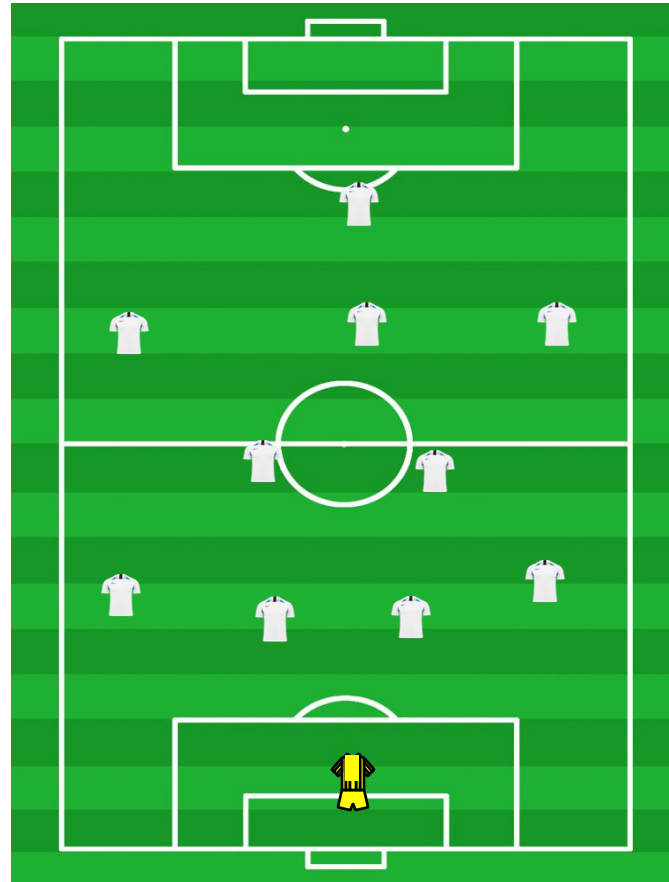
EURO 2024 - Overview

TACTICAL FLEXIBILITY AND A HIGH LEVEL OF COMPETITIVENESS COMBINED TO PRODUCE A GOOD SHOWCASE FOR NATIONAL TEAM FOOTBALL

UEFA EURO 2024, Most used formations 4-2-3-1/4-3-3. Eight teams used mainly 3/5 at the back.

UEFA EURO 2020: 15 teams fielded, at some stage, three centre-backs. With more coaches opting for a front line of three along with attack-minded wing-backs.

UEFA EURO 2016: 4-2-3-1 was the favourite formation.



Euro 2024

- *From a coaching perspective, tactical flexibility was one of the relevant features at EURO 2024 - not only from match to match but also within individual games.*



World Cup 1998

- Formations has become more flexible. Successful teams are able adapt what ever system they are using according the state of the game
- Many teams played on the defensive with a 4-man block, but when they got possession one of the full backs would move into midfield to support an attack, and similar flexibility was seen in most of the best teams.



World Cup 1986

- *The numbers (4-3-3, 4-4-2, 3-5-2) that ought to correspond to the tactical systems apparently do not say much about the actual organization.*
- *The functions of the players can be constantly modified during the match according to the possession of the ball, the score line and the opposing way of performing.*



Coaching

- Has always been.....
- Is always.....
- Will always be.....

