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FOREWORD

The FIFA U-20 World Cup has always been a major event in the world of football and for the host country in particular. For all up-and-coming football stars, it certainly represents the pinnacle of this wonderful game at youth level. Moreover, it has always been synonymous with a array of emotions and the passion of the young players involved, and Poland 2019 was definitely no exception. The great organisation of this fantastic football nation ensured that the FIFA U-20 World Cup in Poland, like many other global showpieces before it, was an event to remember. Every match secured its place in FIFA’s history books.

We saw great games and brilliant moves in abundance, but what most caught the eye was the unreserved passion of the players. These young men are on the path to stardom in the professional game, meaning that changes aplenty await them, but nothing will erase their memories of the U-20 World Cup and the six beautiful Polish cities where it was contested.

At the end of the day, Ukraine were the best team, and they confirmed it with their dominant performance in the final against a visibly fatigued Korea Republic. The Ukrainians exhibited excellent leadership, a clear tactical vision and physical superiority to conquer the world, make history and do their people and country as proud as ever. My friend Andriy Shevchenko confirmed as much in a conversation that reminded me of my own feelings after winning the U 20 World Cup with Yugoslavia in 1987, which was the most wonderful experience of my playing career. Since that edition of the competition was staged in Chile, that whole generation of winners were fondly referred to as “the Chileans” for many years afterwards. I am sure that it will be a similar story for Oleksandr Petrakov and his charges: a bright future beckons for them, but no matter what they go on to accomplish, they will always be able to call themselves World Champions! No one can ever take that away from them.

Beyond the Ukrainian fairy tale, I would like to conclude by paying tribute to the country that put on this great tournament. THANK YOU Poland, thank you to the Polish Football Association and its President, Zbigniew Boniek, and thank you to the volunteers and all the Polish football fans who watched the tournament. It was an unqualified success! DZIĘKI for another magical football story...

Yours in football,
Zvonimir Boban
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TOURNAMENT OBSERVATION
GOAL ANALYSIS

Goals were prevalent in this edition of the FIFA U-20 World Cup, with only two matches (both in the group phase) ending in goalless draws. We witnessed 153 goals – 13 more than at the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2017, the rate of 2.9 goals per game was in keeping with the majority of previous editions. The numbers for Poland 2019 were certainly assisted by Norway’s 12-0 win over Honduras, the biggest victory in the competition’s history, which featured a nine-goal haul for striker Erling Håland (19).

Effective use was made of the lateral areas, with a large proportion of goals occurring from crosses, cut-backs or precise balls whipped in to the dangerous zone between the goalkeeper and retreating defenders. Driving runs from the wide areas and great technical ability created these openings, which the attacking players in the box did not fail to capitalise on.

Although organised high pressing was not widespread, when teams did manage to regain the ball they were ruthless in their conversion of these openings with only a few touches needed to break through the opponent’s lines. Catching teams at their most vulnerable when unbalanced and open by exploiting their mistakes allowed the launching of rapid transitions and provided the opportunity to find space and time in front of goal.

At the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™, which represents the highest level of competition, 37% of goals were scored from set-plays, whereas dead-ball dominance was not as prominent in Poland, with only 27% of goals being scored in this manner. We did, however, witness three critical game-changing set-play goals in the knockout stage: two quickly taken free kicks by Mali and Korea Republic caught their opponents off guard, the latter taking the Asian team through to the final. Korea Republic had previously required a perfectly delivered corner deep into second-half stoppage time to force extra time in their quarter-final match against Senegal.
The defensive approach from finalists Ukraine and Korea Republic, who both used a solid block of three central defenders supported by two holding midfielders, allowed these teams to manage the space in front and behind them. Ukraine’s compact defensive block coupled with the presence of the tournament’s best goalkeeper Andriy Lunin (1), made them a very difficult target for their opposition, as illustrated by the fact that they conceded only four goals in seven matches. When teams at this tournament lost control of these areas, alluring spaces behind their defensive lines were presented for quick, intelligent attackers to make runs into. The timing of the movements accompanied by perfectly weighted through-balls, created numerous goalscoring opportunities, many of which were expertly converted.

The quality of execution on show in the final third was notable. The ability of a number of individuals, who possessed the capacity to find pockets of space and deliver the final touch, made this tournament a showpiece in this regard. The winner of the Golden Ball, Korea Republic’s Lee Kangin (10), was one of the most prominent examples in terms of delivering clinical passes. Attacking players were able to quickly punish sides that lost balance and organisation. It was clear to see that players possessed vision and mutual understanding, with teams attacking the space in coordination, creating openings in front of goal. This was also a confirmation of the work done by the coaching staff to neutralise and break down their opponents while at the same time maximising the chances to break the rivals’ defensive lines and adapt to tactical changes during the games.
FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019

Both runners-up Korea Republic and eventual winners Ukraine entered the final with an average of 44% ball possession, in line with one of the main trends observed at the 2018 FIFA World Cup, where champions France had exactly the same percentage in the knockout stage. This can be seen as linked to an “efficiency-driven approach” whereby teams focus on playing in smaller spaces, staying compact and triggering fast transitions.

It was clear during this tournament that teams had a vertical mindset and looked to drive the ball forward quickly, bypassing opponents’ lines with crisp passes or driving runs. We observed quality examples of link-up play between and inside all three lines. Midfielders positioned themselves to receive the ball from defenders when building and then had the ability to deliver perfectly weighted through-balls allowing vertical progression. These stressed the overarching role of quick attacks instead of endless elaboration and possession. The movement of the ball from back to front was simply impressive, thus highlighting the teams’ strong tactical awareness as well as the premise that talent and technique remain the key element.

It was rare to observe central midfielders dropping down to split the two centre-backs to generate attacking actions. Instead, we saw centre-backs, such as the USA’s Chris Richards (5), with the ability to deliver key line-breaking passes or to drive the ball forwards into spaces, allowing the midfielders to take more attacking positions higher up the pitch. On occasion, the use of the long ball was also apparent, where a “target man” was used to retain and deliver the ball as a more direct route to the final third.

“Besides having the right players to implement vertical progressive play, we could see a great deal of synchronisation between the lines and an excellent tactical awareness by the players. This is quite remarkable considering the limited time of preparation.”

Fernando Couto
(TSG Member)
As part of the efficiency-driven approach displayed by the majority of teams, the use of the high press was not the predominant feature during the competition, meaning that when in possession, a team typically found the opposition in shape and attempting to close the spaces. Playing long balls and finding openings in the lateral areas on occasions provided an answer. The lack of pressure on the ball allowed time to play lofted diagonals to wide midfielders or progressing full-backs, creating opportunities by unbalancing the defence and opening up the final third. The ability to distribute these clinical balls to the wings was not solely limited to the holding midfielders, with many defenders actively exhibiting their capacity to read the game and also accurately spread the play.

The quality of the wide players made this implemented tactic so successful with exquisite first touches into space and then driving runs with players often displaying the ability to attack a defender 1v1. The high position of the attacking full-backs also assisted in creating superiority on the sides before the defending team could re-balance. The switch of play to open access to the final third proved highly successful, with many goals being created from these advanced lateral positions, as highlighted in the goal analysis. Interestingly, the lack of high pressure seen in Poland marked a difference compared to the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2017, where, as stated in the technical report (page 11), “a lot of the games saw teams playing at high intensity and pressurising with and without the ball.”

“In Poland, we saw plenty of defensive players who showcased their strong passing skills by distributing precise balls to the wings, from where numerous goals were generated. The distribution of offensive balls was not only within the remit of the midfielders.”

Ivo Šušak
(TSG Member)
The interest that this tournament holds for clubs from all around the world was obvious when seated in the stands, with numerous player scouts in attendance at each game, and the players did not disappoint.

The list of players who caught the eye in Poland included but was not limited to:

- Lee Kangin (KOR, 10)
- Chris Richards (USA, 5)
- Andriy Lunin (UKR, 1)
- Alessandro Plizzari (ITA, 1)
- Serhii Buletsa (UKR, 10)
- Sekou Koita (MLI, 20)
- Yukhym Konoplia (UKR, 17)
- Valerii Bondar (UKR, 2)
- Gonzalo Plata (ECU, 20)
- Amadou Sagna (SEN, 7)
There were some fine examples of high-level goalkeeping on show in Poland, epitomised by adidas Golden Glove winner Andriy Lunin (1) of Ukraine, whose presence and timing were simply outstanding. As previously discussed, numerous balls were played in behind the defensive line; however, not all ended in goals. There were some fantastic examples of goalkeepers intercepting through-balls both inside and outside the penalty area. Positioning was key, with many goalkeepers finding great starting points and displaying excellent game-reading ability. An outstanding attribute was their capacity to attack directly the path of the ball allowing them to arrive first before fast approaching attackers. The goalkeeper’s awareness allowed them to intercept and sweep up many of these through balls before any dangerous situations could occur.

Two prominent law changes by IFAB were introduced during the FIFA U-20 World Cup that directly impacted goalkeepers. Firstly, from goal kicks, outfield players are now able to receive the ball inside the penalty area, whilst the defensive team must still remain outside of the box. A few teams looked to take advantage of this amendment, with Italy having clearly thought through the new possibilities this creates, which led to them attempting to start to build play from inside their own area. The second law change requires goalkeepers to have at least part of one foot on or in line with the goal line when a penalty kick is taken. With VAR in use, this placed a close spotlight on goalkeepers’ movements during penalty kicks, and retakes were occasionally required due to encroachment. With this new law in place and being strictly enforced, goalkeepers may now need to give more thought to how they approach penalty kicks.

“The amended Laws of the Game will have a substantial impact on goalkeeping coaching, as we are talking about potentially match-changing situations that a modern goalkeeper needs to dominate.”

Pascal Zuberbühler
(FIFA Goalkeeping Specialist)
INTERVIEWS WITH THE COACHES OF THE SEMI-FINALISTS
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Paolo Nicolato, Italy

Could you tell us a bit about your coaching and educational background?

Having only played at amateur level, I started coaching at a very early age, in 1987. I coached in the Italian amateur leagues for about a decade before moving to a professional club, ChievoVerona. I spent many years as the coach of their so-called Primavera team (the U-19s), leading them to the national title, the Scudetto, in 2014. I also served as their first-team assistant coach in the top flight, Serie A, for one year. My next club were Lumezzane in the Italian third division, Serie C. After that, I joined the Italian Football Association (FIGC), where I started out as the U-18 coach. In summary, I’ve coached professionally for 15 years now, at Chievo, Lumezzane and now as a youth coach for the FIGC.

How long have you been working for your association and when did you become head coach of the U-20 team?

I signed my contract three years ago. I coached the U-18s in the first year and the U-19s the year after. We reached the final of the [UEFA U-19] EURO [in 2018], but unfortunately we lost it. Now I’m coaching the U-20s with a very similar group to the one that

I started out with three years ago, with a core of players born in 1999.

How did you prepare for this tournament?

The main job was to find the right players, due to the [UEFA] U-21 EURO almost overlapping with the U-20 World Cup. With Italy hosting the U-21 EURO, a lot of importance was attached to it and so we lost almost 50% of our squad to the U-21s and had to replace them. Therefore, we devoted a lot of time and energy to getting to know the new players and helping them to gel with the group and bed into our system.

Does your association have a philosophy when it comes to football development? If so, how would you describe it?

Yes, in my opinion, there is a philosophy in place. There is substantial investment in the national youth teams and we have a great coordinator in Maurizio

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Viscidi. He sets out the guidelines and the ethos regarding how we develop and work with young players. There is a lot of collaboration; regular meetings are held between the different coaches. The level of commitment is much higher compared to the past in terms of things like games played and support for away trips. We have also strengthened the structures at clubs a lot.

Did the association agree to your preparation programme?

Everything is agreed upon, of course. We exchange opinions; we talk about everything with the technical director, who oversees all the national teams. It's a very open environment: we hold lots of discussions. We jointly decided on the path to follow.

How did the technical director support the preparation of your team?

The technical director supervises everything and we obviously involve him in every decision. He is extremely well versed both technically and tactically. However, he's not dogmatic and doesn't bind us to a single approach; he gives us leeway to choose the most suitable system and game plan according to the characteristics of the players.

How many members of support staff travelled with the team, what were their roles and how did you select them?

The coaching staff is composed of myself and three others: the goalkeeping coach, the fitness coach and my assistant. Then there is the match analyst and the GPS data analyst. The medical part is very important, so we have two doctors and two physiotherapists. On the administrative side, there are two secretaries. Needless to say, I chose my staff with the FIGC's blessing. They're the same people that I had with me last year [at the U-19 EURO]: part of the reason was to provide a certain amount of continuity, particularly given that we had to replace 50% of the players. Things went very smoothly last year, we worked really well together, and so we decided to stick with the same set-up and to continue our journey together.

How do you and your staff support the players' development?

We obviously have to monitor and build on all the work done by the clubs. Many of these players don’t play regularly for their clubs, and so see the national team as a great opportunity to show off their skills. We also try to give them the best possible platform to display their qualities from a tactical point of view.

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We look at the players first and foremost and go on to make technical and tactical choices on that basis. We do not adapt the players to the playing system, but rather, based on the attributes of the players at our disposal, we come up with a suitable way of playing. I try to play to their strengths and we work a lot on honing them.

How many games did your team play during the preparation phase on the road to the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019 (the confederation tournament, international tournaments and/or friendlies)?
We qualified for the U-20 World Cup in Poland through our runners-up finish at the [U-19] EURO last year. We were able to get together every month this year, although this only coincided with official FIFA international windows on a few occasions, which meant that we rarely had a full-strength squad at our disposal. We also took part in the Eight Nations Tournament, which was an opportunity to see these players in action, as only boys born in 1998 and 1999 were eligible to play. Of course, we only called up boys born in 1999, to tie in with our preparations for the U-20 World Cup. Apart from that, we didn’t have the chance to contest any other matches. Therefore, after qualifying, my players played seven games.

Incidentally, we only had four days to prepare ahead of the World Cup and we didn’t even have the full squad available, because many were involved in the Serie B and Serie C promotion and relegation playoffs. We had to strike a deal in order to get 13-14 players released.

How did you monitor and assess the players’ fitness levels?

Well, that’s the kind of work we delegate to our fitness coach, Vincenzo Pincolini. He is in contact with his counterparts and the medical staff at the various clubs; whenever they perform tests, they share the data with us. That’s what we do during the year. It’s also part of my job to stay on top of that. We have to follow this procedure because we don’t have that much time to perform that sort of analyses within the national-team set-up. In that sense, it’s worth noting that we had to trust the work done by the boys at their clubs because we had no other choice. We didn’t have a lot of players available in the lead-up to the tournament, so we had to trust that the lads were ready and well prepared physically.

What were your biggest challenges in preparing for the tournament?

As I said before, I guess a big challenge was finding a strategy to identify the right players. We tried out 35 players across the Eight Nations Tournament and experimented with different systems across the seven games in that competition to see how they would adapt. We eventually chose a system at the very end based on the players’ skills. We had to change some players’ positions in order to fill gaps, owing to injuries and players being called up for the U 21s; for example, we were very light in midfield. That was the biggest challenge: to put together a cohesive team and play to their strengths, despite having to use certain players in different roles compared to where they operate at club level.
What were your main criteria for the selection of your players?

In general, I prioritise technical attributes. Based on how I see the game, I would like all my players to have great technical ability and explosive power. Those are the two criteria that I place the most stock in. However, it’s obviously not always possible and you can also have players who perhaps aren’t standouts in these areas, but boast great tactical acumen instead.

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Do you analyse your opponents before each match and present the analysis to your players?

Of course. Ahead of matches, we do a collective analysis of the team we’re going to face in terms of their approach both in and out of possession. We also analyse the opposition players individually, breaking down their respective strengths and looking at the individual battles our players are going to encounter. In addition, together with the match analysts, we likewise do a post-match debrief with the players after every game, running through what they did well and not so well. The match analysts have an important job and help us a lot; the FIGC does very good work in this area.

How would you describe the post-match recovery routine of your team?

It’s always different. It took on extra significance this year, given that I didn’t have that much depth in the squad. I had far more options last year compared to this time round and so was able to rotate my team more then. The recovery process is different for every player; some boys can take a day or two more to recover compared to others. For that reason, we personalise it, with a different regime for every player. We tried to prioritise recovery in training sessions during the competition, since it’s absolutely crucial, especially because we only used a small number of players, who therefore had a lot of football in their legs. Of course, the doctors and physiotherapists play a key role and do a great job, and it’s also one of the fitness coach’s main focus areas.
INTERVIEWS WITH THE COACHES OF THE SEMI-FINALISTS

Jorge Célico, Ecuador

Could you tell us a bit about your coaching and educational background?

I stumbled into coaching. Having hung up my boots aged 29, I was strolling around the streets of my local neighbourhood one day when I bumped into a former director from Atlético Huracán, where I spent my entire youth career as a player. He asked me if I fancied lending a hand at the club’s academy and I jumped at the chance. I started working with the youngest age group there, and that’s when I enrolled to study at the Adolfo Pedernera [coaching] school in La Plata. I really threw myself into the profession and very quickly found myself given bigger jobs: first as a youth director, next as the head of the youth system and then in the senior game. I forged a career on the basis of the sheer energy I put into my work.

I got my big break at senior level as Huracán’s interim coach. The club were in a rut and were bracing themselves to face River Plate away from home. That was a star-studded River side to boot, featuring the likes of Leonardo Astrada, Eduardo Coudet, Nelson Pipino Cuevas and Celso Ayala, and coached by Manuel Pellegrini. I’ll never forget the subsequent sequence of events, which proved life-changing for me. I asked the club president to give me a free hand to do what I wanted, which was to select six youngsters whom I’d had under my wing, and two of them eventually scored for us in a 2-1 win.

I subsequently coached Ecuadorian club Universidad Católica for six months. After returning to Argentina, Universidad Católica called me again and then El Nacional [another Ecuadorian outfit] approached me about heading up their entire youth set-up. I was lucky enough to have a wonderful crop of young players at El Nacional, including Antonio Valencia, the late [Christian] Chucho Benítez and Pedro Quiñónez, whom I assembled into a brilliant team. Those kids later rose into the first team and won two league titles under Ever Hugo Almeida. After the conclusion of my time at El Nacional, Universidad Católica came back in for me and I wound up spending eight more years there, building the first team around 20-year-olds. After getting promoted, we went on to end the club’s 34-year exile from continental action, ultimately securing qualification for continental competitions four times on the spin. These days, Universidad Católica are one of the leading teams in the Ecuadorian league and have fared impressively in the [CONMEBOL] Copa Sudamericana.
How long have you been working for your association and when did you become head coach of the U-20 team?

