



M18 EHF EURO (Montenegro) YAC Qualitative Analysis



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INTRODUCTION

The M18 EHF EURO 2024 Montenegro qualitative summary provides an analysis of the performance of the 24 participating teams and their respective players, who competed at the tournament from 7-18 August 2024.

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TOURNAMENT – FACTS & FIGURES

- 24 teams competed in four preliminary groups.
- 96 matches were played over the course of 11 days.
- 5,569 goals were scored from 9,038 shots, at an average of 62 per cent.
- The goalkeepers made 2,092 saves from 7,696 shots, at an efficiency of 27.18 per cent.
- None of the four finalists had a perfect record coming into the final matches.
- Sweden, Denmark, Hungary and Iceland played in the final weekend.
- For the third time, Sweden took the title in this age category after beating Denmark 37:36 after overtime.

MATCHES & PLAYERS – FACTS

- The top three goalkeepers in terms of save percentage were Frederik Møller (DEN – 79 saves at 35.1 per cent), Gjorgji Nikolovski (MKD – 83 saves at 34 per cent), Daniel Guretzky (GER – 70 saves at 33.3 per cent).
- The top three goal scorers in terms of shooting efficiency were Asaf Sharon (ISR – 71 goals at 69.6 per cent), Yoni Peyrabout (FRA – 65 goals at 83.3 per cent) and Djordje Drasko (SRB – 63 goals at 77.8 per cent). Yoni Peyrabout (FRA) also had the highest shooting percentage of the top 37 scorers.

COACHES

- Only 1 foreign coach (ISL) was active at the YAC competition, equating to 0.04 per cent of participating teams.
- Austria had the only female coach at the tournament.

DEFENCE ANALYSIS



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DEFENCE GENERAL ASPECTS

- The teams at the M18 EHF EURO 2024 used a variety of defensive formations.
- Looking at the number of blocked shots and steals, Denmark had the best defence in the tournament with 24 blocks and 16 steals (an average of 5 per match), followed by Sweden with 21 blocked shots and 18 steals (an average of 4.88 per match) and Germany with 30 blocked shots and 8 steals (an average of 4.75 per match).

DEFENCE TACTICAL ASPECTS

- Most of the teams used a 6:0 zone defence, although with different styles.
 - 2nd defenders aimed to pressure decision making of the playmaker.
 - Man to man defence was used both in the final match and the bronze medal match in overtime
 - Crossing
- Some teams played a 5:1 defensive system as a second system.
- Best individual defenders:
 - Aim for an attacker foul
- Numerical inferiority:
 - outside defenders have an important role
 - back defender aims to pressure the playmaker

TOP 3 BEST DEFENCES

Team	Blocks	Steals	Total	Avg.
Denmark (DEN)	24	16	40	5
Sweden (SWE)	21	18	39	4.88
Germany (GER)	30	8	38	4.75



GOALKEEPER PERFORMANCE

- The overall goalkeeper performance was very similar to that of the M18 EHF EURO 2022.
- There was a very similar overall save percentage (37 per cent in 2024 and 33 per cent in 2022).
- The two goalkeepers of Denmark were in the top 10 of the overall goalkeeper statistics.
- The top three goalkeeping teams in the tournament were Denmark, North Macedonia and Germany (35.1 per cent, 34 per cent and 33.3 per cent, respectively).
- Good cooperation between defence and goalkeeper:

GOALKEEPERS			
	Goals	Shots	Percentage
6m centre shots	1,023	3,849	26.6%
Wing shots	341	912	37.4%
9m shots	1.877	3.466	54.2%
7m penalty shots	76	732	10.4%
Total	3,317	8,959	37%

GOALKEEPERS TOP 3				
	Saves	Shots	Matches played	%
Frederik Møller Wolff (DEN)	79	225	7	35.1%
Oliver Briese Havregaard Nielsen (DEN)	25	82	7	30.5%
Viggo Håkansson (SWE)	57	190	8	30%

ATTACK ANALYSIS



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ATTACK GENERAL ASPECTS

- At the M18 EHF EURO 2024, 5,569 goals were scored from 9,038 shots, at a rate of 62 per cent.

ATTACK TACTICAL ASPECTS

- In common attack, most teams played crossings against zone defence, transitions:
 - cross between back players
 - cross with the line player
 - double crosses
 - wing transition
 - back transition
- More important role for wing players
- When attacking in numerical superiority, the teams often played with two line players
- Fast break played from direct goalkeeper pass or extra pass through player
- Attack transition defence – attack together with the goalkeeper:
 - The counterattack showed the individual techniques of most of the players.
- Passive play
- Completing the attack with a free throw when passive play had been called

SHOTS BY POSITION

Rank	Team	Total	9m %	6m %	Wing Shot %	7m Penalty Shots %
1	Sweden	64.3%	49.2%	75.3%	59.6%	80.8%
2	Denmark	63.9%	58.1%	76.1%	66.1%	80.8%
3	Hungary	60.5%	45.8%	70.6%	63.8%	67.9%
4	Germany	63.6%	52.1%	73.4%	67.9%	64.3%



PROFILE OF THE MODERN PLAYER

PLAYERS FOR THE FUTURE

Launched in 2019 by the EHF, the Respect Your Talent programme promotes the holistic development of talented players both on and off the handball court, addressing topics such as the dual career, anti-doping, mental fitness, media, and sports law. Over the past few years, a plethora of young players has taken part in the programme, mentored by former stalwarts like Ivano Balic, Vid Kavticnik, Victor Tomas, Stefan Lövgren and Carlos Prieto after shining in the younger age categories of the EHF EURO. Now, as those players come of age, they are ready to impress at the highest level at the senior Men's EHF EURO.

Nikola Roganovic (SWE), son of former Montenegrin national team player Zoran Roganovic was awarded as the Most Valuable Player.

All-star Team

CONCLUSIONS AND FINDINGS



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- For the third time, Sweden took the title in this age category.
- They beat Denmark 37:36 after overtime.
- Spain scored the most goals in the tournament (280 goals from 428 shots, an efficiency of 65.4 per cent).
- Slovenia had the highest percentage (68.3) comparing goals scored versus shots taken (258 vs 378) followed by Serbia (65.3) and Sweden (64.3)
- Offensive defences are an area of focus. Most of the teams started from zone defence but with offensive defenders up to 9 metres.
- More important roles for the line players and wing players.
- Good individual techniques of players.

ALL-STAR TEAM

GOALKEEPER

Frederik Møller Wolff



LEFT WING

Yoni Peyrabout



LEFT BACK

Djordje Drasko



CENTRE BACK

Árni Heimisson



RIGHT BACK

Oskar Møller Jakobsen



RIGHT WING

Hugo Vila López



LINE PLAYER

Bennet Strobel



MVP

Nikola Roganovic





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