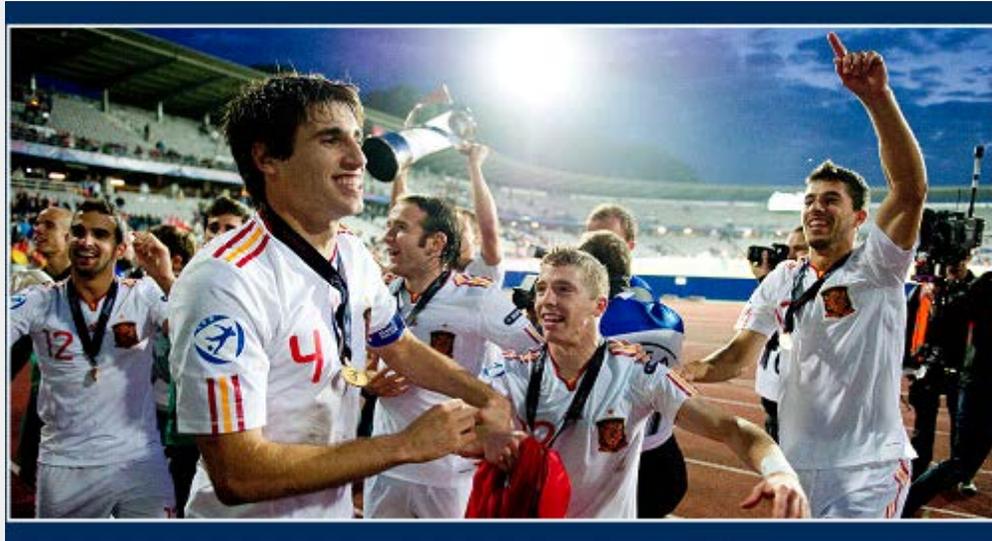


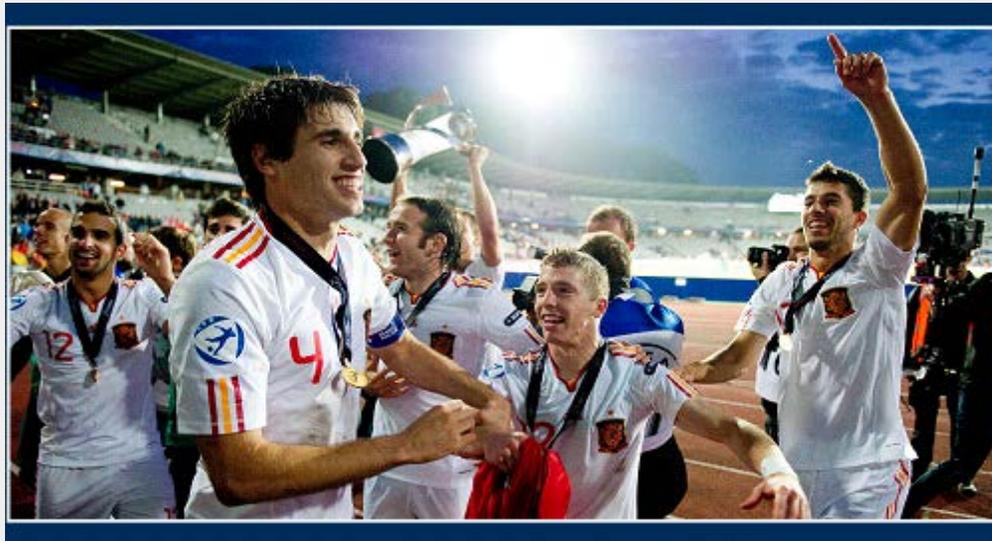
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Denmark – Sweden – Finland - Norway

ICELAND



Iceland v Denmark

- 4-1-4-1 with midfield diamond and single screen; spell of 4-1-3-2 v Swiss
- Well organised in defence and attack; players well aware of specific roles
- Screening midfielder and target striker the reference points
- Preference for direct supply in the depth; winning "second balls"
- Comfortable without the ball; higher, more confident pressing when trailing
- More open approach v Denmark with moves built from central defence
- Good use of wide areas by No8 and No7; able to build fluent attacking moves

HEAD COACH Eyjólfur SVERRISSON

Date of Birth: 03/08/1968



"For a small country, it was unbelievable to be in the tournament and the whole nation was proud of the team. We have a lot of young, talented players, hungry for success and with perfect attitudes to be great players. They worked very hard and showed great character. We had only three days to prepare – which was too little – and there was tension because the pressure was high. But the players learned how to cope with big games, to deal with the media... and it could have been more successful if we'd had a bit of luck on our side."