Carlos Villacís [the President of the Ecuadorian Football Association (FEF) at the time] contacted me about heading up the Ecuadorian youth national team set-up in 2017, while I was at Universidad Católica. That's also when I took the reins of the U-20s.

Have you managed a national team before? If so, at what level?

I joined the Ecuadorian Football Association in June 2017; that was my first experience of coaching in international football. I've now been in the job for two years.

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How did you prepare for this tournament?

I laid out my plans and set about scouting across the country, including assessing players as far down as the third division. In the absence of a rule requiring youngsters to be given game time in Ecuador, many such players lacked exposure, so we launched a process for which I received great backing from the former board. Consequently, we made an initial selection of 200 players, which I then whittled down to 40, whom I took to play all over the continent, including in Peru, Venezuela and Argentina. We also played against top flight teams in Ecuador. That laid the groundwork ahead of the [CONMEBOL] South American U-20 Championship [2019, which Ecuador won], where we used practically the same squad as in Poland. I was able to do two very important things during that period: firstly, watch a lot of football in order to select the right players, and secondly, instil my style of play through competitive games. The lads play the way we ask them to and have proven that they are great players. When we started this process, these players were toiling in obscurity, whereas now, some are plying their trade in Europe, while others are being chased by top clubs, and many are already playing top-flight football.

Does your association have a philosophy when it comes to football development? If so, how would you describe it?

The main aim is to strengthen the youth system, a move that began under the former board. I previously worked under Francisco Egas, the current FEF President, for eight years at Universidad Católica. He knows that processes yield results and his vision revolves around augmenting such processes and providing more tools for the youth set-up, as well as fostering players' intellectual development.

Did the association agree to your preparation programme?

We've always seen eye to eye. I've only worked at a few clubs, but each time over a long period, and they always offered me new contracts. I'm fortunate in that the FEF President understands my methods and gives me free rein to go about my work, irrespective of the results.

What is the youth structure like at the FEF and how does your preparation process work?
I’m nothing on my own. Everybody plays a highly important role and so does every area.

Moreover, we hold regular training camps and each of our teams has a permanent technical staff. As far as I’m concerned, preparation periods are more important than competitions, because competitions can set you back at times – for example, if you have a bad result, which can be disheartening. A sound planning process underpins these preparation periods for all of the national teams.

How many members of the support staff travelled with the team and what were their roles?

I have an assistant coach, a fitness coach and a video analyst; they make up the technical staff proper. On top of that, there’s a whole range of other support staff: a PR officer, a chef, a coordinator, a doctor, two physiotherapists – because physical recovery is extremely important – and two kit men.

We have a different coach and specific technical staff for each age group, and then I perform a dual role: besides being in charge of the U-20s, I oversee the direction of all the work carried out. It’s very unlikely that any two coaches will think exactly alike, so that’s why I draw up general guidelines that focus on the footballing philosophy, rather than on the nuts and bolts of the system or particular training methods. That philosophy rests on certain principles that I see as non-negotiable: taking good care of the ball and making use of passing triangles, overlaps and runs into space to throw off markers.

I look to cultivate five or six things that, if executed right, together serve as a springboard for our footballing philosophy to shine through, even if, say, the U-15 coach elects to play 4 4 2, the U-17 manager lines up in a 4 3 3 and I employ a 4 2 3 1. The ethos behind the system has to be the same. There are certain things that I’m trying to tweak, like the use of long balls, and I strive to emphasise the importance of fair play. But beyond all these ideas, it is the U-20s’ impressive performances that vindicate our work.
How do you and your staff support the players’ development?

I’m nothing on my own. Everybody plays a highly important role and so does every area. We’re like a well-oiled machine and I feel much more relaxed and better supported with the other staff members around me. I couldn’t do anything without them.

How many games did your team play during the preparation phase on the road to the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019 (the confederation tournament, international tournaments and/or friendlies)?

We contested around 12 official games against other national teams, which was really important, because in the past, Ecuador would only play a third of that, i.e. four or five games. We played twice apiece against Colombia and Peru, took part in a quadrangular tournament in Venezuela and toured Argentina. We must’ve played 14 or 15 games in total. Furthermore, during each training camp, we also faced teams from the first and second divisions. We must’ve completed around 40 competitive matches in total across these camps.

How did you monitor and assess the players’ fitness levels?

Gauging fitness is tricky, because there are always ups and downs. In our case, my fitness coach is in constant contact with his counterparts at the various clubs where the players ply their trade.

From a young age, I’ve subscribed to Dutch club Ajax’s TIPS system, which stands for technique, intelligence, personality and speed. In my opinion, the technical side is vital. One thing that has changed is that Ecuadorian football used to be very much hung up on physique, because Ecuadorian players have a spectacular build, but it lends itself to other sports than football. For football, you need more varied technical prowess and a different type of intelligence compared to a 100m sprinter.

What were your biggest challenges in preparing for the tournament?

The biggest challenge is usually getting the president onside. I had his full backing, but the hardest part is educating the leadership and getting the president to understand the importance of high performance, because that’s what international football is all about: competing at the highest level. To reiterate, I’ve benefited from the full support of the leadership, but still, it’s a real challenge to ensure that the most possible energy and investment are poured into the sporting area. That’s what produces good results in the long term.

How would you describe the post-match recovery routine of your team?

It’s all part of a wider regimen that also includes a balanced diet and both protein and vitamin supplements. Whenever the players report for international duty, we give them supplements – approved ones, of course – and at the end of matches, they get massages, undergo cryotherapy and use a jacuzzi; whatever’s necessary. That’s why we took two physiotherapists along. The players’ diet is meticulously crafted to provide them with carbohydrates, protein and all the necessary nutrients to repair their bodies as quickly as possible. We’re also looking to buy some equipment on this front; for example, we’ve requested that the FEF invest in compression boots, which accelerate the recovery process.

Do you analyse your opponents before each match and present the analysis to your players?

Whenever I’m back in my room, I’m doing research for the team, watching and rewatching matches involving our upcoming opponents. I take notes and put together summaries of their attacking and defensive play, as well as their set pieces. That aside, we have different platforms at our disposal to monitor players that we’re going to be facing on an individual basis. I pull all that together into summaries of no more than 25 minutes. I produce two 25-minute videos, which I use to round off my pre-match team talks. I place a lot of stock in this, because while my team’s playing philosophy won’t change, our tactical and positional set-up will vary depending on how the opposition play.

What were your main criteria for the selection of your players?

What I’ve done is place the emphasis on the technical aspect, and I’ve also held trial camps, in other words, short training camps with players who might never be selected, but whom I wanted to run the rule over. In sum, it’s about the technical side, intelligence, personality and speed, and I don’t just mean physical speed, but also quick thinking and reading of the game. I think that these days, we’ve got a technically accomplished side who can impose themselves through their play rather than just their physical strength.

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Chung Jung-yong, Korea Republic

Could you tell us a bit about your coaching and educational background?

I used to be a professional player in Korea Republic until I was 29, but unfortunately, due to injuries, I had to retire. After that, I went to Brazil, Argentina, Portugal and China, where I focused on youth football, and after a few years, I came back to Korea Republic and started working for the Korea Football Association (KFA).

How long have you been working for your association and when did you become head coach of the U-20 team?

I started to work as a coach for the KFA in 2006 and I took over this team in 2017, when we participated in the Asian Championship qualifiers.

Have you managed a national team before? If so, at what level?

During my time at the KFA, I have managed several teams, including at national youth level, such as U-15, U-19 and U-20.

How did you prepare for this tournament?

After the draw, I started to analyse our opponents together with my coaching staff, particularly their regional qualifiers. We then focused on what we could do, including what our strategy would be, our possible formations and how we could respond to the tactics of our different opponents. The top priority was to try to focus on ourselves. We tried to build up enough stamina to compete at a world-class level. We also tried to build a strong bond within the team and strengthen our organisation.

Does your association have a philosophy when it comes to football development? If so, how would you describe it?

The top priority for me and the KFA is not to give directions to our players, but make sure that they fully understand our team’s capabilities and strategy. If players are given particular assignments, I try not to interfere while they work them out and afterwards, I give them feedback about what went well and what
went wrong. So it's about increasing the players' ability to adapt to new circumstances and solve the problems by themselves.

**Did the association agree to your preparation programme?**

A large portion of our squad are professional players, so we didn’t have enough time to prepare for this tournament because it’s not compulsory for the clubs to release the players. So, after the Asian championship, we had four weeks of training camps and I had to utilise all “A” match windows. The KFA gave us their full support and they always give positive feedback when it comes to educating young players.

**How did the technical director support the preparation of your team?**

The technical director gives us general advice. There are also KFA’s various playing styles, which we are trying to build up within our association. The detailed preparation is developed by our coaching staff.

**How many members of the support staff travelled with the team and what were their roles?**

*Just as every player has his own role and position, each member of our staff has his own area of expertise.*

There are three categories of staff: coaching, medical and administrative. In the coaching team, we have two assistant coaches, one goalkeeping coach and one fitness coach. In the medical team, we have three physiotherapists. The administrative staff comprise a manager, a team doctor, a chef, a media officer, a video analyst and a photographer.

**How do you and your staff support the players’ development?**

Just as every player has his own role and position, each member of our staff has his own area of expertise, and I’m very thankful to all of them, as they make a lot of sacrifices for their jobs. That was, for instance, one of the reasons why none of our players went back home injured. From A to Z, everyone did his job very well.

**How many games did your team play during the preparation phase on the road to the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019 (the confederation tournament, international tournaments and/or friendlies)?**

We played four AFC U-19 Championship qualifier matches, six AFC U-19 Championship matches and four friendlies.

It’s a difficult process compared to the World Cup because we play against different teams with different qualities. Korea Republic are one of the strongest teams in the region, so we try to focus on our opponents and the relevant circumstances. We had to adapt to different stadiums and weather conditions because where we play in South East Asia, it is quite humid and hot. After the qualifiers, we had about a year to prepare, which was plenty of time.

**How did you monitor and assess the players’ fitness levels?**

We do regular check-ups with our fitness and medical teams and during the preparation phase, we focused on the players’ physical strength. We tried to create a
What were your biggest challenges in preparing for the tournament?

We had a long preparation phase as we were together from late April, so the most difficult challenge was to keep the team spirit because if the players are together for a long time, they are likely to suffer from mental fatigue. It was very important to build a bond within our team – not just among our players, but staff members as well.

What were your main criteria for the selection of your players?

The main criterion is technique – not showing off what you can do, but technique that is applied to the very basic things.

Do you analyse your opponents before each match and present the analysis to your players?

Our coaching team gets together to analyse all the information that we have about our opponents in order to tailor the video footage to our needs. After that, we try to focus in detail on the opponents’ tactics and how we could break down their defence as well as respond to all the tactical changes during the game. We have a lot of meetings and I may talk to individual players as well if need be.

How would you describe the post-match recovery routine of your team?

This is an area in which one of our fitness coaches specialises. Supported by our entire coaching team, he analyses the situation concerning the physical condition of every player and focuses on basic things, like resting, eating and sleeping well. Once you have done the basic work, it is easy to make some tweaks. The day after the match, we try to rest and do light conditioning training on the pitch.
INTERVIEWS WITH THE COACHES OF THE SEMI-FINALISTS

Oleksandr Petrakov, Ukraine

Could you tell us a bit about your coaching and educational background?

I have been coaching for almost 30 years. I started out managing amateur teams and then worked with professional clubs in the Ukrainian lower leagues, before moving into youth football in 2001.

How long have you been working for your association and when did you become head coach of the U-20 team?

I joined the Ukrainian Association of Football (UAF) in 2010, taking charge of the U-16s and coaching that group of players for five years, through to U-20 level. After that, I began working with the 1999 generation, whom I have now also managed for five years.

How did you prepare for this tournament?

I didn’t have any problems and the UAF management helped us with everything we needed. There are always details that can be improved on, but our preparations were optimal, because we started 12 days prior to the beginning of the competition and had a full squad available.

Does your association have a philosophy when it comes to football development? If so, how would you describe it?

As soon as Andriy Shevchenko became the head coach of our senior national team, his staff specialists delivered a dedicated seminar for all youth national team coaches, showing us video clips and outlining...
various analyses and trends. It helped us to understand his vision and requirements, but it is not always easy to find players who fit the bill.

**Did the association agree to your preparation programme?**

The UAF management trust and respect me fully. They do not interfere in my work and they help me with everything. I presented my proposed schedule and plans and they approved everything I requested, including my idea of playing friendly matches against non-European teams prior to the World Cup. We played against Uruguay and South Korea in March and then faced South Africa in Kiev on 18 May. I had used the same approach ahead of the FIFA U-20 World Cup New Zealand 2015.

**How did you monitor and assess the players, including their fitness levels?**

*I have also been working with them for the last five years, meaning I know them all inside out.*

I keep very close tabs on them; the fact that they are all based domestically helps in that respect. I have also been working with them for the last five years, meaning I know them all inside out. On top of that, I have a very good relationship with their respective clubs’ coaches, so it’s no problem for me to constantly monitor them.

Prior to the World Cup, we used Polar and Catapult, two GPS tracking systems. I checked all the data from our matches and was able to see that everything was fine with my players’ fitness.

**How many members of support staff travelled with the team, what were their roles and how did you select them?**

There are four of us on a permanent basis – myself, plus my main assistant coach, Andriy Annenkov; the goalkeeping coach, Vyacheslav Kernozenko; and the fitness coach, Vyacheslav Ruzhentsev. I spent six months last year asking for a dedicated fitness coach. The UAF Executive Committee understood our needs and all national teams have had a dedicated fitness coach since the beginning of this year, ours included.

As the head coach, I oversee the training process, including the fitness regime, but I do so in very close cooperation with the rest of my technical staff. All of them are my friends and they are specialists and outstanding professionals. I always ask them their opinion, but I make all the decisions myself.

**How do you and your staff support the players’ development?**

One example is the fact that I play using an unusual 3-4-2-1 formation, which nobody else in Ukraine uses.

Every nation has its own mentality. I know how my players think and how to deal with them. You could say that the “carrot-and-stick” approach remains alive and kicking in our case.

**We’ve noticed that you always stand during matches...**

If I sit down on the bench, my team will immediately start losing (laughing).

**How many games did your team play during the preparation phase on the road to the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019 (the confederation tournament, international tournaments and/or friendlies)?**
After the [UEFA U-19] EURO in 2018, which served as the qualifying tournament, we didn’t participate in any further competitions. We only played friendlies against Azerbaijan and Poland in November, against South Korea, Uruguay and a local club in Spain in March, and finally against South Africa – six matches in total.

Did you have any setbacks in preparing for the tournament?

There was only one major setback: Shevchenko gave us permission to call up [Vitaliy] Mykolenko – who is already part of the senior set-up – but he was injured and I didn’t want to risk including him in my squad for the World Cup, which was a big loss. However, he was soon able to rejoin the senior squad and even played in their win against Serbia [in a UEFA EURO 2020 qualifier in June], while we won the title, so everything worked out nicely.

What were your main criteria for the selection of your players?

All aspects are taken into consideration, but we’re not spoilt for choice and it’s not always easy to find 12-14 players of the requisite standard, let alone more. We are not like Italy, England or France in that respect.

If a player does not have the human values that I believe in, I will not select him.

We have noticed that some of your players, such as Danylo Sikan, are physically powerful and strong in the air. Is that one of the things that you look for?

Sikan is a U-19 player and did not make a single appearance for my team prior to the U-20 World Cup. However, I monitored him for six months in the lead-up and decided to name him in the squad, which was vindicated. Not only is he a good player, but he is a good person too. Footballing ability is not my only consideration; the human aspect is crucial for me too. If a player does not have the human values that I believe in, I will not select him.

If I hadn’t taken that risk, we wouldn’t have gone so far.

To give you an example, at the [U-19] EURO in Finland [in 2018], we played four matches and won the group, but we weren’t able to perform to the best of our ability in the semi-finals due to fatigue. Teams like Italy or France were able to rotate four or five players in every match, but that wasn’t an option for us. I took a gamble in Poland, making seven changes for our third match against Nigeria, compared to the line-up from the previous game. The higher-ups were concerned by my decision, but at the end of the day, it paid off. If I hadn’t taken that risk, we wouldn’t have gone so far.
Do you analyse your opponents before each match and present the analysis to your players?

Yes, of course. I have footage of all the matches involving our upcoming opponents, and the video analyst and my assistant study them in detail and provide me with comprehensive information.

How would you describe the post-match recovery routine of your team?

I always decide on the process depending on the circumstances, using an individual approach. I gauge how my players are on a daily basis and at the time and decide on the spur of the moment. For example, after one of our matches in Poland, I saw that my players were tired after a long bus journey to and from the venue, so I decided to cancel the scheduled training session and allowed them to go to a water park to relax instead.
TEAM PROFILES
ARGENTINA / CONMEBOL

FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019

23 May - 15 June 2019

GROUP STAGE
25.05.2019
ARG 5-2 RSA
28.05.2019
POR 0-2 ARG
31.05.2019
KOR 2-1 ARG

ROUND OF 16
04.06.2019
ARG 2-2 MLI
Mali win on penalties (4-5)

QUARTER-FINALS

SEMI-FINALS

FINALS

Last FIFA U-20 World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-20 World Cup 2017 - group stage

ROFFO

FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019 squad

GOALKEEPERS

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1 ROFFO Manuel CA Boca Juniors (ARG) 390 0
12 POURTAU Jeronimo Estudiantes La Plata (ARG) 0 0
21 BLAZQUEZ Joaquin Valencia CF (ESP) 0 0

DEFENDERS

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NO. = Squad number; G = Clean sheets; MINS = Minutes played; G = Goals; A = Assists.

