

ABSTRACT

Title: Analysis of play in the final third of the field for teams of different age groups.

Purpose: The aim of this bachelor's thesis is to analyze offensive actions in the final third of the playing field for three teams of different age groups. The results will be compared with each other, evaluated, and recommendations for the training process will be developed.

Methods: For the processing of this work, the scientific method of indirect observation was used, utilizing the received video recordings from tactical cameras placed on an elevated position in the middle of the playing field, so that the entire field along with all the players could be seen in the recording.

Results:

For all analyzed teams, the most common way to start an offensive action in the final third of the field is through their own build-up play. This also applies to the observed variables of attack time and number of passes. We found that all teams strive for the quickest and most direct offensive action possible, aiming to threaten the opponent's goal. In the variable "zone of attack," we observed a difference between Sevilla FC and both SK Slavia Prague teams. Sevilla players more frequently conducted their attacks along the sides of the field compared to the players of both SK Slavia Prague teams. The analysis confirmed the trend in modern football for the variable "ratio between attackers and defenders," showing a significant prevalence of offensive actions where attackers were outnumbered by defenders. For the variable "finishing," it was confirmed that the most effective shooting area is inside the penalty box, which was consistent for all analyzed teams.

Conclusion:

The main objective of this study was to analyze and compare the play in the final third of the field among three teams of different age groups: SK Slavia Prague U15, the reserve team SK Slavia Prague "B," and the senior team Sevilla FC. The hypothesis that the most frequent finisher would be the forward was disproved, reflecting the modern football trend towards player versatility. The results between the youth and reserve teams of SK

Slavia Prague were very similar, indicating a consistent training approach across all categories. Consequently, SK Slavia Prague exhibits a technically and offensively oriented playing style at all age levels. This consistency and focus on offensive play confirm the effectiveness of the club's training methods in developing young players.

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