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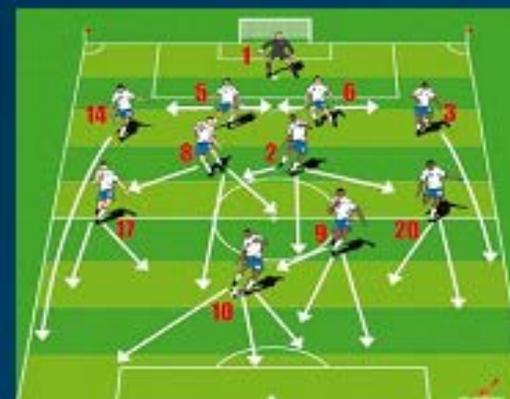


HEAD COACH **Stuart PEARCE**

Date of Birth: 24/04/1962



"We showed flashes of decent play when we cut the opposition open. But our performance in the first two games was maybe where it cost us, especially against Ukraine. The Czechs banked up against the ball and made it difficult for us. We just didn't have the doggedness to see out the victory. We ended up hurting quite badly after that defeat, and I thought that if we'd won, our momentum could have taken us on to the final. But you have to take it on the chin, be humble and congratulate the people who put you out of the tournament."



England v Spain

- Variations on 4-4-2 or 4-1-4-1 with single screening midfielder
- Left-footed key attacker No10 deployed on right or as second striker
- Extensive use of direct supply to attackers No9 or No10 by full-backs or keeper
- Effective 1 v 1 defending; adventurous full-backs, especially fast No14 on right
- Good diagonal switches of play and supply of crosses
- Intense pressure in midfield; possession generally quickly regained
- Strength and pace throughout team; opponents given few scoring chances

UKRAINE



Ukraine v Spain

- 4-2-3-1 with No17 as more conservative of two midfield screens
- Blend of combination moves and direct supply to solitary striker
- Strong defensive block of six (No4 the pivotal figure); attacking unit of four
- Preference for counterattacking style; fast forward as soon as ball was won
- Diagonal switches of play; movement by wingers to make space for full-backs
- Good positional interchanging by front three; fluent movement in midfield
- Highly motivated, hardworking unit with strong team ethic; positional discipline

HEAD COACH **Pavlo IAKOVENKO**

Date of Birth: 19/04/1984



"We had ambitions going into the tournament but we were up against strong teams in an equally matched group, where every team tried to work out how best to play against Spain. We had a game plan, but the individual quality of the Spanish players was difficult to deal with. The team played some effective football but, unfortunately, we didn't translate this into goals. I have no complaints about the commitment shown by my players. They gave their all and I was not ashamed of them. If mistakes were made, then they were made by me."

DENMARK



Denmark v Switzerland

- 4-2-3-1 with occasional switches to 4-1-3-2 when chasing result
- Emphasis on building from the back with off-ball movement and overlapping
- Well-balanced screening midfielders; No8 more adventurous than No18
- No10 the creative catalyst of combination attacks and through passes
- Emphasis on quick transition to defensive positions rather than high pressing
- Effective wing play by left-footed No22 on right and right-footed No8 on left
- Strong team ethic; high levels of fighting spirit and rebound mentality

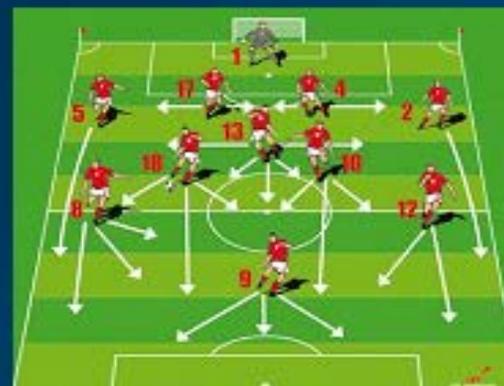
HEAD COACH Keld BORDINGGAARD

Date of Birth: 23/11/1962



"The major disappointment was to create so many scoring chances and not convert them. For the players, the defeat against Iceland was probably the heaviest day they had experienced in their careers – and I felt the same way. They gave everything and created enough to go through to the semi-finals. But it was a fantastic journey and I hope the guys will look back and acknowledge that they learned something while they were going through this process. There were enough positive things to think that the future is looking brighter."