Average possession

59% Total
27% Final third
45% Middle third
28% Defensive third

Shots per match

19.5

Shots on target per match

2.6

Shots on target per goal

Goal location

10 Goals scored

90% inside penalty area
10% outside penalty area

5 open-play goals
4 set-piece goals
1 own-goals

from corners 2
from free kicks 1
from penalties 1
from throw-ins 0

Goal location

6 Goals conceded

0% outside penalty area
100% inside penalty area

2 open-play goals
4 set-piece goals
0 own-goals

from corners 1
from free kicks 2
from penalties 1
from throw-ins 0

Head coach

BATISTA Fernando (ARG)

Technical staff

AYUDE Damian (Assistant coach)
SOLARI Esteban (Assistant coach)
ALBIL Damian (Goalkeeping coach)
The representation of player positions has been taken from one match. Team compactness and team shape data represents the team’s tournament average.

**Team positional insights**

- **Team compactness**
  - In possession
  - Out of possession

- **Team shape**
  - In possession
  - Deepest defender

- **Goalkeeper passing**
  - Success rate: 75%
  - Passing length:
    - Short (<17m): 6
    - Medium (17-34m): 9
    - Long (>34m): 12

- **Defensive line breaks**
  - Inside line breaks: 3.2
  - Outside line breaks: 6.6

- **Attractive entries**
  - Penalty-area entries: 42

- **Opponents bypassed**
  - Total: 267

- **% of final-third entries leading to shots**
  - 27%

- **Total distance (km)**
  - 115.5
  - Distance >20 km/h: 8,693
  - Distance >25 km/h: 2,321
  - Activities >25 km/h: 115

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**ARGENTINA / CONMEBOL**

- **Team passing accuracy**
  - Final third: 82%
  - Middle third: 85%
  - Defensive third: 76%

- **Team passes**
  - Total: 514

- **Goalkeeper passing success**
  - Total: 27

- **Distance >20 km/h**
  - 6,372m

- **Distance >25 km/h**
  - 15,386m

- **Activities >25 km/h**
  - 49,183m

- **Total distance (km)**
  - 42,209m
**FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019**

23 May - 15 June 2019

**Group Stage**
- 23.05.2019
  - POL 0-2 COL
- 26.05.2019
  - SEN 2-0 COL
- 29.05.2019
  - COL 6-0 TAH

**Round of 16**
- 02.06.2019
  - COL 1-1 NZL
  - Columbia win on penalties (5-4)

**Quarter-Finals**
- 07.06.2019
  - COL 0-1 UKR

**Semi-Finals**
- 11.06.2019
  - COL 1-2 UKR

**Finals**
- 15.06.2019
  - UKR 1-0 COL

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**Average possession**
- Total: 58%
- Final third: 21%
- Middle third: 50%
- Defensive third: 29%

**Shots per match**
- Total: 17.8
- From corners: 9.9
- From free kicks: 2
- From penalties: 0
- From throw-ins: 0

**Shots on target per match**
- Total: 8.0
- From corners: 0
- From free kicks: 0
- From penalties: 2
- From throw-ins: 0

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**Goals scored**
- Location: 89% inside penalty area, 11% outside penalty area
- From corners: 6
- From free kicks: 3
- From set-piece goals: 3
- From penalties: 0
- From own-goals: 0

**Goals conceded**
- Location: 75% inside penalty area, 25% outside penalty area
- From corners: 2
- From free kicks: 0
- From set-piece goals: 2
- From penalties: 0
- From own-goals: 0

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**Technical staff**
- Head coach: REYES Arturo (COL)
- Assistant coaches: FLOREZ Nelson, MENDEZ Grigori
- Goalkeeping coach: CARABALI Eulin
- Fitness coach: MONCADA John

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**Last FIFA U-20 World Cup campaign**
- FIFA U-20 World Cup 2015 - round of 16
The representation of player positions has been taken from one match. Team compactness and team shape data represents the team's tournament average.

**Team passing accuracy**

- **Final third**: 76%
- **Middle third**: 83%
- **Defensive third**: 79%

**Team passes**: 531

**Goalkeeper passing success**: 74%

**Goalkeeper passes**: 29

**Goalkeeper passing length**

- **Short (<17m)**: 4
- **Medium (17-34m)**: 14
- **Long (>34m)**: 11

**Defensive line breaks**

- **Inside line breaks**: 3.2
- **Outside line breaks**: 6.6

**Penalty-area entries**: 31

**Final-third entries**: 57

**% of final-third entries leading to shots**: 25%

**Activities >25 km/h**: 831 m²

**Activities >20 km/h**: 618 m²

**Opponents bypassed**: 293

**Opposition defenders bypassed**: 252

**Own players bypassed**: 58

**Own defenders bypassed**: 280

**Total distance (km)**: 110.2

**Distance >20 km/h**: 8,072

**Distance >25 km/h**: 2,226

**Activities >25 km/h**: 115
**FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019**

**GROUP STAGE**
- 23.05.2019: JPN 1-1 ECU
- 26.05.2019: ECU 0-1 ITA
- 29.05.2019: ECU 1-0 MEX

**ROUND OF 16**
- 03.06.2019: URU 1-3 ECU

**QUARTER-FINALS**
- 08.06.2019: USA 1-2 ECU

**SEMI-FINALS**
- 11.06.2019: ECU 0-1 KOR
- 14.06.2019: ITA 0-1 ECU

**Last FIFA U-20 World Cup campaign:**
- FIFA U-20 World Cup 2017 - group stage

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**Average possession**

- Total: 57%
- Final third: 24%
- Middle third: 46%
- Defensive third: 29%

**Shots per match**

- 14.3 from corners
- 5.3 from free kicks
- 4.6 from penalties
- 0 from throw-ins

**Shots on target per match**

- 12.5 from corners
- 2 from free kicks
- 2 from penalties
- 0 from throw-ins

**Goals scored**

- 8 goals scored
- Goal location: 88% inside penalty area, 12% outside penalty area

**Goals conceded**

- 5 goals conceded
- Goal location: 0% outside penalty area, 100% inside penalty area

**Technical staff**

- Head coach: CELICO Jorge (ARG)
- Assistant coach: LARA Patricio
- Goalkeeping coach: PICO Gene
- Fitness coach: CUVI Diego
The representation of player positions has been taken from one match. Team compactness and team shape data represents the team's tournament average.

**Team compactness**
- In possession
- Out of possession

**Team shape**
- In possession
- Deepest defender

**Team passing accuracy**
- Final third: 74%
- Middle third: 83%
- Defensive third: 80%

**Team passes**
- Total: 532

**Goalkeeper passing**
- Success: 68%

**Goalkeeper passes**
- Total: 28

**Goalkeeper passing length**
- Short (<17m): 5
- Medium (17-34m): 9
- Long (>34m): 14

**Defensive line breaks**
- Inside line breaks: 3
- Outside line breaks: 6

**Defensive line breaks against**
- Inside line breaks: 3
- Outside line breaks: 6

**Attacking entries**
- Penalty-area entries: 31
- Final-third entries: 59

**Penalty-area entries against**
- Total: 48

**Opponents bypassed**
- Total: 333

**Opposition defenders bypassed**
- Total: 92

**Own players bypassed**
- Total: 296

**Own defenders bypassed**
- Total: 57

**% of final-third entries leading to shots**
- Total: 23%

**Total distance (km)**
- Total: 108.2

**Distance >20 km/h**
- Total: 8,083

**Distance >25 km/h**
- Total: 2,334

**Activities >25 km/h**
- Total: 117
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25.05.2019
FRA 2-0 KSA
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Average possession

- Total: 51%
- Final third: 16%
- Middle third: 42%
- Defensive third: 42%

Shots per match

- Total: 8.3
- From corners: 0
- From free kicks: 0
- From penalties: 1
- From throw-ins: 0

Shots on target per match

- Total: 3.7
- From corners: 0
- From free kicks: 0
- From penalties: 0
- From throw-ins: 0

Goals scored

- Total: 4
- Inside penalty area: 75%
- Outside penalty area: 25%
- From open-play goals: 3
- From set-piece goals: 1
- From own-goals: 0

Goals conceded

- Total: 8
- Inside penalty area: 100%
- Outside penalty area: 0%
- From open-play goals: 8
- From set-piece goals: 0
- From own-goals: 0

Head coach
ATAWI Khalid (KSA)

Technical staff
ALMALKI Ahmad (Assistant coach)
ALGHANIM Majed (Goalkeeping coach)
ALMOHIDEB Abdullah (Fitness coach)
The representation of player positions has been taken from one match. Team compactness and team shape data represents the team’s tournament average.

### Team compactness
- **In possession**: [751m²](#)
- **Out of possession**: [496m²](#)

### Team shape
- **In possession**: [Deepest defender](#)
- **Out of possession**: [Out of possession](#)
  - **Deepest defender**: [29m](#) [21m](#) [34m](#)
  - **Final third**: [40m](#)
  - **Middle third**: [40m](#)
  - **Defensive third**: [29m](#)

### Team positional insights
- **Team shape data explanation**
  - **Goalkeeper passing length**:
    - **Short (<17m)**: 3
    - **Medium (17-34m)**: 6
    - **Long (>34m)**: 16

### Team passing accuracy
- **Final third**: 71% (77% ▲ 74% ▲)
- **Middle third**: 80% (74% ▲)
- **Defensive third**: 74% (70% ▲ 60% ▲)

### Team passes
- 503

### Goalkeeper passing success
- **Goalkeeper passes**: 25
  - **Goalkeeper passing length**:
    - **Short (<17m)**: 29 ▲ 22 ▲
    - **Medium (17-34m)**: 57 ▲ 54 ▲
    - **Long (>34m)**: 3 ▲

### Opponents bypassed
- 293 (▲ 252 ▲)

### Opposition defenders bypassed
- 58 (▲ 51 ▲)

### Own players bypassed
- 65

### Own defenders bypassed
- 293 (▲ 280 ▲)

### Own defenders bypassed
- 58 (▲ 56 ▲)

### Activities >25 km/h
- 16% (▲ 22% ▲ 20% ▲)

### % of final-third entries leading to shots
- 16%

### Total distance (km)
- 109.4

### Distance >20 km/h
- 8,390

### Distance >25 km/h
- 2,216

### Activities >25 km/h
- 123

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**SAUDI ARABIA / AFC**

**2,236m**

**2.144m**

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6,174m

14,542m

45,764m

40,718m
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Head coach
DIOMEDE Bernard (FRA)

Technical staff
CAINER Emmanuel (Assistant coach)
MAJCHRZAK Laurent (Goalkeeping coach)

Average possession

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Goals scored
Goal location

- 89% inside penalty area
- 11% outside penalty area

- 7 open-play goals
- 2 set-piece goals
- 0 own-goals

Goals conceded
Goal location

- 80% inside penalty area
- 20% outside penalty area

- 5 open-play goals
- 0 set-piece goals
- 0 own-goals

Set-piece goals

- from corners: 1
- from free kicks: 0
- from penalties: 1
- from throw-ins: 0

Open-play goals

- from corners: 0
- from free kicks: 0
- from penalties: 0
- from throw-ins: 0
In possession
Deepest defender
In possession
Out of possession
Out of possession
Deepest defender

Team compactness
- In possession
- Out of possession

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Team passes: 693
Goalkeeper passes: 41
Goalkeeper passing accuracy: 86%
Goalkeeper passing success: 86%

Team passing accuracy

Final third: 85%
Middle third: 89%
Defensive third: 86%

Defensive line breaks against
Inside line breaks: 7
Outside line breaks: 4

Attacking entries
- Penalty-area entries: 31
- Final-third entries: 57
- Defensive line breaks against
Inside line breaks: 4
Outside line breaks: 4

Opponents bypassed: 293
Opposition defenders bypassed: 58
Own players bypassed: 252
Own defenders bypassed: 51

Activities >25 km/h: 92
Activities >20 km/h: 7,228
Activities >15 km/h: 13,846
Activities >10 km/h: 47,502
Activities >5 km/h: 40,746
Activities >0 km/h: 1,708

Penalty area entries: 31
Final third entries: 54

% of final-third entries leading to shots: 16%

Total distance (km): 109.3
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3 set-piece goals
15 open-play goals
1 own-goals
0 set-piece goals
0 Open-play goals
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Average possession

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Goals scored

Goal location

0% inside penalty area
0% outside penalty area

Goals conceded

Goal location

0% inside penalty area
100% outside penalty area

FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019 campaign:
FIFA U-20 World Cup 2017 - group stage

Head coach
TABORA Carlos (HON)

Technical staff
ROMERO José (Assistant coach)
BARAHONA José (Goalkeeping coach)
GIRIBALDI Luis (Fitness coach)
The representation of player positions has been taken from one match. Team compactness and team shape data represents the team's tournament average.

**Team compactness**
- In possession
- Out of possession

**Team shape**
- In possession
- Deepest defender

**Team passing accuracy**
- Final third: 63%
- Middle third: 71%
- Defensive third: 62%

**Team passes**
- 312

**Goalkeeper passing success**
- 59%

**Goalkeeper passes**
- 28

**Goalkeeper passing length**
- Short (<17m): 5
- Medium (17-34m): 7
- Long (>34m): 16

**Defensive line breaks**
- Inside line breaks: 3.2
- Outside line breaks: 6.6

**Defensive line breaks against**
- Inside line breaks: 3.2
- Outside line breaks: 6.6

**Attacking entries**
- Penalty-area entries: 31
- Final-third entries: 57

**Attacking entries against**
- Penalty-area entries: 31
- Final-third entries: 57

**Opponents bypassed**
- 293

**Opposition defenders bypassed**
- 252

**Own players bypassed**
- 58

**Own defenders bypassed**
- 293

**% of final-third entries leading to shots**
- 17%

**Activities by speed**
- >25 km/h: 1,916m
- 20-25 km/h: 45,652m
- 15-20 km/h: 5,493m
- 10-15 km/h: 14,822m
- 5-10 km/h: 41,742m
- 0-5 km/h: 41,423m

**Total distance (km)**
- 109.6

**Distance by speed**
- >20 km/h: 7,409
- >15 km/h: 45,652m
- >10 km/h: 5,493m
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- >0 km/h: 41,742m

**Activities by speed**
- >25 km/h: 105
## FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019 Squad

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**Goalkeepers**

- NO. = Squad number
- G = Goals
- A = Assists

**Defenders**

- NO. = Squad number
- MINS = Minutes played

**Midfielders**

- NO. = Squad number
- G = Goals

**Forwards**

- NO. = Squad number
- G = Goals

**Technical Staff**

- Head coach: NICOLATO Paolo
- Assistant coach: GASPARETTO Mirco

### Average Possession
- Total: 48%
  - Final third: 18%
  - Middle third: 45%
  - Defensive third: 37%

### Shots per match
- Total: 14.4
  - From corners: 2
  - From free kicks: 0
  - From penalties: 2
  - From throw-ins: 0

### Shots on target per match
- Total: 3.3
  - From corners: 1
  - From free kicks: 1
  - From penalties: 0
  - From throw-ins: 0

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### FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019

**Group Stage**
- 23.05.2019: MEX 1-2 ITA
- 26.05.2019: ECU 0-1 ITA
- 29.05.2019: ITA 0-0 JPN

**Round of 16**
- 02.06.2019: ITA 1-0 POL

**Quarter-finals**
- 02.06.2019: ITA 4-2 MLI

**Semi-finals**
- 02.06.2019: UKR 1-0 ITA

**Match for Third Place**
- 02.06.2019: ITA 0-1 ECU

**Goals Scored**
- Total: 88%
  - Inside penalty area: 5
  - Outside penalty area: 1

**Goals Conceded**
- Total: 0%
  - Inside penalty area: 0
  - Outside penalty area: 100%
The representation of player positions has been taken from one match. Team compactness and team shape data represents the team's tournament average.

Team positional insights

Team passing accuracy

Team passes: 447

Goalkeeper passing success: 80%

Goalkeeper passes: 28

Goalkeeper passing length:
- Short (<17m): 12
- Medium (17-34m): 9
- Long (>34m): 7

Defensive line breaks

- Inside line breaks: 6.6
- Outside line breaks: 3.2

Defensive line breaks against

- Inside line breaks: 6.6
- Outside line breaks: 3.2

Attacking entries

Penalty-area entries: 34
- Final-third entries: 47

Attacking entries against

- Final-third entries: 58
- Penalty-area entries: 32

Opponents bypassed: 311
- 293
- 252

Opposition defenders bypassed: 67
- 58
- 51

Own players bypassed: 288
- 293
- 280

Own defenders bypassed: 109
- 58
- 56

% of final-third entries leading to shots: 29%
- 22%
- 20%

Total distance (km): 116.6
- >25 km/h: 2,211
- 20-25 km/h: 5,700
- 15-20 km/h: 15,243
- 10-15 km/h: 51,567
- 5-9 km/h: 41,919
- 0-4 km/h: 5,700

Distance >25 km/h: 7,911
Distance >25 km/h: 2,211
Activities >25 km/h: 112
FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019

GROUP STAGE
23.05.2019
JPN 1–1 ECU
26.05.2019
MEX 0–3 JPN
29.05.2019
ITA 0–0 JPN

ROUND OF 16
04.06.2019
JPN 0–1 KOR

QUARTER-FINALS
Semi-Finals
Finals

Last FIFA U-20 World Cup campaign: FIFA U-20 World Cup 2017 - round of 16

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12 MOGI Shu Cerezo Osaka (JPN) 0 0
21 SUZUKI Zion Urawa Reds (JPN) 0 0

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3 KOBAYASHI Yuki Vissel Kobe (JPN) 360 0
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NO. = Squad number; G = Clean sheets; MINS = Minutes played; G = Goals; A = Assists.

Average possession
50% Total
27% Final third
44% Middle third
30% Defensive third

Shots per match
13.0
3.8

Shots on target per match
13.0
3.8

DEFENSIVE THIRD

3 open-play goals
1 set-piece goals
0 own-goals

Shots from corners 1
Shots from free kicks 0
Shots from penalties 0
Shots from throw-ins 0

OFFENSIVE THIRD

3 open-play goals
1 set-piece goals
0 own-goals

Shots from corners 0
Shots from free kicks 0
Shots from penalties 0
Shots from throw-ins 0

GOALS SCORED

4 Goals scored
Goal location

GOALS CONCEDED

2 Goals conceded
Goal location
Team positional insights

The representation of player positions has been taken from one match. Team compactness and team shape data represents the team's tournament average.

