ABSTRACT

Title of project: The analysis of finishing attacks in football at EURO 2012

Aim of project: The aim of this thesis is to identify the most often and effective way of finishing attacks on EURO 2012 in chosen national teams, compare the results with the ones from WC 2010, identify characteristic models of finishing attacks and create a set of exercises for the training process.

Methodology:Research was analyzed from indirect observation of video recordings of football matches from EURO 2012.

Results: The most effective way of finishing is shooting from first or second touch within the penalty area. The identified models of finishing are combinations in front of the penalty area, intersection to the goal line with a back pass, passing the ball from the wing area in front of the penalty area, centre ball behind the line of defence and a vertical intersection pass behind the defence.

Key words: football –shooting – Czech national team - Spain - Netherlands – finishing – attack - model