CZECH REPUBLIC



Czech Republic v England

- Variations on 4-4-2 with single screen and midfield diamond
- High level of technique; able to build patiently with short combinations
- Resorted to more direct attacking in response to high pressure (e.g. v Spain)
- Rapid transition to compact defensive block; all three midfielders back
- Dangerous crosses (notably by overlapping No5) for rapid near-post runs
- Strong in 1 v 1 defending; fast collective counters when ball was won
- Outstanding team spirit; high levels of motivation; never-say-die attitude

HEAD COACH **Jakub DOVALIL**

Date of Birth: 09/02/1974



"We qualified from a tough group, so that was an encouraging aspect for the future. But in the semi-final against Switzerland, we didn't do what we set out to do before the game. We didn't hit top form in the tournament and there were moments when, sincerely, we performed badly. We knew that we could play better and I couldn't understand why we fell short of our standards. In the play-off against Belarus, it was all about psychology and, unfortunately, we failed on that front and missed out on qualification for the Olympics."

BELARUS



Belarus v Denmark

- 4-4-1-1 (4-1-4-1 v Danes) with single or twin screen and withdrawn 'second striker'
- Deep, compact defending with minimal space between lines and nine behind ball
- Extensive use of direct passes by defenders or keeper to lone striker
- Comfortable without the ball; well-coordinated defensive movements
- Always looking for quick counters with aggressive collective running
- No7 the captain and pivotal figure when building through midfield
- Well-organised, highly motivated team with strength and athletic qualities

HEAD COACH **Heorhi KANDRATSYEU**

Date of Birth: 07/01/1960



"In the semi-final against Spain, my players stuck to our game plan perfectly. You can't just go out to play attacking football, so the priority was defence. The plan worked for 89 minutes, then we were short of concentration at the end. First we let the winger reach the byline and then the striker get the first touch. We were almost there. But we had a very successful tournament and I'm happy that Belarus have won a place at the Olympics. My team left every last drop of energy out on the pitch and played good football. They deserve praise."

SWITZERLAND

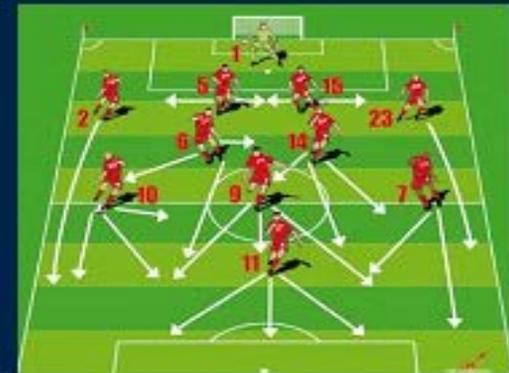


HEAD COACH Pierluigi TAMI

Date of Birth: 12/09/1961



"It was something special to reach the Olympics for the first time in 83 years. The team had personality and positive energy on the pitch. They went out with courage and conviction to play their football. It was a disappointment to lose the final and it was tough to play our fifth game against a Spanish team that played at a high level. We had chances from set plays at 1-0 down but Spain scored a super goal that finished the game. I was proud of our performance in the tournament – and that was the first thing I said to the players after the final."



Switzerland v Spain

- 4-2-3-1 with No6 and No14 forming well-balanced midfield screen
- Attacking philosophy; high-tempo combination moves built from back
- Fast, creative wingers; left-footed No10 on right; right-footed No7 on left
- Attack well led by fast, skilful No11; good support by hardworking No9
- Rapid counterattacking; occasional high pressure in wide areas
- Strong central defenders; overlapping full-backs; excellent goalkeeper
- Excellent tactical awareness; disciplined and well organised

SPAIN



Spain v Switzerland

- 4-3-3 with influential screening midfielder (No.4); two mobile wide attackers
- Possession game based on short-passing combinations and off-ball movement
- Outstanding balance and skills in midfield trio (No.4, No.18, No.19)
- Excellent keeper; strong central defenders; adventurous advanced full-backs
- Good interceptions; high pressing in numbers to win ball in attacking third
- Attack well led by No.7 with support from interchanging midfielders
- Frequent switches of play; attacking variations on flanks and central areas