Team compactness
- In possession
- Out of possession

Team shape
- In possession
- Deepest defender

Team passing accuracy
- Final third: 78% (77%▲ 74%▲)
- Middle third: 83% (68%▲ 60%▲)
- Defensive third: 78% (68%▲ 60%▲)

Team passes: 481
- Final third: 112
- Middle third: 243
- Defensive third: 126

Goalkeeper passing success: 76%

Goalkeeper passes: 26
- Short (<17m): 8
- Medium (17-34m): 8
- Long (>34m): 10

Defensive line breaks
- Inside line breaks: 5
- Outside line breaks: 6

Defensive line breaks against
- Inside line breaks: 4
- Outside line breaks: 5

Opponents bypassed: 307
- 293▲ 252▲
- 58▲ 51▲
- 293▲ 280▲
- 58 ▼ 56 ▼

Opposition defenders bypassed: 90
- 58 ▲ 51 ▲

Own players bypassed: 299
- 239 ▲ 252 ▲
- 58 ▲ 51 ▲
- 56 ▼ 56 ▼

Own defenders bypassed: 51
- 58 ▼ 51 ▲

% of final-third entries leading to shots: 23%
- 22% ▲ 20% ▲

Activities
- >25 km/h: 2,291 m
- 20-25 km/h: 6,821 m
- 15-20 km/h: 16,734 m
- 10-15 km/h: 51,326 m
- 0-7 km/h: 39,701 m

Total distance (km): 116.9
- Distance >20 km/h: 9,112
- Distance >25 km/h: 2,291
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**FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019**

23 May - 15 June 2019

**GROUP STAGE**
- 25.05.2019: POR 1-0 KOR
- 28.05.2019: RSA 0-1 KOR
- 31.05.2019: KOR 2-1 ARG

**ROUND OF 16**
- 04.06.2019: JPN 0-1 KOR

**QUARTER-FINALS**
- 08.06.2019: KOR 3-3 SEN
  Korea Rep. win on penalties (3-2)

**SEMI-FINALS**
- 31.05.2019: ECU 0-1 KOR

**FINALS**
- 15.06.2019: UKR 3-1 KOR

**Goals scored**
- 9 goals
- 100% inside penalty area
- 0% outside penalty area

**Goals conceded**
- 8 goals
- 12% outside penalty area
- 88% inside penalty area

**FIFA U-20 World Cup squad 2019**

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**Average possession**
- 43% Total
- 22% Final third
- 41% Middle third
- 37% Defensive third

**Shots per match**
- 12.3

**Shots on target per match**
- 3.1

**Shots on target per goal**
- 2.4

**Technical staff**
- CHUNG Jungyong (KOR)
- GONG Oh Kyun (Assistant coach)
- IN Chang Soo (Assistant coach)
- KIM Dae Hwan (Assistant coach)
- OH Seong Hwan (Fitness coach)

**Last FIFA U-20 World Cup campaign:**
- FIFA U-20 World Cup 2017 - group stage

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**Head coach**

- CHUNG Jungyong (KOR)
**Team compactness**
- In possession
- Out of possession

**Team shape**
- In possession
- Deepest defender

**Team positional insights**
- The representation of player positions has been taken from one match. Team compactness and team shape data represents the team's tournament average.

**Team passing accuracy**
- Final third: 73%
- Middle third: 77%
- Defensive third: 69%

**Team passes**
- Total: 368

**Goalkeeper passing success**
- Short (<17m): 73%
- Medium (17-34m): 60%
- Long (>34m): 69%

**Goalkeeper passes**
- Total: 25

**Goalkeeper passing length**
- Short (<17m): 3
- Medium (17-34m): 3
- Long (>34m): 19

**Defensive line breaks**
- Total: 1

**Penalty-area entries**
- Total: 31

**Final-third entries**
- Total: 57

**Activities >25 km/h**
- Total: 105

**Total distance (km)**
- 114.3
- Distance >20 km/h: 8,068
- Distance >25 km/h: 2,068
- Activities >25 km/h: 105
FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019

Goals scored
- 82% inside penalty area
- 18% outside penalty area

Goals conceded
- 85% inside penalty area
- 15% outside penalty area

Average possession
- 43% Total
  - 22% Final third
  - 47% Middle third
  - 31% Defensive third

Scoring statistics
- 9 open-play goals from corners
- 2 set-piece goals from free kicks
- 0 own-goals from penalties
- 7 open-play goals from throw-ins
- 4 set-piece goals from free kicks
- 2 own-goals from penalties

FIFA U-20 World Cup squad 2019

GOALKEEPERS
1 COULIBALI Y Alkalifa AS Onew Creators (MLI) 0 0
16 KOITA Youssouf Girona FC (ESP) 480 0
21 COULIBALI Souleymane Afrique Foot Elite (MLI) 0 0

DEFENDERS
2 KONAN Arnaud Etoiles Du MANDE FC (MLI) 476 0
3 DIARRA Drissa AS Bamako (MLI) 120 0
4 KONATE Fode AS Bamako (MLI) 270 0 1
5 FOFANA Babou Stade Malien (MLI) 175 0
13 KANOUTE Clement CS Duguwolofila (MLI) 480 0
15 DIABY Abdoulaye Royal Antwerp FC (BEL) 480 1
6 DIAKITE Ousmane FC Red Bull Salzburg (AUT) 148 1
8 CAMARA Mohamed FC Red Bull Salzburg (AUT) 360 2 3
10 TRAORE Mamadou Stade Malien (MLI) 80 0
14 SISSOKO Sambou USFAS (MLI) 480 0
19 SAMAKE Mamadou Standard Liege (BEL) 34 0
18 TRAORE Boubacar AS Bamako (MLI) 332 1 1
7 DRAKE Hadji Yeles Olimpic (MLI) 276 0 1
9 KONE Ibrahima FK Haugesund (NOR) 308 1 1
11 KONTE Boubacar Sarpsborg PK (NOR) 227 2
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Head coach
KANE Mamoutou (MLI)
Technical staff
KONATE Birama (Assistant coach)
DOUMBIA Bounafou (Goalkkeeping coach)
COULIBALY Boubacar (Fitness coach)
The representation of player positions has been taken from one match. Team compactness and team shape data represents the team's tournament average.

**Team positional insights**

- **Team passing accuracy**
  - Final third: 72%
  - Middle third: 71%
  - Defensive third: 73%

- **Team passes**: 377
- **Goalkeeper passing success**: 64%
- **Goalkeeper passes**: 33
- **Goalkeeper passing length**:
  - Short (<17m): 5
  - Medium (17-34m): 7
  - Long (>34m): 21

- **Defensive line breaks**
  - Inside line breaks: 3
  - Outside line breaks: 5

- **Attacking entries**
  - Penalty-area entries: 28
  - Final-third entries: 60

- **Opponents bypassed**: 268
- **Opposition defenders bypassed**: 88
- **Own players bypassed**: 331
- **Own defenders bypassed**: 38

**Performance Statistics**

- **Total distance (km)**: 123.1
- **Distance >20 km/h**: 10,215
- **Distance >25 km/h**: 2,556
- **Activities >25 km/h**: 139

**Activities by Speed**

- 0-7 km/h: 40,390m
- 7-15 km/h: 18,603m
- 15-20 km/h: 53,922m
- 20-25 km/h: 7,659m
- >25 km/h: 2,556m

**Activities by Type**

- Outside line breaks: 3
- Inside line breaks: 3

**Penalty-area entries and Final-third entries**

- Penalty-area entries: 53
- Final-third entries: 33

**% of final-third entries leading to shots**: 23%

- Opponents bypassed: 293 (252)
- Opposition defenders bypassed: 58 (51)
- Own players bypassed: 293 (280)
- Own defenders bypassed: 58 (56)
FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019
23 May - 15 June 2019

GROUP STAGE
23.05.2019
MEX 1-2 ITA
26.05.2019
MEX 0-3 JPN
28.05.2019
ECU 1-0 MEX

ROUND OF 16
QUARTER-FINALS
SEMI-FINALS
FINALS

Last FIFA U-20 World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-20 World Cup 2017 - quarter-final

FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019 squad

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Goals scored
Goal location

Goals conceded
Goal location

Average possession
51%
Total
18% Final third
43% Middle third
39% Defensive third

Head coach
RAMIREZ Diego (MEX)

Technical staff
RODRIGUEZ Alberto (Assistant coach)
PINA Rosario (Goalkeeping coach)
ESPADAS Vicente (Fitness coach)
HERNANDEZ Guillermo (Fitness coach)

Shots per match
11.7
35.0

Shots per goal
5.0
15.0

Shots on target per match

Shots on target per goal

100% inside penalty area
0% outside penalty area

17% outside penalty area
83% inside penalty area

0 open-play goals
1 set-piece goals
0 own-goals

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0 own-goals

from corners 1
from free kicks 0
from penalties 0
from throw-ins 0

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The representation of player positions has been taken from one match. Team compactness and team shape data represents the team's tournament average.

**Team compactness**
- In possession
- Out of possession

**Team shape**
- In possession
- Deepest defender

**Team passing accuracy**
- 77%

**Team passes**
- 470

**Goalkeeper passing success**
- 91%

**Goalkeeper passes**
- 26

**Goalkeeper passing length**
- Short (<17m)
- Medium (17-34m)
- Long (>34m)

**Defensive line breaks**
- Inside line breaks
  - 1
  - 5

**Attacking entries**
- Penalty-area entries
  - 25

**Opponents bypassed**
- 253

**Opposition defenders bypassed**
- 57

**Own players bypassed**
- 340

**Own defenders bypassed**
- 114

**% of final-third entries leading to shots**
- 23%

**Total distance (km)**
- 116.6

**Distance >20 km/h**
- 7,649

**Distance >25 km/h**
- 1,767

**Activities >25 km/h**
- 89
FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019
23 May - 15 June 2019

GROUP STAGE
24.05.2019
HON 0-5 NZL
27.05.2019
NOR 0-2 NZL
30.05.2019
NZL 0-2 URU

ROUND OF 16
02.06.2019
COL 1-1 NZL
Columbia win on penalties (5-4)

QUARTER-FINALS

SEMI-FINALS

FINALS

Last FIFA U-20 World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-20 World Cup 2017 - round of 16

FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019 squad

GOALKEEPERS

NO. NAME CLUB (COUNTRY) MINS G A
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12 BROWN Cameron Central United FC (NZL) 90 0
21 JONES Zac Wellington Phoenix FC (NZL) 0 0

DEFENDERS

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3 WILKINS Dalton FC Helsingor (DEN) 110 0 1
5 PIJNAKER Nando Eastern Suburbs AFC (NZL) 377 0
13 CACACE Liberato Wellington Phoenix FC (NZL) 300 0 1
16 WOOLDRIDGE Dominic Western Suburbs FC (NZL) 90 0
17 ELLIOT Callan Wellington Phoenix FC (NZL) 300 0
4 STENSNESS Gianni Wellington Phoenix FC (NZL) 345 1
6 SCHNELL Dane Western Springs AFC (NZL) 90 0
7 JUST Elijah FC Helsingor (DEN) 285 1 2
8 BELL Joe University Virginia (USA) 381 0 1
10 SINGH Sarpreet Wellington Phoenix FC (NZL) 313 1
14 VAN DEN HOVEN Leon RKC Waalwijk (NED) 90 0
15 ZWETSLOOT Trevor SV Werder Bremen (GER) 10 0
9 MATA Max Grasshopper Club Zürich (SUI) 156 0
11 CONROY Matt Western Springs AFC (NZL) 152 1
18 WAINE Ben Wellington Phoenix FC (NZL) 196 2
19 MCCOWATT Callum Eastern Suburbs AFC (NZL) 263 0
20 EBBINGE Willem Lower Hutt City AFC (NZL) 97 0

Midfielders

Forwards

Average possession
51% Total

22% Final third
44% Middle third
34% Defensive third

Shots per match
14.5

Shots per goal
7.3

Shots on target per match
5.0

Shots on target per goal
2.5

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Head coach
BUCKINGHAM Des (ENG)

Technical staff
MIYAZAWA Hiroshi (Assistant coach)
RACCUGLIA Valerio (Assistant coach)
OATES Mark (Goalkeeping coach)
DEIGAN Danny (Fitness coach)
TAYLOR Luke (Fitness coach)

FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019

Goals scored
Goal location

Goals conceded
Goal location

8
6 open-play goals
from corners 0
from free kicks 0
from penalties 0
from throw-ins 0

88%
inside penalty area

12%
outside penalty area

0%
outside penalty area

100%
inside penalty area

3
2 own-goals
from corners 0
from free kicks 1
from penalties 0
from throw-ins 0

2 set-piece goals
from corners 0
from free kicks 0
from penalties 0
from throw-ins 0

2 own-goals
from corners 0
from free kicks 0
from penalties 0
from throw-ins 0
The representation of player positions has been taken from one match. Team compactness and team shape data reflects the team's tournament average.

**Team positional insights**

- **Team compactness**:
  - In possession
  - Out of possession

- **Team shape**:
  - In possession
  - Deepest defender

**Team passing accuracy**

- **Overall**: 77%
  - Final third: 76%
  - Middle third: 80%
  - Defensive third: 71%

**Team passes**

- Total: 450
  - In possession: 236
  - Out of possession: 119

**Goalkeeper passing success**

- Overall: 52%
  - Short (<17m): 70%
  - Medium (17-34m): 60%
  - Long (>34m): 22%

**Goalkeeper passes**

- Total: 23
  - Short (<17m): 29
  - Medium (17-34m): 22
  - Long (>34m): 11

**Goalkeeper passing length**

- Short (<17m): 4
  - Medium (17-34m): 8
  - Long (>34m): 11

**Defensive line breaks**

- Inside line breaks: 6
  - 3.2
  - 1

- Outside line breaks: 8
  - 6.6
  - 6

**Defensive line breaks against**

- Inside line breaks: 4
  - 3.2
  - 1

- Outside line breaks: 10
  - 6.6
  - 6

**Opponents bypassed**

- Total: 307
  - 293
  - 252

**Opposition defenders bypassed**

- Total: 50
  - 58
  - 51

**Own players bypassed**

- Total: 288
  - 293
  - 280

**Own defenders bypassed**

- Total: 50
  - 56

**Activities >25 km/h**

- Total: 73

**Total distance (km)**

- Overall: 122.5
  - 1,379
  - 5,820
  - 18,237
  - 60,266
  - 36,767

**Distance >20 km/h**

- Total: 7,199
  - 1,379

**Distance >25 km/h**

- Total: 1,379

**% of final-third entries leading to shots**

- Overall: 22%

- Activities >25 km/h: 20%
FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019
23 May - 15 June 2019

GROUP STAGE
24.05.2019
QAT 0-4 NGA
27.05.2019
USA 2-0 NGA
30.05.2019
NGA 1-1 UKR

ROUND OF 16
03.06.2019
SEN 2-1 NGA

QUARTER-FINALS

SEMI-FINALS

FINALS

Last FIFA U-20 World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-20 World Cup 2017 - round of 16

FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019 squad

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DEFENDERS

MIDFIELDERS

FORWARDS

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Goals scored
Goal location

Goals conceded
Goal location

Average possession
52% Total

24% Final third
46% Middle third
30% Defensive third

Shots per match

Shots per goal

Shots on target per match

Shots on target per goal

100% inside penalty area
0% outside penalty area

6

3 open-play goals
3 set-piece goals
0 own-goals

from corners 1
from free kicks 1
from penalties 1
from throw-ins 0

20% outside penalty area

5

4 open-play goals
1 set-piece goals
0 own-goals

from corners 1
from free kicks 0
from penalties 0
from throw-ins 0

80% inside penalty area
0% outside penalty area

16.0

5.5

3.7

11.7

10.0

1.7

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1.7
The representation of player positions has been taken from one match. Team compactness and team shape data represents the team’s tournament average.

Team compactness
- In possession
- Out of possession

Team passes: 482

Goalkeeper passing success: 73%

Goalkeeper passes: 26

Goalkeeper passing length:
- Short (<17m): 8
- Medium (17-34m): 6
- Long (>34m): 12

Penalty-area entries: 39

Final-third entries: 61

Penalty-area entries against: 25

% of final-third entries leading to shots: 26%

Total distance (km): 118.7
- Distance >20 km/h: 9,865
- Distance >25 km/h: 2,456
- Activities >25 km/h: 127

Activities:
- >25 km/h: 2,456m
- 20-25 km/h: 7,409m
- 15-20 km/h: 18,032m
- 10-15 km/h: 51,707m
- 5-10 km/h: 39,121m
- 0-5 km/h: 42,074m
- 0-7 km/h: 41,423m
- 0-7 km/h: 50,803m
- 0-7 km/h: 42,074m
- 0-7 km/h: 41,423m

Opponents bypassed: 308
- Own players bypassed: 46
- Own defenders bypassed: 49
- Opposition defenders bypassed: 58

Defensive line breaks:
- Inside line breaks: 3.2
- Outside line breaks: 6.6

Defensive line breaks against:
- Inside line breaks: 3
- Outside line breaks: 6

Penalty-area entries:
- Final-third entries: 31
- Final-third entries: 57
- Penalty-area entries: 31

Attacking entries:
- Final-third entries: 57
- Penalty-area entries: 31
FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019

GROUP STAGE
24.05.2019
URU 3-1 NOR
27.05.2019
NOR 0-2 NZL
30.05.2019
NOR 12-0 HON

ROUND OF 16
- QUARTER-FINALS
- SEMI-FINALS
- FINALS

Average possession

57% Total

23% Final third
49% Middle third
27% Defensive third

Goals scored
Goal location

13
100% inside penalty area
0% outside penalty area

11 open-play goals
2 set-piece goals
0 own-goals

Goals conceded
Goal location

5
40% outside penalty area
60% inside penalty area

4 open-play goals
0 set-piece goals
1 own-goals
Team positional insights

The representation of player positions has been taken from one match. Team compactness and team shape data represents the team’s tournament average.