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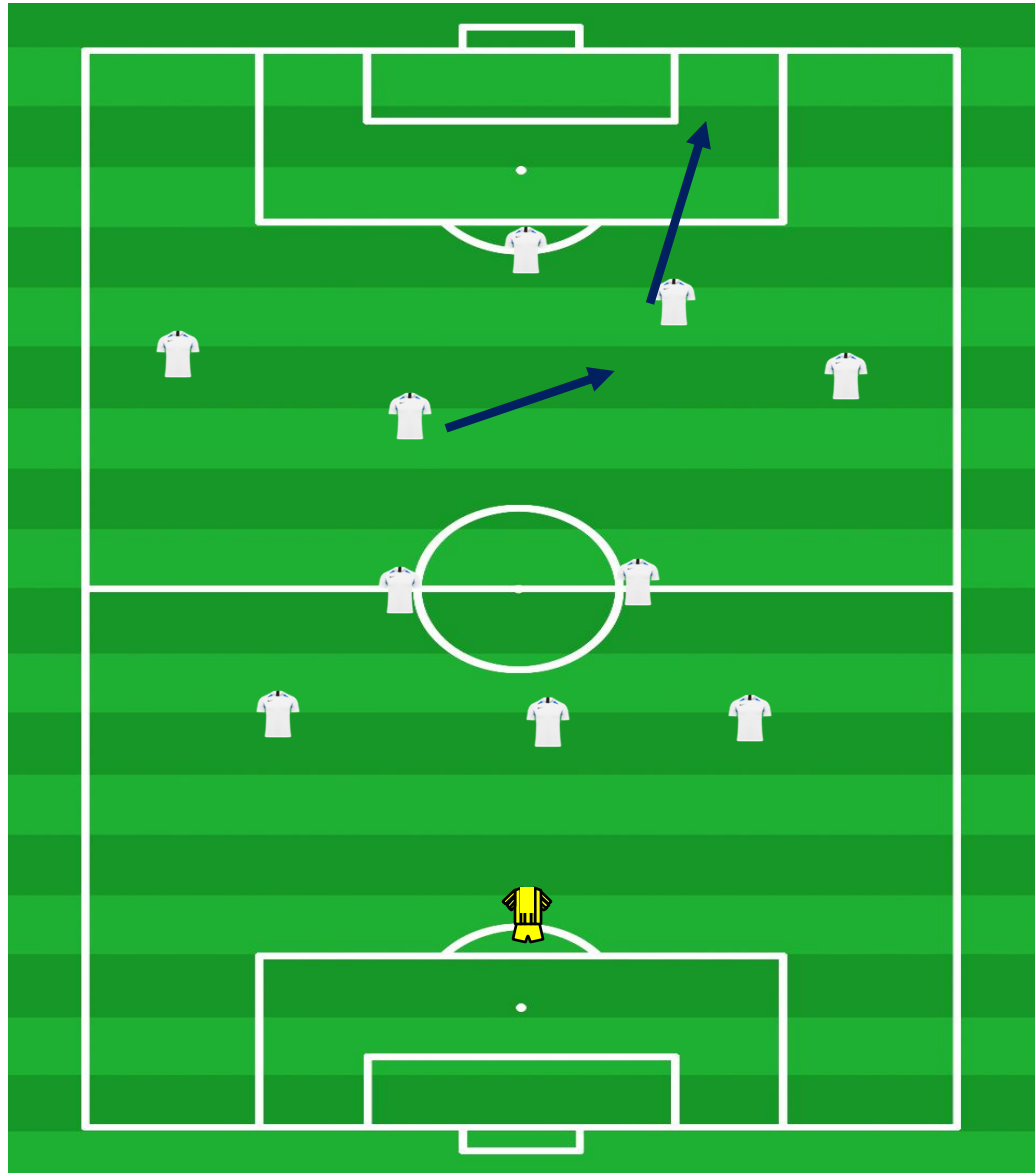


Euro 2024: Tactical talking points

- Runs in behind/creating space
– **using that space**
- Box midfield
- Wingers and full-backs
combining and/or drifting to
the middle
- Going man-for-man in the
press
- Playing over the press