HEAD COACH **Luis MILLA**

Date of Birth: 12/03/1968



"Personally, I was delighted – but I was even more delighted for the players who built this success on hard work, spirit and belief. You could see that in the semi-final against Belarus. They knew that, if you keep fighting, faith is sometimes rewarded. Switzerland also deserved praise for their performance, not only in the final but throughout the tournament. The lads were thrilled, they understood what they had achieved. The whole team put together a great campaign, not just the starters but also the players who came off the bench and made key contributions. Everybody played their part."

**How the goals scored
at top level?**

		U21 – 2011.	CL 2010-2011.
Set Plays	Corners	2,8	7,9
	Free-kicks (direct)	2,8	2,2
	Free-kicks (indirect)	0	5,9
	Penalties	11,1	6,8
	Throw-ins	2,8	0,3
		19,5	23,1
Open Play	Combinations	2,8	9,3
	Crosses	25,0	16,1
	Cutbacks	2,8	4,2
	Diagonals	0	2,8
	Running with the ball	2,8	3,9
	Long-range shots	13,8	11,3
	Forward passes	33,3	23,1
	Defensive errors	0	2,5
	Own Goals	0	3,7

	<u>Transitions</u>	<u>Open Play</u>			<u>Set Plays</u>				
		Cross	Solo	Through Ball	Free	Cor.	T.I.	Pen	
Spain	2	4		2	1	1		1	11
Switzerland	1		1	4				1	7
Belarus		1		2			1	1	5
Czeck Rep.	1			3					4
Iceland		2	1						3
England		1		1					2
Denmark		1	1					1	3
Ukrain	1								1
		9	3	12	1	1	1	4	
	5	24			7				36

Facts...

- All teams are very good in defending – if they want to....
- It is very difficult to make chances and score goals against "established defence".
- **Is Football played always the same?**
- Grassroots – National level – International level.
- La Liga – CL – WC – U21...

Trends World Cup – U17.

- Statistics – 13 matches – 9 won, 2 uafgjort.
- 4 winners most in possession.
- 5 winners least in possession.
- South American teams share the team:
- Half of it is defensive players – the other half is offensive players.
- The "small teams" is getting better and better. No weak teams.

It is difficult to make chances by building up.....