Team passing accuracy

- Final third: 73%, 77% against 74%
- Middle third: 81%, 60% against 70%
- Defensive third: 86%, 56% against 60%

Goalkeeper passing success

- Short (<17m): 89%, 70% against 60%
- Medium (17-34m): 24%, 29% against 22%
- Long (>34m): 11%, 2% against 22%

Defensive line breaks

- Inside line breaks: 9, 48% against 33%
- Outside line breaks: 11, 68% against 37%

Penalty-area entries

- Final-third entries: 41, 78% against 54%
- Final-third entries against: 48, 77% against 56%

Opponents bypassed

- 293, 252
- 58, 51
- 56, 56
- 293, 252
- 58, 51
- 56, 56

% of final-third entries leading to shots

- 20%, 22% against 20%
FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019

23 May - 15 June 2019

GROUP STAGE
25.05.2019
PAN 1-1 MLI
28.05.2019
PAN 0-2 FRA
31.05.2019
KSA 1-2 PAN

ROUND OF 16
03.06.2019
UKR 4-1 PAN

QUARTER-FINALS

SEMI-FINALS

FINALS

Last FIFA U-20 World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-20 World Cup 2015 - Group stage

FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019 squad

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Average possession

- 39% Total
- 14% Final third
- 44% Middle third
- 42% Defensive third

Shots per match

- 9.3 from corners
- 2.8 from free kicks
- 0 from penalties
- 1 from throw-ins

Shots on target per match

- 2.8 from corners
- 0 from free kicks
- 0 from penalties
- 0 from throw-ins

Goals scored

- 4 from corners
- 0 from free kicks
- 1 from penalties
- 0 from throw-ins

Goals conceded

- 5 from corners
- 0 from free kicks
- 0 from penalties
- 0 from throw-ins

Defensive third: 42%
Middle third: 44%
Final third: 14%

Inside penalty area: 100%
Outside penalty area: 0%

Goals scored: 4
Goal location:
- 12% outside penalty area
- 88% inside penalty area

Goals conceded: 8
Goal location:
- 100% inside penalty area
- 0% outside penalty area

Set-piece goals: 1
Own-goals: 0

Open-play goals: 6
Penalties: 1
Throw-ins: 0
The representation of player positions has been taken from one match. Team compactness and team shape data represents the team's tournament average.

Team passing accuracy
- **In possession**: 73%
- **Out of possession**: 72%

Team passes
- **Final third**: 92%
- **Middle third**: 75%
- **Defensive third**: 62%

Goalkeeper passing success
- **Short (0-7 km/h)**: 41
- **Medium (7-15 km/h)**: 231
- **Long (>17 km/h)**: 150

Goalkeeper passes
- **Short (0-7 km/h)**: 32
- **Medium (7-15 km/h)**: 29
- **Long (>17 km/h)**: 22

Goalkeeper passing length
- **Short (0-7 km/h)**: 16,199m
- **Medium (7-15 km/h)**: 15,546m
- **Long (>17 km/h)**: 11,236m

Defensive line breaks
- **Inside line breaks**: 6
- **Outside line breaks**: 2

Attacking entries
- **Penalty-area entries**: 20
- **Final-third entries**: 46

Defensive line breaks against
- **Inside line breaks**: 3
- **Outside line breaks**: 7

Penalty-area entries against
- **Final-third entries**: 34

Opponents bypassed
- **In possession**: 260
- **Deepest defender**: 11

Opposition defenders bypassed
- **In possession**: 43
- **Deepest defender**: 20

Own players bypassed
- **In possession**: 393

Own defenders bypassed
- **In possession**: 126

% of final-third entries leading to shots
- **Penalty-area entries**: 20%
- **Final-third entries**: 22%

Total distance (km)
- **>25 km/h**: 2,194
- **20-25 km/h**: 6,983
- **15-20 km/h**: 17,795
- **10-15 km/h**: 56,667
- **<10 km/h**: 38,958

Activities >25 km/h
- **Total distance (km)**: 122.6
- **Distance >20 km/h**: 9,177
- **Distance >25 km/h**: 2,194

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Activities >25 km/h
FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019
23 May - 15 June 2019

GROUP STAGE
23.05.2019
POL 0-2 COL
26.05.2019
POL 5-0 TAH
29.05.2019
SEN 0-0 POL

ROUND OF 16
02.06.2019
ITA 1-0 POL

QUARTER-FINALS

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Last FIFA U-20 World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-20 World Cup 2007 - round of 16

FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019 squad

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Average possession

Total 54%
Final third 22%
Middle third 50%
Defensive third 28%

Goals scored
Goal location

5 goals
80% inside penalty area
20% outside penalty area

Goals conceded
Goal location

3 goals
0% outside penalty area
100% inside penalty area

Shots per match

5 shots
1 from corners
0 from free kicks
0 from penalties
0 from throw-ins

Open-play goals
Set-piece goals
Own-goals

5 goals
0 set-piece goals
0 own-goals

Open-play goals
Set-piece goals
Own-goals

2 goals
0 set-piece goals
0 own-goals

Technical staff
KOZUB Pawel (Assistant coach)
LUCZYWEK Tomasz (Assistant coach)
KOWALEWSKI Wojciech (Goalkeeping coach)
KRZEPOTA Sebastian (Fitness coach)

Head coach
MAGIERA Jacek (POL)

5 open-play goals from corners 0
5 open-play goals from free kicks 0
5 open-play goals from penalties 0
5 open-play goals from throw-ins 0

3 set-piece goals from corners 0
3 set-piece goals from free kicks 0
3 set-piece goals from penalties 1
3 set-piece goals from throw-ins 0

3 own-goals from corners 0
3 own-goals from free kicks 0
3 own-goals from penalties 1
3 own-goals from throw-ins 0
The representation of player positions has been taken from one match. Team compactness and team shape data represents the team’s tournament average.

Team positional insights

Team passing accuracy

Goalkeeper passing success

Goalkeeper passing length

Attacking entries

Penalty-area entries

Attacking entries against

Opponents bypassed

Opposition defenders bypassed

Own players bypassed

Own defenders bypassed

% of final-third entries leading to shots

Total distance (km)

Distance >20 km/h

Distance >25 km/h

Activities >25 km/h
FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019
23 May - 15 June 2019

GROUP STAGE
25.05.2019
POR 1-0 KOR
28.05.2019
POR 0-2 ARG
31.05.2019
RSA 1-1 POR

ROUND OF 16
28.05.2019
POR 0-2 ARG
31.05.2019
RSA 1-1 POR

Last FIFA U-20 World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-20 World Cup 2017 - quarter-final

FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019 squad

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**Technical staff**

- SOUSA Hélio (Assistant coach)
- MILHEIRO Joaquim (Assistant coach)
- ESPINHA Pedro (Goalkeeping coach)

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**Average possession**

- Total: 60%
- Final third: 26%
- Middle third: 45%
- Defensive third: 28%

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**Shots per match**

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**Shots on target per match**

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**Goals scored**

- 2 goals (1 open-play, 1 from penalty)
- 1 own-goal

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**Goals conceded**

- 3 goals (2 from corners, 1 from throw-ins)
- 1 own-goal
FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019

GROUP STAGE
24.05.2019
QAT 0-4 NGA
27.05.2019
QAT 0-1 UKR
30.05.2019
USA 1-0 QAT

ROUND OF 16

QUARTER-FINALS

SEMI-FINALS

FINALS

Last FIFA U-20 World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-20 World Cup 2015 - group stage

FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019 squad

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3 AHMED ALMINHALI Al Sailiya SC (QAT) 196 0
5 YOUSSEF AYMAN Qatar SC (QAT) 0 0
12 HOMAM AHMED KAS Eupen (BEL) 74 0
13 ALI MALOLAH Al Wakrah SC (QAT) 90 0
15 BAHAA MAMDOUH Al Sadd SC (QAT) 270 0
19 AHMED SUHAIL C Al Ahli SC (QAT) 270 0
4 ABDOLLAH ALI KAS Eupen (BEL) 45 0
6 NASSER ALAYZIDI Al-Duhail SC (QAT) 13 0
8 ANDRI SYAHPUTRA Al Gharafa SC (QAT) 270 0
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7 ABDULLASHEED UMARU Al Ahli SC (QAT) 136 0
9 YUSUF ABDURISAG Al Arabi SC (QAT) 270 0

Average possession

Shots per match

Goals scored
Goal location

Goals conceded
Goal location
The representation of player positions has been taken from one match. Team compactness and team shape data represents the team's tournament average.

### Team Compactness
- **In possession**
- **Out of possession**

### Team Shape
- **In possession**
- **Deepest defender**

### Team Positional Insights
- **Team Shape Data Explanation**
- **Out of possession**
- **Deepest defender**

### Team Passing Accuracy
- **Team passes**: 417
- **Goalkeeper passing success**: 61%
- **Goalkeeper passes**: 33
- **Goalkeeper passing length**:
  - Short (<17m): 9
  - Medium (17-34m): 12
  - Long (>34m): 12

### Defensive Line Breaks
- **Inside line breaks**: 2
- **Outside line breaks**: 5

### Attacking Entries
- **Penalty-area entries**: 23
- **Final-third entries**: 49
- **Outside line breaks**:
- **Inside line breaks**:
- **Out of possession**

### Opponents Bypassed
- **293**

### Own Players Bypassed
- **58**

### Own Defenders Bypassed
- **23**

### % of Final-third Entries leading to shots
- **17%**

### Activities by Speed
- **>25 km/h**: 2,238m
- **Distance >25 km/h**: 9,332
- **Distance >25 km/h**: 9,332
- **Activities >25 km/h**: 122

### Total Distance (km)
- **116.7**
### FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019

#### Goals scored

- **10 Goals scored**
- **Goal location:**
  - **90%** inside penalty area
  - **10%** outside penalty area

#### Goals conceded

- **4 Goals conceded**
- **Goal location:**
  - **100%** inside penalty area

### FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019 squad

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#### Average possession

- **46%** Total
  - **23%** Final third
  - **44%** Middle third
  - **33%** Defensive third

#### Shots per match

- **15.4**
- **7.7** from corners
- **5.6** from free kicks
- **0** from penalties
- **0** from throw-ins

#### Shots on target per match

- **2.8**
- **0** from corners
- **1** from free kicks
- **1** from penalties
- **0** from throw-ins

### Technical staff

- **Head coach:** DABO Youssouf (SEN)
- **Assistant coach:** AIDARA Seydina
- **Fitness coach:** ASSANE Faye
- **Fitness coach:** FALL Khalifa

### Last FIFA U-20 World Cup campaign

- FIFA U-20 World Cup 2017 - round of 16
The representation of player positions has been taken from one match. Team compactness and team shape data represents the team's tournament average.
**FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019**

**Last FIFA U-20 World Cup campaign:**

**FIFA U-20 World Cup 2017 - group stage**

**FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019 squad**

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**Scores**

- 3 goals scored
- 7 goals conceded

**Positional Analysis**

- **Goals scored**
  - Inside penalty area: 100%
  - Outside penalty area: 0%
  - Totals: 12.3 goals per match from set-piece plays

- **Goals conceded**
  - Inside penalty area: 100%
  - Outside penalty area: 0%
  - Totals: 5.0 goals per match from set-piece plays

**Technical Staff**

- **Head coach:** SENONG Thabo (RSA)
- **Technical staff:**
  - BISHOP Shawn (Assistant coach)
  - SHIBURI Tsakani (Goalkeeping coach)
  - MELESI Kopano (Fitness coach)

**Average possession**

- **Total:** 40%
  - Final third: 16%
  - Middle third: 38%
  - Defensive third: 45%

**Shots per match**

- Total: 12.3
  - From free kicks: 1
  - From penalties: 2
  - From throw-ins: 0

**Shots on target per match**

- Total: 5.0
  - From free kicks: 0
  - From penalties: 1
  - From throw-ins: 0
# Team positional insights

The representation of player positions has been taken from one match. Team compactness and team shape data represents the team’s tournament average.

## Team compactness
- **In possession**
- **Out of possession**

## Team shape
- **In possession**
- **Deepest defender**

### Team passing accuracy
- **Final third** 69%
- **Middle third** 69%
- **Defensive third** 74%
- Total team passes: 326
- Goalkeeper passing success: 71%

### Team shape data explanation
- **Out of possession**
- **Deepest defender**

### Goalkeeper passing length
- **Short (<17m)**: 6
- **Medium (17-34m)**: 7
- **Long (>34m)**: 15

### Defensive line breaks
- Inside line breaks: 0
- Outside line breaks: 2

### Attacking entries
- **Final-third entries**
- **Penalty-area entries**

### Opponents bypassed
- Total opposition defenders bypassed: 219
- Own players bypassed: 30
- Own defenders bypassed: 45

### % of final-third entries leading to shots
- 27%

### Distance (km)
- Total distance: 117.4
- Distance >20 km/h: 9,048
- Distance >25 km/h: 2,306
- Activities >25 km/h: 119

### Activities
- 0-7 km/h: 42,074m
- 7-15 km/h: 41,423m
- 15-20 km/h: 32,821m
- 20-25 km/h: 16,449m
- >25 km/h: 11,742m
**FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019**

**GROUP STAGE**
- 23.05.2019: TAH 0-3 SEN
- 26.05.2019: POL 5-0 TAH
- 29.05.2019: COL 6-0 TAH

**ROUND OF 16**
- QUARTER-FINALS
- SEMI-FINALS
- FINALS

**Last FIFA U-20 World Cup campaign:**
FIFA U-20 World Cup 2009 - group stage

**FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019 squad**

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**Average possession**
- Total: 9%
- Final third: 41%
- Middle third: 50%
- Defensive third: 38%

**Shots per match**
- Total: 5.0
- from corners: 0
- from free kicks: 0
- from penalties: 0
- from throw-ins: 0

**Shots on target per match**
- Total: 0.7
- from corners: 1
- from free kicks: 1
- from penalties: 0
- from throw-ins: 0

**Goals scored**
- 0%
- inside penalty area
- 0%
- outside penalty area
- 14%
- outside penalty area

**Goals conceded**
- 86%
- inside penalty area
- 0%
- outside penalty area
- 14%
- outside penalty area

**Technical staff**
- TEUIRA Alberic (Assistant coach)
- BENOIT Vulvin (Goalkeeping coach)
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**Team compactness**
- In possession
- Out of possession

**Team shape**
- In possession
- Deepest defender

**Team passing accuracy**
- Final third: 71%
- Middle third: 74%
- Defensive third: 62%

**Goalkeeper passing success**
- 45%

**Defensive line breaks**
- Inside line breaks: 3.2
- Outside line breaks: 6.6

**Penalty-area entries**
- 13

**Total distance (km)**
- 118.0
- Distance >20 km/h: 8,192
- Distance >25 km/h: 1,725
- Activities >25 km/h: 93

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**Penalty-area entries against**
- 27

**Final-third entries**
- 54

**Final-third entries against**
- 72

**Goalkeeper passing length**
- Short (<17m): 5
- Medium (17-34m): 7
- Long (>34m): 25

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FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019
23 May - 15 June 2019

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24.05.2019
UKR 2-1 USA
27.05.2019
QAT 0-1 UKR
30.05.2019
NGA 1-1 UKR

ROUND OF 16
03.06.2019
UKR 4-1 PAN

QUARTER-FINALS
07.06.2019
COL 0-1 UKR

SEMI-FINALS
11.06.2019
UKR 1-0 ITA

FINALS
15.06.2019
UKR 3-1 KOR

Last FIFA U-20 World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-20 World Cup 2015 - round of 16

FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019 squad

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GOALKEEPERS

DEFENDERS

MIDFIELDERS

FORWARDS

NO. = Squad number; = Clean sheets; MINS = Minutes played; G = Goals; A = Assists.

Average possession

45% Total
15% Final third
46% Middle third
39% Defensive third

 Shots per match
5.8

 Shots per goal

 Shots on target per match
3.4

13 Goals scored
Goal location

92% inside penalty area
8% outside penalty area

11 open-play goals
2 set-piece goals
0 own-goals

from corners 2
from free kicks 0
from penalties 0
from throw-ins 0

4 Goals conceded
Goal location

0% outside penalty area
100% inside penalty area

2 open-play goals
2 set-piece goals
0 own-goals

from corners 0
from free kicks 0
from penalties 2
from throw-ins 0

Head coach
PETRAKOV Oleksandr (UKR)

Technical staff
ANNENKOV Andrii (Assistant coach)
KERNOZENKO Viacheslav (Goalkeeping coach)
RUZHENTSEV Viacheslav (Fitness coach)

UKRAINE / UEFA

Last set-piece goals
2 from corners
2 from free kicks
2 from penalties
0 from throw-ins

First open-play goals
0 from corners
0 from free kicks
0 from penalties
2 from throw-ins

11 open-play goals
2 set-piece goals
0 own-goals

UKRAINE / UEFA
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### Team positional insights

#### Team passing accuracy
- Final third: 74% (77%)
- Middle third: 71% (76%)
- Defensive third: 75% (75%)

#### Team passes
- Total: 409
- Final third: 44
- Middle third: 226
- Defensive third: 139

#### Goalkeeper passing success
- Total: 60% (70%)

#### Goalkeeper passes
- Total: 22
- Short (<17m): 29
- Medium (17-34m): 6
- Long (>34m): 12

#### Defensive line breaks
- Inside line breaks: 1
- Outside line breaks: 5

#### Attacking entries
- Total: 27
- Penalty-area entries: 31
- Final-third entries: 57

#### Opponents bypassed
- Total: 293
- Opposition defenders bypassed: 51
- Own players bypassed: 280
- Own defenders bypassed: 56

#### % of final-third entries leading to shots
- Total: 20%
- 22%

#### Speed categories
- >25 km/h: 2,144 m
- 20-25 km/h: 6,126 m
- 15-20 km/h: 15,546 m
- 10-15 km/h: 50,803 m
- 5-10 km/h: 41,423 m
- 0-5 km/h: 5,028 m
- <0 km/h: 1,488 m

#### Distance categories
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30.05.2019
NZL 0-2 URU

ROUND OF 16
03.06.2019
URU 1-3 ECU

QUARTER-FINALS
-
SEMI-FINALS
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FINALS
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Footage

Last FIFA U-20 World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-20 World Cup 2015 - semi-final

FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019 squad

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NO. = Squad number; = Clean sheets; MINS = Minutes played; G = Goals; A = Assists.

Average possession

51% Total
22% Final third
41% Middle third
37% Defensive third

Shots per match

13.3

Shots per goal

4.5

Shots on target per match

2.3

Shots on target per goal

88% inside penalty area
12% outside penalty area

6 open-play goals from corners
2 from free kicks
0 from penalties
from throw-ins

4 Goals scored Goal location

60% inside penalty area
40% outside penalty area

2 open-play goals from corners
0 from free kicks
0 from penalties
0 from throw-ins

4 Goals conceded Goal location

100% inside penalty area
0% outside penalty area

2 open-play goals from corners
0 from free kicks
2 from penalties
0 from throw-ins
### Team Compactness

- **In possession**
  - Team compactness
  - Team shape data explanation

- **Out of possession**
  - Deepest defender

### Team Shape

- **In possession**
  - Team compactness
  - Team shape data explanation

- **Out of possession**
  - Deepest defender

The representation of player positions has been taken from one match. Team compactness and team shape data represents the team's tournament average.

