ANALYSIS OF TEAM PLAY (Tools and Techniques)

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OBJECTIVES: Team Technical Analysis

- WHY ANALYZE YOUR TEAM?
- PRINCIPLES?
- TECHNIQUES & TOOLS?
TARGET #1: WHY
TEAM TECHNICAL ANALYSIS...WHY?

JAPAN (2) v Korea Republic (1)
2009 AFC U19 Women’s Championship

DATE: 12-AUG, 2009  TEAM: JAPAN
TECH STAFF: D. CHESLER

TEAM ATTACK PERSPECTIVES:
- Exceptional movement in all 3 lines: Flanker, center backs & midfielders
- Primary outlet in the middle, use their strength & power to stretch & press the ball
- Full-backs set wide, press & block the center attacking players
- Strikers & their support players attempt to exploit the gaps

TEAM DEFENDING SYSTEM:
- 4 backs zone across the width of the field
- Midfield disciplined & well-coordinated movement
- Shift & press the ball
- All 10 field players behind the ball, possession is lost in the opposition half
- Ball that is focused on high number of attackers
- Mid 3rd defense has no key ballholder, team defends on effort & numerical advantage

SPECIAL PLAYERS:
- Forward: Iwabuchi
- Centre: Yamasato

GOALS:
- (69) #9 Yasumoto (ZPI)
- (69) #11 Ji So You (KOR)
- (77) #10 Izumi (ZPI)

GENERAL COMMENTS:
- Physical/Aggression: 7
- Technical: 10
- Tactical: 9
- Speed of Play: 8

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TEAM TECHNICAL ANALYSIS...WHY?

- MATCH STRATEGY
- QUALITATIVE PERSPECTIVE
- QUANTITATIVE PERSPECTIVE
- TRAINING PLANS
- DELIBERATE PRACTICE
- TEAM REPORT
TEAM TECHNICAL ANALYSIS...CONTENTS?
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- System
- Style
- Substitutions
- Strategy
- Mentality
- Physical
- Tactics / Roles
TARGET #2: PRINCIPLES
TEAM TECHNICAL ANALYSIS...PRINCIPLES?

3 PRINCIPLES

#1 ESSENTIAL (Components)
#2 OBSERVATION / “FILTRATION”
#3 BALANCED (Perspective)
PRINCIPLE #1: **ESSENTIAL** qualities.

The first question….leads to **superficial facts**.

*(Ex.)* What is the formation?

An expert observer will always asks the “next” question, which then leads to the “next” question…..

*(Ex.)* What are the **roles** within each line?
MATCH ENVIRONMENT / EVENT:
USA U18 WNT v. GERMANY '94

DATE: February 1, 2011
TEAM: U18 Women

TECH STAFF: Chesler, Gabarra

MATCH-PLAN

ATTACKING TARGETS:
1. Utilize flank players to stretch opponent across the width.
2. Support underneath the player in possession with the intent to SERVE FORWARD, between defenders.
3. Flank midfielders move into aggressive, advanced starting positions as frequently as possible.

DEFENDING TARGETS:
1. Central Midfield Triangle must maintain a defending shape that eliminates central penetrating passes to the opponent's strikers. (primarily the holding pair)
2. Ambitious individual defending is a priority “CONFRONT-CHECK-CONTROL” Get into an aggressive start position & hunt to regain possession
3. Recognize opportunities for flank defender to step ahead of the off-side line. Recognize & COORDINATE when the flank defender should hold with the line.

TRANSITION
1. Urgency to recover to the line of confrontation on all opponent goal-kicks and punts. (LOC= +20 yds)
2. Urgency and effort in defensive recovery runs when the ball is served or carried past your position.
3. Urgency to physically and mentally prepare for assignments on defending re-starts.
TEAM TECHNICAL ANALYSIS...PRINCIPLES?

PRINCIPLE #2: OBSERVATION and recording.
PRINCIPLE #3: BALANCED perceptions?

Isolated Event
Fact
Quantitative
Individual

Pattern
Interpretation
Qualitative
Collective Action
TARGET #3: TECHNIQUES & TOOLS
TACTICAL ARROWS = ATTACKING ROLES
EVENT: Sample Tracking

START TIME: 5’ (1st Half)  END TIME: 20’
PRACTICAL APPLICATION
(Deliberate Practice)
INDIVIDUAL ANALYSIS….Right Fullback
GROUP ANALYSIS...attacking entries

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Throw-ins = Green
Headers = Red
Free Kicks = Purple / White
Crosses = Orange
Corners = Yellow
Dribbles = Yellow (squiggly)