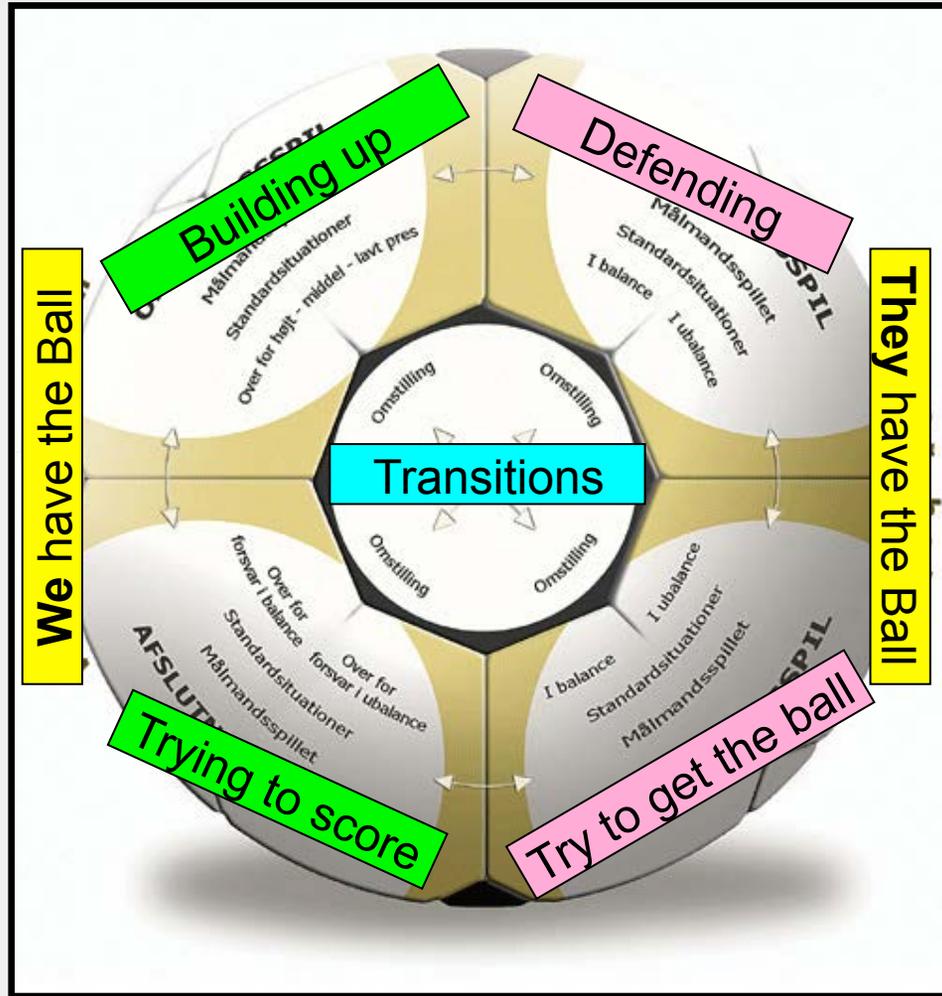
U21 – and other tournaments

- All teams are playing with 4 in the back four and one in front.
- Quick feets in central midfield – and on wings.
- No. 6 is important... (safety, playmaker, stopping contra).
- Wings best foot inside...
- Playing Assymetric...
- Changing system, but not stile...or...?
- Keepers with good feets.
- Is it defensive playing with one lonely striker?
- More players playing on A Nationals team – and not in u21?
- Margins... Spain, WC – Spain u21 – Belarus v Iceland – England v Chech Republic

The Match



The Situation



Forecasting ability

**What are the characteristics of
POSSESSION?**

U21 – and other tournaments

- Possession.....
- U21:
 - Spain 66% - Switzerland 57% to the finale.
 - Belarus 27% against Spain...
- CL:
 - 2009: Barcelona 62%, 600-700 passes, Xavi +100
 - 2010: Inter 45%, Finale 32%, Schneider +46

When a team gets the Ball all want

1 Quick Transition

If it is not possible – you walk over to

Possession

2 Build up play

3 Break through – try to score

How quick?

How "heated"?

If you don't want that, it could be

4 Making your opponent tired

5 Defending the ball

When do we do what?

What is the teams` strategy?

What happened?

Barcelona – Real Madrid (1)

8.00-9.30

Barcelona – Real Madrid (2)

66.25-67.30

Barcelona til 1-0. (8.00-9.30)

s d s s s s d f b f b s f b f d X G

f f d b f d b X

f f b d f f d s f d f b f d f Mål

Forward Pass

4 f - 3 b - 6 s - 3 d

3 f - 2 b - 0 s - 2 d

7 f - 2 b - 1 s - 4 d

14 f - 6 b - 7 s - 9 d

Barcelona (66.25-67.30)

f f d s d s s d s d f d b d s f d b b s

s d s b s d b s s f b

Dribling >> Forward

5 f - 6 b - 11 s - 9 d

Dribling >> Backw.





THE TECHNICAL TEAM ALL STAR SQUAD

Position	No	Name	Country
Goalkeepers	13	David DE GEA	Spain
	1	Yann SOMMER	Switzerland
	1	Tomás VACLÍK	Czech Republic
Defenders	5	Nicolai BOILESEN	Denmark
	5	Ondrej CELUSTKA	Czech Republic
	17	DIDAC VILA	Spain
	15	Timm KLOSE	Switzerland
	4	Yaroslav RAKITS'KYY	Ukraine
	5	Jonathan ROSSINI	Switzerland
	5	Chris SMALLING	England
14	Kyle WALKER	England	
Midfielders	10	Christian ERIKSEN	Denmark
	13	Marcel GECOV	Czech Republic
	18	ANDER HERRERA	Spain
	4	JAVI MARTÍNEZ	Spain
	7	Mihail SIVAKOV	Belarus
	19	THIAGO Alcántara	Spain
Forwards	7	ADRIÁN López	Spain
	10	Juan MATA	Spain
	11	Admir MEHMEDI	Switzerland
	10	Xherdan SHAQIRI	Switzerland
	19	Kolbeinn SIGTHORSSON	Iceland
	10	Daniel STURRIDGE	England