### Team Passing

- **Accuracy**
  - Team passes: 451
  - Goalkeeper passing success: 76%

- **Success**
  - Final third: 75%
  - Middle third: 80%
  - Defensive third: 79%

### Goalkeeper Passing

- **Success**
  - 76%

### Goalkeeper Passes

- **Total**: 29

### Goalkeeper Passing Length

- **Short (<17m)**: 10
- **Medium (17-34m)**: 13
- **Long (>34m)**: 6

### Defending Line Breaks

- **Inside line breaks**: 4
- **Outside line breaks**: 9

### Attacking Entries

- **Penalty-area entries**: 29
- **Final-third entries**: 51

### Attacking Entries Against

- **Final-third entries**: 57
- **Penalty-area entries**: 26

### Opponents Bypassed

- **Total**: 278

### Own Players Bypassed

- **Total**: 55

### Own Defenders Bypassed

- **Total**: 46

### % of Final-third Entries Leading to Shots

- **26%**

### Distance (km)

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FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019
23 May - 15 June 2019

GROUP STAGE
24.05.2019
UKR 2-1 USA
27.05.2019
USA 2-0 NGA
30.05.2019
USA 1-0 QAT

ROUND OF 16
04.06.2019
FRA 2-3 USA

QUARTER-FINALS
08.06.2019
USA 1-2 ECU

SEMI-FINALS

FINALS

Last FIFA U-20 World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-20 World Cup 2015 - quarter-final

FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019 squad

GOALKEEPERS

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1 SCOTT Brady 1. FC Köln (GER) 270 0
12 OCHOA David Real Salt Lake (USA) 180 0
21 DOS SANTOS CJ SL Benfica (POR) 0 0

DEFENDERS

2 DEST Sergino AFC Ajax (NED) 360 0
3 GLOSTER Chris Hannover 96 (GER) 428 0 1
4 McKENZIE Mark C Philadelphia Union (USA) 121 0
5 RICHARDS Chris FC Bayern München (GER) 420 0
7 ARAUJO Julian LA Galaxy (USA) 0 0
13 KEITA Aboubacar Columbus Crew (USA) 446 0
15 REAL Matt Philadelphia Union (USA) 22 0
20 LEDEZMA Richard PSV Eindhoven (NED) 85 0 1

MIDFIELDERS

6 DURKIN Chris D.C. United (USA) 360 0
8 MENDEZ Alex SC Freiburg (GER) 331 0 2
10 POMYKAL Paxton FC Dallas (USA) 360 0
14 CERRILLO Edwin FC Dallas (USA) 0 0
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9 SOTO Sebastian Hannover 96 (GER) 383 4 0
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17 DE LA FUENTE Konrad FC Barcelona (ESP) 345 0
18 LLANEZ JR. Uly VfL Wolfsburg (GER) 99 0
19 RENNICKS Justin New England Revolution (USA) 40 1 0

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Average possession

54% Total
20% Final third
48% Middle third
32% Defensive third

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8 Goals scored
Goal location

6 Goals conceded
Goal location

100% inside penalty area
0% outside penalty area

6 open-play goals
2 set-piece goals
0 own-goals

from corners 2
from free kicks 0
from penalties 0
from throw-ins 0

5 open-play goals
1 set-piece goals
0 own-goals

from corners 1
from free kicks 0
from penalties 0
from throw-ins 0
FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019

Team compactness
- In possession
- Out of possession

Team shape
- In possession
- Deepest defender

Deepest defender

The representation of player positions has been taken from one match. Team compactness and team shape data represent the team's tournament average.

Team positional insights

Team passing accuracy
- Final third: 76%
- Middle third: 81%
- Defensive third: 86%

Team passes
- Total: 516

Goalkeeper passing success
- Short (<17m): 70%
- Medium (17-34m): 60%
- Long (>34m): 29%

Goalkeeper passes
- Total: 20

Goalkeeper passing length
- Short (<17m): 7
- Medium (17-34m): 6
- Long (>34m): 7

Defensive line breaks
- Inside line breaks: 3
- Outside line breaks: 6

Inside line breaks against
- Inside line breaks: 3
- Outside line breaks: 6

Attacking entries
- Penalty-area entries: 31
- Final-third entries: 57

Attacking entries against
- Penalty-area entries: 31
- Final-third entries: 57

Opponents bypassed
- Total: 293

Opposition defenders bypassed
- Total: 58

Own players bypassed
- Total: 293

Own defenders bypassed
- Total: 56

% of final-third entries leading to shots
- Total: 21%

Total distance (km)
- 110.9

Distance >20 km/h
- 8,152

Distance >25 km/h
- 2,175

Activities >25 km/h
- 115

Distance >25 km/h
- 42,420

Activities >25 km/h
- 46,226

>25 km/h
- 2,175m

20-25 km/h
- 5,977m

15-20 km/h
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5-10 km/h
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PERFORMANCE INSIGHTS
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### Tournament Averages

- **FIFA U-20 2019 Winner**: 77%
- **Average 2017**: 73%
- **Average 2019**: 77%
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#### Tournament averages

- **Final third entries**
  - FIFA U-20 2017: 62
  - FIFA U-20 2019: 58

- **Penalty area entries**
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  - FIFA U-20 2019: 31
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- FIFA U-20 2017: 13.8
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**Tournament averages**

- **FIFA U-20 2017**
  - Shots inside penalty box: 46%
  - Shots outside penalty box: 54%

- **FIFA U-20 2019**
  - Shots inside penalty box: 48%
  - Shots outside penalty box: 52%
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### Tournament averages

- **FIFA U-20 2017**: 8.9
- **FIFA U-20 2019**: 10.3

Note: The FIFA U-20 2019 winner is highlighted.
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FIFA U-20 2019 winner

Tournament averages

FIFA U-20 2019: 3.3
FIFA U-20 2017: 3.1
Goals scored and conceded

- NOR: Goals scored 5, Goals conceded 13, FIFA U-20 2019 winner
- UKR: Goals scored 4, Goals conceded 13
- MLI: Goals scored 11, Goals conceded 13
- ARG: Goals scored 6, Goals conceded 10
- SEN: Goals scored 4, Goals conceded 10
- COL: Goals scored 4, Goals conceded 9
- FRA: Goals scored 5, Goals conceded 9
- KOR: Goals scored 5, Goals conceded 9
- ECU: Goals scored 5, Goals conceded 8
- ITA: Goals scored 5, Goals conceded 8
- NZL: Goals scored 3, Goals conceded 8
- URU: Goals scored 4, Goals conceded 8
- USA: Goals scored 6, Goals conceded 8
- NGA: Goals scored 6, Goals conceded 6
- POL: Goals scored 5, Goals conceded 5
- JPN: Goals scored 4, Goals conceded 4
- KSA: Goals scored 4, Goals conceded 4
- PAN: Goals scored 4, Goals conceded 4
- RSA: Goals scored 3, Goals conceded 3
- POR: Goals scored 2, Goals conceded 2
- MEX: Goals scored 1, Goals conceded 1
- HON: Goals scored 0, Goals conceded 19
- QAT: Goals scored 0, Goals conceded 6
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FIFA U-20 2017 goals scored: 140
FIFA U-20 2019 goals scored: 153
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Tournament averages

- Out of possession: 35
- In possession: 36

FIFA U-20 2019 winner: RSA
## Tournament averages

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- **NOR** (125.5 km)
- **ITA** (116.2 km)
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**FIFA U-20 2019 winner:**

- **POL** (10,297 m)
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**Average distance for FIFA U-20 2019:** 8,700 m
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**FIFA U-20 2019 winner**

**Tournament averages**

**FIFA U-20 2019**
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**FIFA U-20 2019**

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Goalkeeper saves

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Alban Lafont (FRA) - 1 save, 4 shots conceded on target
Emerson Dimas (PAN) - 0 saves, 4 shots conceded on target
Cameron Brown (NZL) - 4 saves, 6 shots conceded on target
Illan Meslier (FRA) - 3 saves, 6 shots conceded on target
Joao Virginia (POR) - 5 saves, 8 shots conceded on target
Nawaf Al Ghamdi (KSA) - 5 saves, 8 shots conceded on target
Michael Woud (NZL) - 10 saves, 11 shots conceded on target
Marcos Allen (PAN) - 7 saves, 11 shots conceded on target
A. Al Shammari (KSA) - 12 saves, 12 shots conceded on target
David Ochoa (USA) - 8 saves, 10 shots conceded on target
Julian Lund (NOR) - 12 saves, 12 shots conceded on target
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Gwang-Yeon Lee (KOR) - 24 saves, 32 shots conceded on target
Moana Pito (TAH) - 27 saves, 45 shots conceded on target
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**Tournament averages**

- In possession GK depth: 14
- Out of possession GK depth: 12

**FIFA U20 2019 winner**: Senegal
This award goes to the best player in the final competition on the basis of a ranking compiled by the FIFA Technical Study Group. A Silver Ball and a Bronze Ball are awarded to the second and third best players.

**Lee Kangin (KOR, 10)**

ADIDAS SILVER BALL: Serhii Buletsa (UKR, 10)

ADIDAS BRONZE BALL: Gonzalo Plata (ECU, 20)

This award is given to the top goalscorer of the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019. Assists were included if two or more players were equal on goals scored. The FIFA Technical Study Group decided whether an assist was to be counted. If two or more players remained equal, the player who had played fewer minutes in the final competition was ranked first. A Silver Boot and a Bronze Boot are awarded to the second and third best goalscorers.

**Erling Haland (NOR, 19)**

ADIDAS SILVER BOOT: Danylo Sikan (UKR, 14)

ADIDAS BRONZE BOOT: Amadou Sagna (SEN, 7)
The FIFA Fair Play Trophy is awarded to the team with the best fair play record, according to a points system and criteria specified in the competition regulations.

Andriy Lunin (UKR, 1)
The top goalkeeper award at the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019 is given by the FIFA Technical Study Group based on the performances throughout the final competition.

Japan
The FIFA Fair Play Trophy is awarded to the team with the best fair play record, according to a points system and criteria specified in the competition regulations.
### MATCH INFORMATION: GROUP A

**Poland v. Colombia** 0-2 (0-1)

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**POL:**
1 MAJECKI; 3 PUCHACZ (C), 5 SZOTA, 6 WALUKIEWICZ, 7 MAKOWSKI, 8 BOGUSZ, 9 STECZYK, 10 KOPIECZAK, 15 SOBORCZYK, 16 SUSZ, 18 STANILEWICZ

**COL:**
13 MIER, 2 CUESTA (C), 3 REYES, 4 ARROYO, 5 BALANTA, 6 PEREA, 7 ANGULO, 8 ALVARADO, 10 HERNANDEZ, 11 SINISTERRA, 16 VERA

Scores: 0-1 23’ ANGULO (7), 0-2 90’+3 SANDOVAL (9)

Referee: GHORBAL Mustapha (ALG)
Assistant referees: AHMED ABOUELREGAL Mahmoud (EGY), GOURARI Mokrane (ALG)
4th official: MARTINEZ Said (HON)
Substitutions:
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**COL:** 60’ out HERNANDEZ (10), in SANDOVAL (9), 78’ out ANGULO (7), in CARBONERO (20), 90’+1 out REYES (3), in TERAN (19)

Cautions: COL: 43’ VERA (16), 48’ ALVARADO (8)
Expulsions: –

**Tahiti v. Senegal** 0-3 (0-2)

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21 PITTO; 2 LIPARO; 3 TEHAAMOANA, 4 MORGANT, 6 BREMOND, 8 VIVI, 9 KASPARD, 10 TEHAU (C), 11 HEITAA, 13 BEAUMERT, 18 TEUMERE

**SEN:**
16 NDIAYE Dialy; 2 NDIAYE Moussa; 4 DIAGNE (C), 5 AW, 7 SAGNA, 12 DIOUNGOU, 13 CISSE, 14 NIANG, 17 LOPY, 19 BADJI, 20 CISS

Scores: 0-1 1’ SAGNA (7), 0-2 29’ SAGNA (7), 0-3 50’ SAGNA (7)

Referee: BIN JAHARI Muhammad (SIN)
Assistant referees: KOH Ronnie Min Kiat (SIN), BIN ABDUL Hannan (SIN)
4th official: KAREBOINEN David (PNG)
Substitutions:
**TAH:** 64’ out VIVI (8), in TUFARIJA (14), 75’ out BREMOND (6), in HOLOZET (15), 82’ out HEITAA (11), in TAVE (5)
**SEN:** 75’ out BADJI (19), in DRAKE (10), 75’ out NIANG (14), in NIANG (15), 82’ out LOPY (17), in NIANG (15)

Cautions: TAH: 34’ HEITAA (11), 39’ LIPARO (2)
Expulsions: –

It was a festive atmosphere for the 17,463 fans on hand to see hosts Poland kick off their FIFA U-20 World Cup campaign against Colombia, but Los Cafeteros brought their own energy and came away with a 2-0 victory at Lodz Stadium.

Forward Ivan Angulo opened the scoring in the 23rd minute, capitalising on an errant pass from Sebastian Walukiewicz. The Colombian No7 was tireless, making runs between defenders before being subbed off. Colombia would add a second goal late on, this time with substitute Luis Sandoval doing the damage.

It took only 9.6 seconds for forward Amadou Sagna to score the first goal of the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019 – the fastest goal in the history of the competition – as Senegal sailed ahead of Tahiti and never looked back, winning 3-0 at Lublin Stadium.

The Young Lions of Teranga were on their game from the off, piling on pressure and seizing control with a 2-0 lead inside 30 minutes. Sagna wasn’t done turning heads after the first minute, either. The 19-year-old netted a hat-trick in the Group A opener, scoring one final time in the 50th minute to secure all three points and a perfect start for the Africans.
Poland v. Tahiti 5-0 (3-0)

13  26.05.2019  20:30  LODZ  15,894

POL: 1 MAJECKI; 3 SZOTA, 9 STECZYK, 10 KOPACZ, 11 BEDNARCZYK, 14 ZALEWSKI, 15 SOBOCINSKI, 16 SLISZ, 18 STANILEWICZ, 19 LYSCZKARZ (C), 20 ZYLLA

TAH: 21 PITO; 2 LIPARO, 3 TEHAAMOANA, 4 MORGANT, 6 BREMOND, 8 VIVI, 9 KASPARD, 10 TEHAU (C), 14 TUFARIUA, 15 HOLOZET, 18 TEUMERE

Scores: 1-0 18' BEDNARCZYK (11), 2-0 37' ZYLLA (20), 3-0 39' STECZYK (9), 4-0 61' STECZYK (9), 5-0 74' BENEDYCZAK (17)

Referee: AL KAF Ahmed (OMA)
Assistant referees: AL AMRI Abu Bakar (OMA), AL GHAITHI Rashid (OMA)

Substitutions: POL: 58' out KOPACZ (10), in BENEDYCZAK (17), 62' out SLISZ (16), in GRYSZKIEWICZ (4), 77' out ZYLLA (20), in SKORAS (13)

TAH: 46' HT out VIVI (8), in MARO (20), 46' HT out LIPARO (2), in TAVE (3), 70' out BREMOND (6), in FERRAND (19)

Cautions: –
Expulsions: TAH: 88' (2YR) TEHAAMOANA (3)

The hosts won their first match at the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019 in style, a 5-0 result over Tahiti. With the support of their home crowd, The White Eagles took control of the match early and never looked back.

Poland's first came via volley from Jakub Bednarczyk in the 18th minute. Next, Marcel Zylla's attacking consistency paid off as he nabbed his first goal from a half-volley that bounced over the goalkeeper's head. Dominik Steczyk joined in when he scored Poland's third goal two minutes later, putting his team in a strong position six minute from half-time.

Tahiti's best chance came in the 82nd minute, when Tutehau Tufariua fired a shot that Radoslaw Majecki was able to carry out for a corner.

Steczyk completed his brace in the 61st minute of the second half, playing a pivotal role on the attacking front. The hosts will be roaring with confidence after their performance, due to face first-place Senegal next.

Senegal v. Colombia 2-0 (1-0)

14  26.05.2019  18:00  LUBLIN  10,450

SEN: 16 NDIAYE Dialy; 2 NDIAYE Moussa, 4 DIAGNE (C), 5 AW, 7 SAGNA, 12 DIOUNGOU, 13 CSS, 14 NIANE, 17 LOPY, 19 BADJI, 20 CISS

COL: 13 MIER; 2 CUESTA (C), 3 REYES, 4 ARROYO, 5 BALANTA, 6 PEREA, 7 ANGULO, 8 ALVARADO, 10 HERNANDEZ, 11 SINISTERRA, 16 VERA

Scores: 1-0 34' NIANE (14, pen.), 2-0 85' LOPY (17, pen.)

Referee: OLIVER Michael (ENG)
Assistant referees: BENNETT Simon (ENG), BURT Stuart (ENG)

Substitutions: SEN: 72' out SAGNA (7), in NIANE (15), 80' out CISS (20), in NDIAYE (19), 82' out NIANE (14), in DRAME (10)

COL: 41' out PEREA (6), in CARBONERO (20), 65' out ANGULO (7), in SABIOVAL (9), 74' out HERNANDEZ (10), in AMAYA (18)

Cautions: SEN: 42' DIAGNE (4)
COL: 37' CUESTA (2), 58' REYES (3)

Expulsions: –

Senegal made it two wins from two at the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019 with a victory against Colombia at the Lublin Stadium on Sunday, cementing a slot in the tournament’s knockout stages.

Les Lions de la Teranga had the ball in the net on 21 minutes and even though Ibrahima Niane’s header was ruled offside, Senegal were soon celebrating a one-goal lead 13 minutes later after converting from the penalty spot.

Colombia’s Anderson Arroyo fouled Niane inside the area, and the forward made no mistake from the spot – firing past Kevin Mier and registering his first goal of Poland 2019.