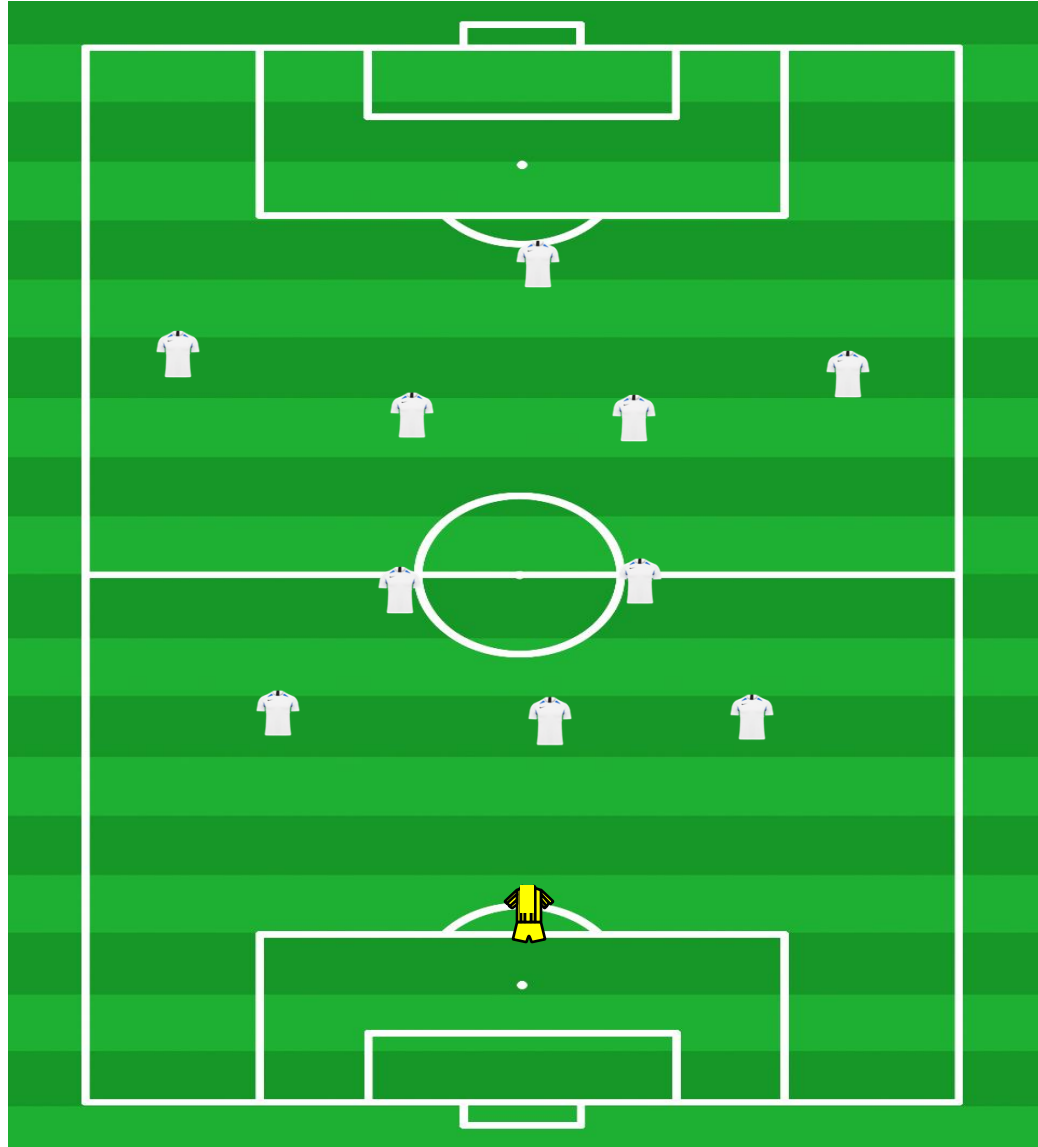


Runs in behind/creating space



Box-midfield attacking system

3-2-2-3



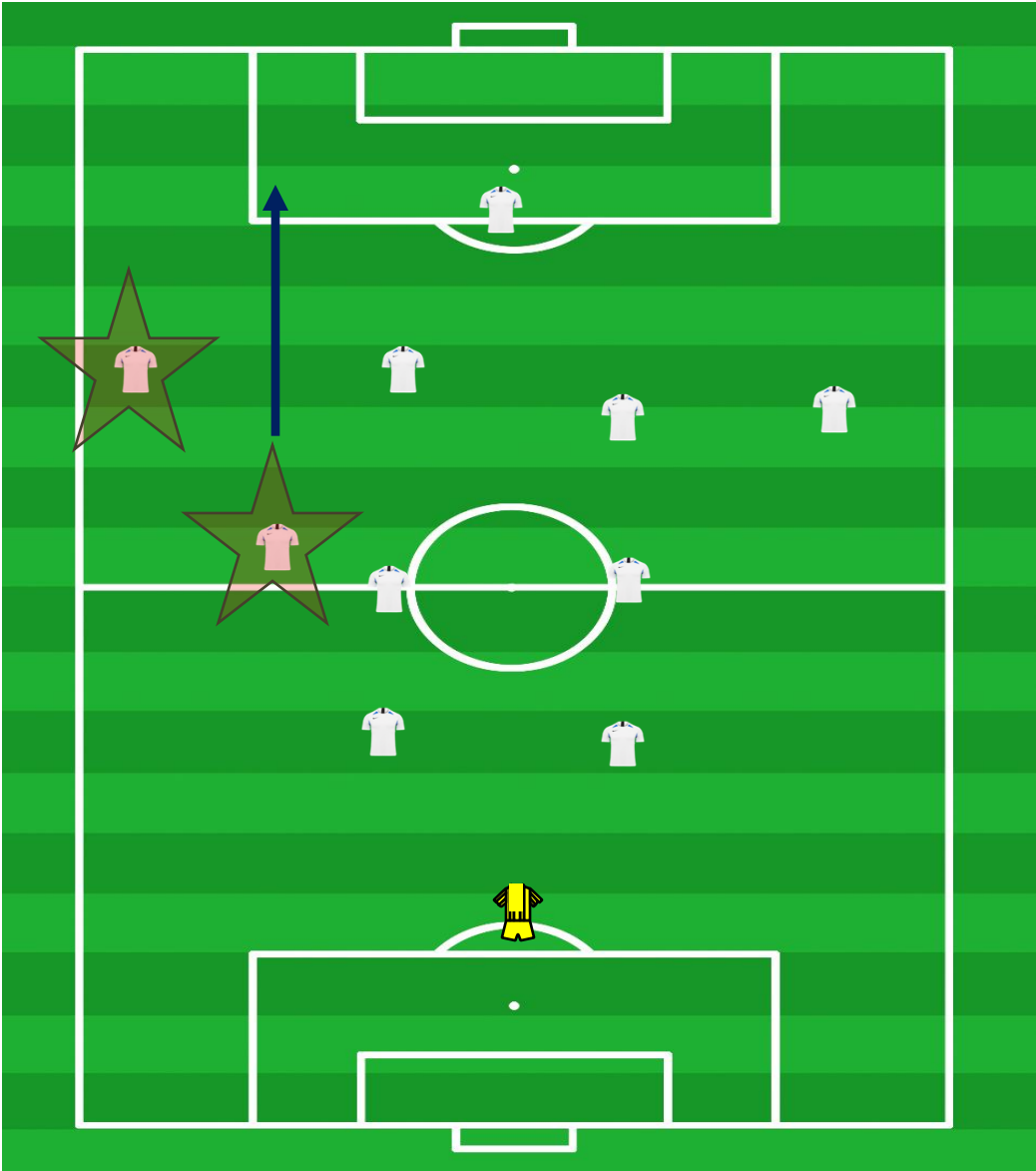
Box-midfield

Euro 2024: Many teams utilized a box-midfield creating a four-player structure centrally to dominate possession and facilitate build up -play.

World Cup 1982: Brazil's box midfield configuration helped Brazil control the center of the pitch and dominate possession. They frequently used positional rotations creating central overloads.