Colombia pressed in the second half in search of an equaliser but Senegal doubled their lead on 85 minutes – another goal coming from the penalty spot. Ousseynou Niang was brought down by Andres Reyes before Dion Lopy converted his spot-kick to seal the deal for the African side.
Colombia v. Tahiti

26 29.05.2019 20:30 LUBLIN  4,693

COL: 13 MIER, 2 CUESTA (C), 3 REYES, 4 ARROYO, 5 BALANTA, 6 PEREA, 7 ANGULO, 8 ALVARADO, 10 HERNANDEZ, 11 SINISTERRA, 16 VERA
TAH: 21 PITO, 4 MORGANT, 5 TAVE, 6 BREMOND, 10 TEHAU (C), 11 HEITAA, 13 BEAUMERT, 14 TUFARIUA, 15 HOLOZET, 18 TEUMERE, 20 MARO

Scores:
- 1-0 8' SINISTERRA (11), 2-0 37' HERNANDEZ (10), 3-0 38' HERNANDEZ (10), 4-0 42' HERNANDEZ (10), 5-0 70' HERNANDEZ (10), 6-0 87' CAICEDO (17)

Referee: SIEBERT Daniel (GER)
Assistant referees: SEIDEL Jan (GER), FOLTYN Rafael (GER)
4th official: YAREBOINEN David (PNG)

Substitutions:
- COL: 46' HT out VERA (16), in COLORADO (21), 57' out REYES (3), in PALMA (14), 67' out SINISTERRA (11), in CACEDO (17)
- TAH: 46' HT out BEAUMERT (13), in AMAU (7), 46' HT out HOLOZET (15), in ARANEDA (17), 83' out MARIO (20), in FERRAND (19)

Cautions:
- COL: 44' ALVARADO (8)
- TAH: 30' BREMOND (6), 79' TEUMERE (18)

Expulsions: TAH: 83' (2YR) HEITAA (11)

Poland have squeezed through to the last 16 of the FIFA U-20 World Cup after a goalless draw with Senegal that sealed top spot in Group A for the Africans.

The hosts advance as one of the best third-placed teams, having been leapfrogged by Colombia, who were 6-0 winners against Tahiti in the section’s other fixture.

Poland were roared on throughout by a raucous and partisan Lodz crowd but, despite constructing some promising moves, they struggled to breach a defence that has yet to concede at this U-20 World Cup.

At the other end, they were indebted to goalkeeper Radowslaw Majecki, who produced an excellent reflex save to deny Ousseynou Niang after superb play on the right from the dynamic Ibrahima Drame.

That was the best of precious few chances in a forgettable match in which neither side needed to gamble to achieve their objectives.

Colombia’s No10 Juan Hernandez netted a hat-trick to propel his side to a 6-0 victory against Tahiti on Wednesday night at Lublin Stadium. The result secured Los Cafeteros’ spot in the knockout stage at Poland 2019.

Luis Sinisterra opened the scoring in the eighth minute, heading home Jaime Alvarado’s corner kick at the near post.

Despite a spirited defensive effort from Tahiti following the opener, Colombia broke through to score three times in five minutes at the end of the first half. Sinisterra completed his brace in the 37th minute, before Hernandez slotted home in the 38th and 42nd minutes.

Hernandez collected his hat-trick in the 70th minute, volleying in Ivan Angulo’s cross, before substitute Deiber Caicedo’s jinking individual effort three minutes from full time capped off a dominant performance for Los Cafeteros, who are through to the Round of 16 as second-place finishers in Group A. Tahiti, meanwhile, will bow out of the competition in the group stage.
Match Information: Group B

Mexico v. Italy
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23.05.2019 | 18:00 | GDYNIA | 7,893

**MEX:**
1 HIGUERA, 2 ALVAREZ, 3 SEPULVEDA (C), 4 ORONA, 5 CARDENAS, 6 GOKO, 7 ITO, 9 MACIAS, 10 LAINEZ, 11 DE LA ROSA, 12 LEON, 16 RAMIREZ

**ITA:**
1 PINAMONTI (C), 2 TRIPALDELLI, 3 GABBIA, 4 BELLANOVA, 5 DEL PRATO, 6 FRATTESI, 7 MACIAS, 8 D'ALBERICO, 9 PINAMONTI, 10 REZABALA, 11 ALVARADO, 12 MAGNANINI, 13 RANIERI, 14 LEON, 15 DEL PRATO, 16 HERNANDEZ, 17 PELLEGRINI, 18 ESPOSITO, 19 FIGUEROA, 20 DE LA ROSA, 21 HERNANDEZ

**Score:**
0-1 3’ FRATTESI (7), 1-1 37’ DE LA ROSA (11), 1-2 67’ RANIERI (13)

**Referee:**
CLAUS Raphael (BRA)

**Assistant referees:**
SIMON Danilo (BRA), PIRES Bruno (BRA)

**4th official:**
GONZALEZ Leodan (URU)

**Substitutions:**
MEX: 46' HT out DOMINGUEZ (8), in FIGUEROA (19), 87' out DE LA ROSA (11), in HERNANDEZ (7)
ITA: 78' out SCAMACCA (11), in CAPONE (10), 85' out FRATTESI (7), in ALBERICO (19), 88' out ESPOSITO (20), in COLPANI (8)

**Cautions:**
MEX: 70’ DE LA ROSA (11)
ITA: 79’ GABBIA (4), 89’ RANIERI (13)

**Expulsions:**
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Italy got off to a flying start at the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019 thanks to an impressive, quick goal by Davide Frattesi. The Italians were especially dominant in the first 20 minutes, but Mexico gradually grew into the game. El Tri capitalised on poor defending from a corner as Roberto de la Rosa headed in the equaliser a few minutes before half-time.

Gli Azzurrini, who finished third at the U-20 World Cup in 2017, took back control of proceedings after the break and eventually found the winner through Luca Raineri.

Japan v. Ecuador
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23.05.2019 | 20:30 | BYDGOSZCZ | 3,018

**JPN:**
1 WAKAHARA, 2 HIGASHI, 3 KOBAYASHI, 4 SEKO, 5 SUGAWARA, 6 GOKO, 7 ITO, 9 SAITO Koki, 10 SAITO Mitsuki (C), 11 TAGAWA, 12 YAMADA

**ECU:**
1 RAMIREZ, 2 POROZO, 3 PALACIOS, 4 ESPINOZA (C), 5 ALCIVAR, 6 CRUJENTES, 7 CAMPANA, 8 REZABALA, 9 ALVARADO, 10 MINA, 11 MIYASHIRO, 12 HERNANDEZ, 13 HERNANDEZ, 14 NISHIKAWA, 15 YAMADA, 16 SUGAWARA

**Score:**
0-1 45’ TAGAWA (11, own goal), 1-1 68’ YAMADA (16)

**Referee:**
VINCI Slavko (SVN)

**Assistant referees:**
KLANCNIK Tomaz (SVN), KOVACIC Andraz (SVN)

**4th official:**
SCHAERER Sandro (SUI)

**Substitutions:**
JPN: 46’ HT out SAITO Koki (9), in MIYASHIRO (13), 66’ out GOKO (6), in NISHIKAWA (14)

**Cautions:**
JPN: 30’ ITO (7), 43’ YAMADA (16), 78’ SUGAWARA (5)

**Expulsions:**
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South American champions Ecuador faced a tough opening-day challenge against perennial FIFA U-20 World Cup qualifiers Japan in Bydgoszcz. La Tricolor took the lead right before half-time, albeit rather fortuitously. From a free-kick, Japan goalkeeper Tomoya Wakahara punched his clearance directly into team-mate Kyo Suzuki Tagawa’s face and the ball ricocheted into the goal.

However, Japan fought their way back into the game with a large amount of the credit due to Wakahara, who saved Jordan Rezabala’s penalty early in the second half to keep his team in with a chance. And that moment proved to be just what the Samurai Blue needed as Kota Yamada equalised in the 68th minute, steering his shot home from close range after Ecuador keeper Moises Ramirez failed to clear his lines.
**Mexico v. Japan**

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15  26.05.2019  15:30  Gdynia  4,930

MEX: 1 HIGUERA; 2 ALVAREZ, 3 SEPULVEDA (C), 4 ORONA, 5 CARDENAS, 9 MACIAS, 10 LAINEZ, 11 DE LA ROSA, 14 LEON, 16 MERAZ, 20 LOZANO

JPN: 1 WAKAHARA; 3 KOBAYASHI, 4 SEKO, 5 SUGAWARA, 8 FUJIMOTO, 9 SAITO Koki, 10 SAITO Mitsuki (C), 11 TAGAWA, 13 MIYASHIRO, 15 SUZUKI Toichi, 16 YAMADA

Scorers: 0-1 21' MIYASHIRO (13), 0-2 52' TAGAWA (11), 0-3 77' MIYASHIRO (13)

Referee: SIEBERT Daniel (GER)

Assistant referees: SEIDEL Jan (GER), FOLTYN Rafael (GER)

4th official: TANTASHEV Ilgiz (UZB)

Substitutions: MEX: 24' out MERAZ (16), in FIGUEROA (19), 46' HT out DE LA ROSA (11), in DOMINGUEZ (8), 73' out LOZANO (13), in LOPEZ Daniel (17)

JPN: 76' out SAITO Koki (9), in NAKAMURA (20), 81' out FUJIMOTO (8), in ITO (7), 87' out MIYASHIRO (13), in HARA (18)

Cautions: MEX: 43' out LOZANO (20), 60' DOMINGUEZ (8)

JPN: 45'+4 out SAITO Mitsuki (10), 72' MIYASHIRO (13)

Expulsions: –

Japan registered a comprehensive 3-0 triumph over Mexico in Group B at the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019. It was the Samurai Blue’s first win of the tournament.

Japan pressed El Tri from the kick-off, frustrating playmaker Diego Lainez and goalscorer Jose Macias. At the other end of the field they were measured with their passing, probing for a way through that would come via Taisei Miyashiro in the 21st minute. Miyashiro burst through the penalty area to latch onto a flicked header and fire a right-footed shot off the far post and in.

Kyosuke Tagawa added to Japan’s advantage in the 52nd minute, rising to redirect a corner kick past Mexico goalkeeper Carlos Higuera. The Japanese put a bow on their performance with a brilliant team move in the 77th minute, initiated by a goal-kick and capped off by Miyashiro completing his brace.

With the victory Japan bolstered their chances of advancing to the knockout stages, having collected four points from their opening two games. Mexico, meanwhile, will continue to seek their first points at Poland 2019.

**Ecuador v. Italy**

16  26.05.2019  18:00  Bydgoszcz  6,717

ECU: 1 RAMIREZ, 2 POROZO, 3 PALACIOS, 4 ESPINOZA (C), 5 ALCIVAR, 6 VALLECILLA, 8 CIFUENTES, 9 CAMPANA, 10 REZABALA, 11 ALVARADO, 20 PLATA

ITA: 1 PLIZZARI; 3 TRIPALDELLI, 4 GABBIA, 7 FRATTESI, 9 PINAMONTI (C), 11 SCAMACCA, 13 RANIERI, 14 BELLANOVA, 15 DEL PRATO, 17 PELLEGRINI, 20 ESPOSITO

Scorers: 0-1 15' PINAMONTI (9)

Referee: MAKHAMDEH Adham (JOR)

Assistant referees: ALOQALLE Ahmad (JOR), ALKALAF Mohammad (JOR)

4th official: SCHAERER Sandro (SUI)

Substitutions: ECU: 60' out ESPINOZA (4), in PLAZA (17), 78' out ALCIVAR (5), in SEGURA (19)

ITA: 73' out ESPOSTO (20), in COLPANI (8), 82' out SCAMACCA (11), in CAPONE (10), 90' out FRATTESI (7), in ALBERICO (19)

Cautions: ECU: 65' out PALACIOS (3), 84' out PLATA (20)

ITA: 45'+2 out DEL PRATO (15), 58' out SCAMACCA (11), 72' PELLEGRINI (17), 87' CAPONE (10), 90+1 out BELLANOVA (14)

Expulsions: ECU: 41' POROZO (2)

Italy overcame ten-man Ecuador 1-0 to ensure their qualification to the next round at the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019. It was an absorbing and incident-heavy contest in front a full Bydgoszcz crowd.

Azzurri captain Andrea Pinamonti scored the lone goal in the 15th minute with a piece of technical skill, guiding in a half-volley with his right foot after Gianluca Scamacca teed him up perfectly with a cushioned header. Luca Pellegrini provided the initial service with a high, lofted cross.

The match took a turn when towering Ecuador centre-back Jackson Porozo was shown a straight red card following a high and late challenge on Alessandro Tripaldelli.

Ecuador had a golden opportunity to level matters after Jose Cifuentes had his shirt pulled by Enrico Del Prato. The referee awarded the penalty following a VAR review, but Leonardo Campana had his attempt saved by Alessandro Plizzari seconds before half-time.

Jorge Celico’s side ultimately could not find their way past a superb performance from the Italian defence, namely Plizzari.
Ecuador v. Mexico  1-0 (1-0)

27  29.05.2019 18:00  Gdynia  4,208

ECU: 1 RAMIREZ; 3 PALACIOS, 4 ESPINOZA (C), 5 ALCIVAR, 6 VALLECILLA, 8 CIFUENTES, 9 CAMPANA, 10 REZABALA, 11 ALVARADO, 14 MINA, 20 PLATA

MEX: 1 HIGUERA; 2 ALVAREZ, 3 SEPULVEDA (C), 4 ORONA, 5 CARDENAS, 9 MACIAS, 10 LANEZ, 13 TREJO, 14 LEON, 19 FIGUEROA, 20 LOZANO

Scores: 1-0 12' PLATA (20)

Referee: KRUZLIAK Ivan (SVK)
Assistant referees: SOMOLANI Tomas (SVK), HANCKO Branislav (SVK)
4th official: OLIVER Michael (ENG)

Substitutions: ECU: 79’ out REZABALA (10), in QUINTERO (16), 90’+2 out ALVARADO (11), in ESTUPINAN (7)
MEX: 45’ HT out FIGUEROA (19), in DE LA ROSA (11), 59’ out LOZANO (20), in GUTIERREZ (18), 76’ out ALVAREZ (2), in PLASCENCIA (15)

Cautions: ECU: 14’ CIFUENTES (8), 44’ ALVARADO (11), 89’ VALLECILLA (6), 90’+5 RAMIREZ (1)
MEX: 45’+2 SEPULVEDA (3), 48’ DE LA ROSA (11), 81’ ORONA (4), 84’ TREJO (13), 85’ CARDENAS (5)

Expulsions: –

An early goal from Gonzalo Plata helped Ecuador see off Mexico 1-0 at the Gdynia Stadium on Wednesday, in the final round of Group B matches at the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019.

The Ecuadorians controlled the pace of a first half that saw few clear-cut chances for either side. Their breakthrough came 12 minutes in when Gustavo Vallecilla motored past three defenders to reach the byline and pull the ball back for Gonzalo Plata, who calmly finished from 12 yards.

Seven minutes later it looked as if Mexico had equalised. But after consultation with the Video Assistant Referee (VAR), the referee ruled out Mario Trejo’s set-piece header as the Mexico defender was adjudged to be offside.

Jose Macias managed El Tri’s best effort of the second half with another header, but Ecuador goalkeeper Moises Ramirez saved well to his right, ensuring that Mexico’s U-20 World Cup came to an end.

Though Ecuador close out Group B behind Italy and Japan, La Tricolor’s four points give them a strong chance of reaching the final 16 as one of the top four third-place finishers. They will have to wait for other results to decide their Poland 2019 fate.

Italy v. Japan  0-0

28  29.05.2019 18:00  Bydgoszcz  6,702

ITA: 12 CARNESECCHI; 2 CANDELA, 3 TRIPALDELLI, 5 BUONGIORNO, 6 BETTELLA, 7 FRATTESI (C), 8 COLPANI, 10 CAPONE, 16 GORI, 18 OLIVIERI, 19 ALBERICO

JPN: 1 WAKAHARA; 2 HIGASHI, 3 KOBAYASHI, 5 SUGAWARA, 7 ITO, 9 SAITO Koki, 10 SAITO Mitsuki (C), 11 TAGAWA, 14 NISHIKAWA, 16 YAMADA, 17 MIKUNI

Scores: –
Referee: GHORBAL Mustapha (ALG)
Assistant referees: AHMED ABOUELREGAL Mahmoud (EGY), GOURARI Mokrane (ALG)
4th official: SCHAERER Sandro (SUI)

Substitutions: ITA: 46’ HT out BETTELLA (6), in GABBIA (4), 71’ out COLPANI (8), in ESPOSITO (20), 89’ out GORI (16), in PINAMONTI (9)
JPN: 22’ out TAGAWA (11), in NAKAMURA (20), 78’ out SAITO Koki (9), in SUZUKI Toichi (15), 86’ out NISHIKAWA (14), in HARA (18)

Cautions: ITA: 59’ FRATTESI (7)
JPN: 54’ MIKUNI (17)

Expulsions: –

Japan ensured their FIFA U-20 World Cup journey will continue beyond the group stage at Poland 2019 with a goalless draw against Group B winners Italy in sunny Bydgoszcz.

Knowing a point would be enough to secure their passage to knockout football, Japan head coach Masanaga Kageyama’s side played with more urgency than already-qualified Italy, with more possession and shot attempts than Paolo Nicolato’s side. The Italian manager made nine changes from their last game and gave six players their first minutes at this U-20 World Cup, including goalkeeper Marco Carnesecchi.

The Atalanta-based keeper came up with the match’s biggest moment when he saved Hiroki Ito’s penalty in the 11th minute. Referee Mustapha Ghobral awarded the penalty after Kyosuke Tagawa was brought down by Alessandro Buongiorno. Tagawa had to exit the game minutes later after he picked up what looked to be a hamstring injury.

Italy did give Japan a scare in front of goal midway through the second half when Marco Olivieri broke free to create a one-on-one with Japan keeper Tomoya Wakahara, but the Kyoto Sanga custodian displayed his quick reflexes and made the crucial save, which proved to be enough to bring his team the point they needed to book their place in the next round.