Wingers and full-back combining and/drifting to the middle



Going man for man in the press



Playing over the press



Goals

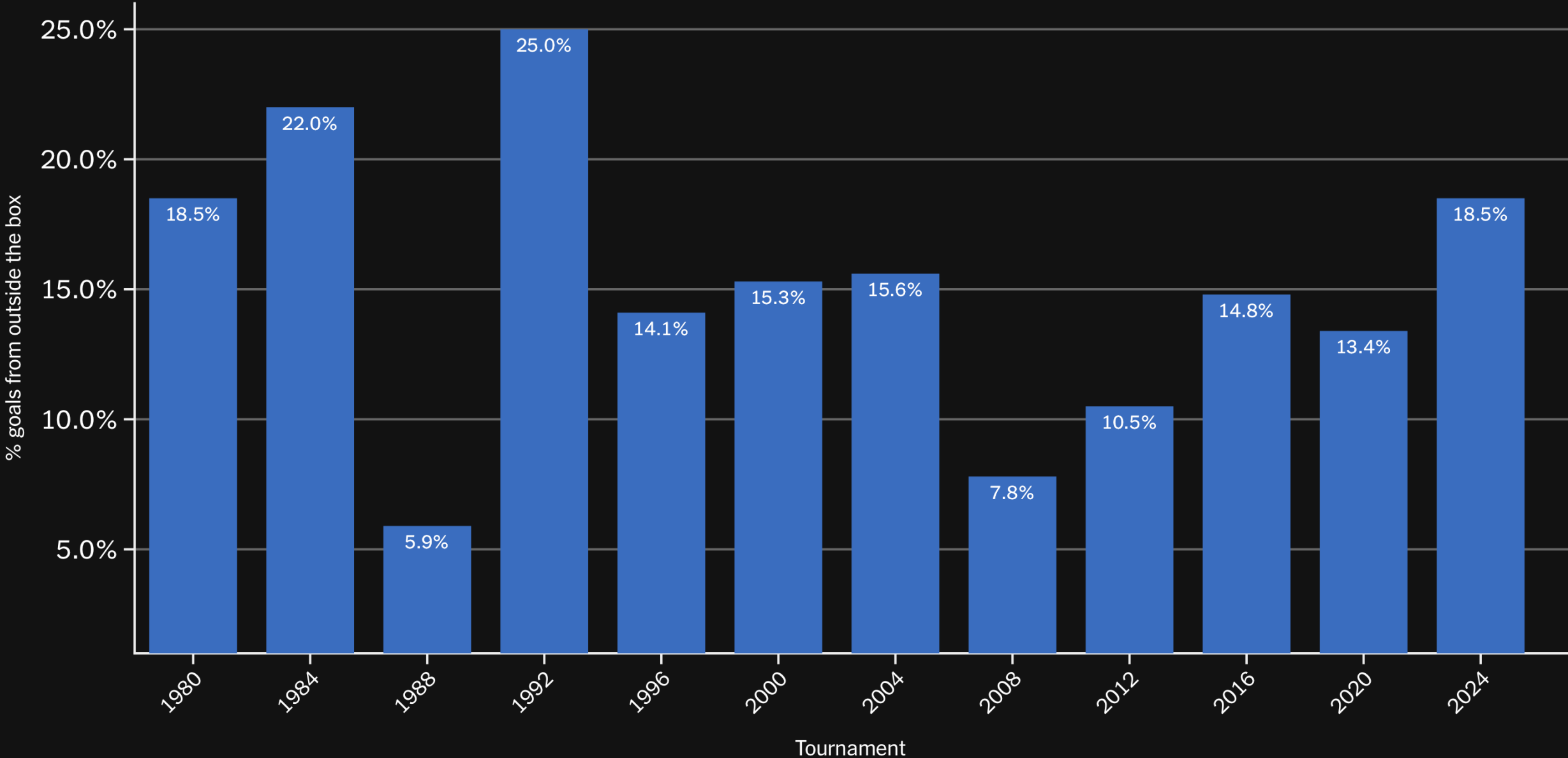


Goals

60 % of goals scored
with one touch

Euro	2024	2020	2016
Games	51	51	51
Goals	117	142	108
Goals/game	2,29	2,78	2,12
Headed goals	18	27	24
Own goals	8	11	3
Open play inside the box	70	80	61
Outside the box	20	17	12
Set Play Total	28	34	32
Corners	12	13	12
Side free kicks	2	8	6
Free kicks	0	1	4
Penalty kicks	9	11	8
Throw-ins	5	1	2

Euro 2024 is still seeing an above average number of goals from long range



Source: Opta



Set Plays



Penalties



Set Plays



Spain - The Champions



Luis De La Fuente:

WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND FOOTBALL WITHOUT RISK.

THIS STYLE GIVES US A LOT MORE THAN IT TAKES FROM US



Luis De La Fuente:

- It's about creating 'automatismos' [decisions and thought processes that become automatic through repetitive practice] and movements.
- It's about forming patterns of attack, where they know that the winger has a certain responsibility when the ball is out wide, but when he's in the inside spaces, those spaces are occupied by the full-backs.
- That comes from lots of training, passing on messages and showing them videos.

But then then of course, the most important thing is the raw talent: having players who can interpret and solve those situations.



Spain - Best team in EURO 2020?

	Average/game*	Rank
Goals	2,2	1.
Attempts	19,2	1.
Shots on target	7,3	1.
xG	2,9	1.
Corners	8	1.
Distance covered	127,50 km	1.
Possession	72 %	1.
Possession in att.third	25 %	1.
Passes attempted	722	1.
Pass accuracy	90 %	1.
Key passes accurate	7	1.
Crosses accurate	7,33	2.

Spain - something new and something old



Luis De La Fuente:

The idea was developing a quicker style of football when it was possible to do so, but always based on having the ball and, in turn, creating space. Spaces on the pitch don't appear on their own - you have to create these spaces and then fill them.



Willing to win vs. not to lose

	Spain	England
Goals	15	8
Possession	58,1 %	55,7 %
Shots	127	76
Chances	57	37
% of conversion	45 %	49 %
Shots on target	44	25
Carries into final third	134	106
Passes completed	3698	3839
Prog. passes received	340	310
Crosses completed	127	97
Corners	44	25
Counter press/game	24	17



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Conclusion

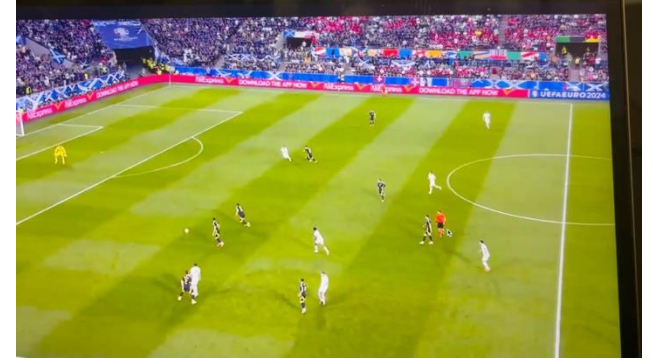
- We need to educate ourselves to be able to draw the right conclusions from current data and analysis
- Turn data and analysis into every day actions in training
- Football analysis might be the same and moves in circles but what worked yesterday might not work today
- Data and analysis without right execution is nothing but without data and analysis there won't be a right execution
- Plans are useless but planning is indispensable





Teamwork is paramount but
respect the individual quality





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