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MATCH INFORMATION: GROUP C

**Honduras v. New Zealand 0-5 (0-3)**

**5 24.05.2019 18:00 LUBLIN 4,484**

HON: 1 GARCIA; 3 DIEGO, 4 GOMEZ, 5 DECAS (C), 6 LOPEZ, 7 CALIX, 10 MEJIA, 14 JEAN BAPTISTE, 16 JEAN BAPTISTE, 19 ALVAREZ
NZL: 1 WOUD; 2 STANGER, 4 STENSNESS, 5 PIJNAKER, 7 JUST (C), 8 BELL (C), 10 SINGH, 13 CACACE, 17 ELLIOT, 18 WAINE, 19 MCCOWATT

Scores: 0-1 8° DIEGO (3, own goal), 0-2 17° WAINE (18), 0-3 27° WAINE (18), 0-4 51° SINGH (10), 0-5 90'+1 CONROY (11)

Referee: ELFATH Ismail (USA)
Assistant referees: URREGO Jorge (VEN), MORENO Tulio (VEN)
4th official: ALARCON Joel (PER)
Substitutions: HON: 46° HT out MEJIA (10), in ROSALES (14), 61° out CALIX (7), in GUEVARA (13), 66° out PALMA (17), in ROMERO (9)
NZL: 54° out MCCOWATT (19), in CONROY (11), 70° out WAINE (18), in WILKINS (3), 83° out JUST (7), in EBBINGE (20)
Caution: HON: 19° LOPEZ (6), 73° GUEVARA (13)
NZL: 82° WILKINS (3)
Expulsions: –

New Zealand produced the nation’s biggest win in FIFA U-20 World Cup history with a 5-0 rout of Honduras to open Group C play at the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019.

Darwin Diego inadvertently steered the ball into his own net just eight minutes into the match, and that unfortunate moment seemed to deflate Carlos Tabora’s side. After that, New Zealand took full control of the match as Ben Waine had a brace to his name midway through the first half.

The second half continued in much a similar vein to the first. New Zealand maintained their dominance with Sarpreet Singh and Matt Conroy adding a fourth and fifth goal to ensure the Kiwis made history to commence their Poland 2019 campaign.

**Uruguay v. Norway 3-1 (2-0)**

**6 24.05.2019 20:30 LODZ 4,626**

URU: 1 ISRAEL; 2 MENDEZ (C), 4 BUSQUETS, 6 ARAUJO Maximiliano, 8 RODRIGUEZ Santiago, 9 NUNEZ, 11 RODRIGUEZ Brian, 14 GINELLA, 16 ACEVEDO, 18 SANABRIA, 19 ARAUJO Ronald
NOR: 12 LUND; 2 BORCHGREVINK, 5 OSTIGARD (C), 7 VETLESEN, 10 MARKOVIC, 14 FREDRIKSEN, 16 BORKEEIET, 17 EVJEN, 18 SVENDSEN, 19 HALAND, 21 BRYNHILDSEN

Scores: 1-0 21° NUNEZ (9), 2-0 29° GINELLA (14), 2-1 47° BORCHGREVINK (2), 3-1 87° RODRIGUEZ Brian (11)

Referee: HERRERA Alexis (VEN)
Assistant referees: URREGO Jorge (VEN), MORENO Tulio (VEN)
4th official: TANTASHEV Ilgiz (UZB)
Substitutions: URU: 46° HT out ARAUJO Ronald (19), in ELIZALDE (15), 77° out RODRIGUEZ Santiago (8), in SCHAPPARCASSE (10), 84° out MENDEZ (2), in BARRIOS (5)
NOR: 65° out MARKOVIC (10), in CHRISTENSEN (20), 73° out BRYNHILDSEN (21), in HAUGE (11), 76° out SVENDSEN (18), in THORSTVEDT (9)
Caution: NOR: 43° VETLESEN (7), 48° SVENDSEN (18)
Expulsions: –

Two sumptuous first-half goals helped Uruguay see off a spirited Norway challenge and win 3-1 in their engrossing opener at the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019.

Luis Suarez memorably scored a golazo from just outside the box against Spain in Uruguay’s Canada 2007 opener, and their current spearhead repeated the feat in the 21st minute in Lodz. Ronald Araujo parted the Norwegian defence with a long ball for Darwin Nunez, who chested it into his path and unleashed a fizzing, dipping volley that left goalkeeper Julian Lund stationary.

It was 2-0 just before the half-hour, the exhilarating Brian Rodriguez deceiving his marker on the right wing and feeding Francisco Ginella, who cannily snuck between two Norwegians and lifted the ball into the roof of the net from seven yards.

The second period was, however, a different story. Tobias Borckeiet, from 15 yards inside his own half, produced a superlative pass for Christian Borchgrevink to coolly stroke home, on the volley, from the edge of the penalty area.

Norway dominated possession and went close a few times thereafter, but Rodriguez put the result beyond doubt with a late breakaway goal.
Late goals in each half helped Uruguay outlast Honduras 2-0 at Lublin Stadium on Monday during Group C action of the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019. The result saw La Celeste secure their place in the knockout stage.

Uruguay’s first was the product of a well-worked set piece in the 41st minute. Brian Rodriguez’s delivery from more than 40 yards out reached the head of Sebastian Caceres on the right-hand side of the penalty area. The 19-year-old defender flicked the ball tantalisingly across the face of goal, teeing up Acevedo’s right-footed blast into the back of the net.

Coming off a thorough defeat at the hands of New Zealand, Honduras coach Carlos Tabora made five changes to his starting XI, and the improvement was immediately evident. Los Catrachos were stingy in defence and at times overwhelmed Uruguay with their attacking movement up the left flank.

But Uruguay struck again a minute into second-half stoppage time. Nicolas Schiappacasse barrelled into position to finish off an elegant counterattack, ensuring his side a spot in the last 16.

Gianni Stensness’s second-half screamer put New Zealand en route to a 2-0 victory over Norway that sent them into the knockout phase for the third consecutive FIFA U-20 World Cup.

The Junior All Whites had the better of the first half, but their finishing failed to match their exquisite build-up play and when Liberato Cacace did test Julian Lund, the Norway goalkeeper made a smart save.

Lund denied Ben Wain and a Callum McCowatt free-kick shortly after the restart, but was powerless to prevent New Zealand breaking the deadlock in the 71st minute. There appeared minimal danger when the ball fell to Stensness, outside the penalty area, but his thunderbolt flew into the top corner.

The result fell beyond doubt late on. Cacace broke down the left and fed Elijah Just, whose cross was inadvertently turned into his own net by John Kitalano.
Erling Haland scored nine times to shatter the record for goals in a FIFA U-20 World Cup match and help Norway thrash Honduras 12-0 in the biggest victory in the competition’s history. He outranked Adailton, who scored six for Brazil in a 10-3 win over Korea Republic in 1997.

Haland’s first came in the seventh minute, and by half-time he already had four to his name. The pick of the bunch was when Tobias Borkeiet found Haland with a looping through ball, and the hulking centre-forward did the rest.

Two red cards for Honduras made matters worse as Los Catrachos crashed out of Poland 2019 emphatically.

Norway will have to wait to find out their fate in the competition. They hope their goal difference will be enough to see them finish as one of the top four third-placed sides.

Uruguay ended the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019 group stage with a 100 per cent record after earning a 2-0 victory against New Zealand in Lodz.

Both sides went into their final group encounter already assured of Round of 16 berths and sought to rest players because of it; New Zealand making nine changes, and Uruguay eight, to the teams that ran out on Monday.

La Celeste looked the more threatening side going forward in the first half and their pressure was rewarded five minutes before the break when Darwin Nunez’s powerful strike got the better of goalkeeper Cameron Brown. It was the first goal the Junior All Whites had conceded at Poland 2019.

Uruguay then sealed the deal in second-half injury-time through Brian Rodriguez, ensuring the South Americans signed off the group stage in style with three wins out of three.
**MATCH INFORMATION: GROUP D**

### Qatar v. Nigeria

**Date:** 7 24.05.2019 18:00  **Tychy**, 3,010

QAT: 18 SHEHAB MAMDOUH; 2 NASIR PEER (C), 3 AHMED ALMINHAL, 4 ABDOLLAH ALI, 8 ANDRI SYAHPUTRA, 9 YUSUF ABDURISAG, 14 EISA AHMAD, 15 BAHAA MAMDOUH, 16 HASHIM ALI, 17 MOHAMMED WAAD, 19 AHMED SUHAIL

NGA: 16 OREMADE; 2 RABIU, 3 UTIN (C), 5 SALAWUDEEN, 6 OZORNWAFO, 8 DELE-BASHIRU, 11 OFFIA, 14 MICHAEL, 15 MUHAMMAD, 19 EFFIOM, 20 TIJANI

**Scorers:**

0-1 12' EFFIOM (19), 0-2 24' OFFIA (11), 0-3 68' DELE-BASHIRU (8), 0-4 74' SALAWUDEEN (5)

**Referee:** GUERRERO Fernando (MEX)

**Assistant referees:** HERNANDEZ Pablo (MEX), MARTINEZ Jose (MEX)

**4th official:** BARTON Ivan (SLV)

**Substitutions:**

QAT: 46' HT out ABDOLLAH ALI (4), in KHALED MOHAMMED (10), 55' out EISA AHMAD (14), in ABDULRASHEED UMARU (7), 82' out MOHAMMED WAAD (17), in NASSER ALYAZIDI (6)

NGA: 68' out TIJANI (20), in ADAMS (9), 81' out DELE-BASHIRU (8), in OFOBORH (13), 81' out EFFIOM (19), in MAKANJUOLA (17)

**Cautions:**

NGA: 71' OZORNWAFO (6)

**Expulsions:** –

Nigeria delivered a bold statement of intent with a 4-0 thumping of Qatar in their Group D curtain-raiser at the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019.

The Flying Eagles, runners-up to a Joao Pinto-propelled Portugal in 1989 and a Lionel Messi-inspired Argentina in 2005, soared 2-0 up inside 25 minutes – and both goals were indebted to their left-back.

Ikouwem Utin duped his marker and unleashed a swerving shot, which Shehab Mamdouh could only push into the path of Maxwell Effiom, whose first-time volley broke the deadlock. The Nigeria No3 then somehow sprung four challenges down the left and cut the ball back to present Okechukwa Offia with a comfortable finish from close range.

Qatar did have their chances. Zulkifilu Rabiu catapulted himself across the Tychy turf to make an outstanding block from Yusuf Abdurisag, and Nigeria goalkeeper Olawale Oremade was alert to break up a three-on-one break from which the underdogs should have made more.

They were further punished, esteemed Manchester City midfielder Tom Dele-Bashiru making it 3-0 before Aliu Salawudeen’s swivel and shot completed the rout.

### Ukraine v. USA

**Date:** 8 24.05.2019 20:30  **Bielsko-Biala**, 4,310

UKR: 1 LUNIN; 2 BONDAR (C), 4 POPOV, 7 TSITAISHVILI, 8 KHAKHLOV, 9 KORNBIENKO, 10 BULETSA, 11 SUPRIAHA, 13 BESKOROVAINYI, 16 MUSOLITIN, 17 KONOPLIA

USA: 1 SCOTT; 2 DEST, 3 GLOSTER, 5 RICHARDS, 6 DURKIN, 8 MENDEZ, 10 POMYKAL (C), 11 WEAH, 13 KEITA, 16 SERVANIA, 17 DE LA FUENTE

**Scorers:**

1-0 26’ BULETSA (10), 1-1 32’ SERVANIA (16), 2-1 51’ POPOV (4)

**Referee:** NDIAYE Maguette (SEN)

**Assistant referees:** NOUPUE Elvis (CMR), TIAMA Seydou (BFA)

**4th official:** NDABIRHAVENMANA Pacifique (BDI)

**Substitutions:**

UKR: 75’ out BULETSA (10), in USTYMENKO (18), 78’ out TSITAISHVILI (7), in KASHCHUK (21), 86’ out KHAKHLOV (8), in CHEIKH (6)

USA: 66’ out SERVANIA (16), in SOTO (9), 69’ out GLOSTER (3), in REAL (15), 84’ out DE LA FUENTE (17), in RENNICKS (19)

**Cautions:**

UKR: 9’ TSITAISHVILI (7), 22’ MUSOLITIN (16), 60’ BONDAR (2)

USA: 50’ MENDEZ (8), 76’ DURKIN (6)

**Expulsions:** –

Ukraine prevailed 2-1 in a battle of contrasting styles at Bielsko-Biala Stadium, with their direct attack and compact defence outlasting USA's possession-heavy game in their Group D opener at the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019.

Despite the early possession advantage for the Americans, Serhi Buletsa opened the scoring in the 26th minute to the delight of the pro-Ukraine crowd. One-on-one with centre-back Sergino Dest, Buletsa used his body to reel in a ball over the top and score from close range.

USA answered quickly, with Brandon Servania capping an intricate team move in the 32nd minute to equalise.

Ukraine tightened the clamps on the USA attack in the second half, and Buletsa would prove the catalyst again in his team’s match-winner. Denys Popov’s glancing header from Buletsa’s corner proved the difference in the 51st minute.
Qatar v. Ukraine  0-1 (0-0)  
19  27.05.2019  18:00  TYCHY  3,513

QAT:  18 SHEHAB MAMDOUH, 2 NASIR PEER (C), 3 AHMED ALMINHALI, 7 ABDURASheed UMARU, 8 ANDRI SYAHPUTRA, 9 YUSUF ABDURISAG, 10 KHALED MOHAMMED, 11 ABDULLA NASSER, 15 BAHAA MAMDOUH, 17 MOHAMMED WAAD, 19 AHMED SUHAIL

UKR:  1 LUNIN, 2 BONDAR (C), 4 POPOV, 7 TSITAISHVILI, 8 KHAKHLOV, 9 KORNIENKO, 10 BULETSA, 11 SUPRIAHA, 13 BESKOROVAINYI, 16 MUSOLITIN, 17 KONOPLIA

Scorers:  0-1 59' POPOV (4)

Referee:  MARTINEZ Said (HON)
Assistant referees:  LOPEZ Walter (HON), FELIZ Hejys (DOM)
4th official:  BARTON Ivan (SVI)
Substitutions:  QAT:  54' out ABDULLA NASSER (11), in HASHIM ALI (16)
UKR:  46' HT out KHAKHLOV (8), in CHEKH (6), 62' out TSITAISHVILI (7), in KASHCHUK (21), 73' out BULETSA (10), in SIKAN (14)

Cautions:  QAT:  48' YUSUF ABDURISAG (9)
UKR:  22' KHAKHLOV (8), 47' BULETSA (10), 69' KONOPLIA (17)

Expulsions:  QAT:  85' NASIR PEER (2)

Denys Popov is the man for the big occasion. The Ukraine defender scored his second consecutive winning goal at the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019 in his side’s 1-0 victory over Qatar in Tychy in Group D, which confirmed their place in the knockout phase.

After an evenly-contested first half, Popov headed home in the 59th minute on a second-chance opportunity from an initial corner for the Ukrainians. Serhii Buletsa provided the delivery for his second assist of the competition.

Things went from bad to worse for Qatar as captain Nasir Peer was shown a straight red card for a late tackle on Maksym Chekh.

Ukraine have now advanced to the Round of 16 in all four of their appearances in competition history (2001, 2005, 2015 and 2019). However, they have yet to reach the quarter-finals.

USA v. Nigeria  2-0 (1-0)  
20  27.05.2019  20:30  BIELSKO-BIALA  3,427

USA:  1 SCOTT, 2 DEST, 3 GLOSTER, 5 RICHARDS, 6 DURKIN, 8 MENDEZ, 9 SOTO, 10 POMYKAL (C), 11 WEAH, 13 KEITA, 17 DE LA FUENTE

NGA:  16 OREMADe, 2 RABIU, 3 UTIN (C), 5 SALAWUDEEN, 6 OZORNWAFO, 8 DELE-BASHIRU, 9 ADAMS, 11 OFRIA, 14 MICHAEL, 15 MUHAMMAD, 19 EFFIOM

Scorers:  1-0 18' SOTO (9), 2-0 46' SOTO (9)

Referee:  BASTIEN Benoit (FRA)
Assistant referees:  ZAKRANI Hicham (FRA), HAQUETTE Frederic (FRA)
4th official:  NDABIHAVENMANA Pacifique (BDI)
Substitutions:  USA:  60' out RICHARDS (5), in MCKENZIE (4), 77' out MENDEZ (8), in SERVANZA (16), 87' out WEAH (11), in RENNICKS (19)
NGA:  31' out DELE-BASHIRU (8), in OKON (10), 54' out ADAMS (9), in TIJANI (20), 70' out MICHAEL (14), in MAKANJUOLA (17)

Cautions:  USA:  10' DE LA FUENTE (17), 90+6 GLOSTER (3)
NGA:  90+1 OKON (10), 90+10 SALAWUDEEN (5)

Expulsions:  –

Forward Sebastian Soto struck twice for the USA in rainy Bielsko-Bialo Monday night, powering the Stars and Stripes to their first victory at Poland 2019 while handing Nigeria their first defeat.

USA coach Tab Ramos made just one change to the starting XI from his side’s opener against Ukraine, and it paid doubly. First, Soto slipped his marker and nodded home Alex Mendez’s corner-kick service at the far post in the 18th minute, giving the USA a 1-0 lead.

Less than one minute into the second half Soto snuck past the Nigeria defence yet again, doubling his team’s advantage. Chris Gloster played him through beautifully after a marauding run inside from the left-back. Soto then got his feet and hips right, waited for the goalkeeper to collapse and popped the ball into the net with the inside of his right foot.

Nigeria weren’t without their chances, leaving the USA scrambling from a flurry of brilliant individual efforts toward the end of the first half. First, substitute Aniekeme Okon’s ferocious full volley at the top of the area was saved by Brady Scott. That was followed by forward Maxel Efion’s stinger from outside the right corner of the box which clipped the crossbar a minute later.

In the end the USA were resolute, holding on to greatly lift their chances of advancing from Group D.
USA v. Qatar  1-0 (0-0)

31  30.05.2019  20:30  TYCHY  3,651

USA:  12 OCHOA; 3 GLOSTER, 4 MCKENZIE (C), 5 RICHARDS, 6 DURKIN, 8 MENDEZ, 9 SOTO, 11 WEAH, 13 KEITA, 16 SERVANIA, 17 DE LA FUENTE

QAT:  18 SHEHAB MAMDOUNI; 8 ANDRI SYAHPUTRA; 9 YUSUF ABDURISAG, 10 KHALED MOHAMMED, 11 ABDULLA NASER, 12 HOMAM AHMED, 13 ALI MALOLAH, 15 BAHAA MAMDOUNI, 16 HASHIM ALI, 17 MOHAMMED WAAD, 19 AHMED SUHAIL (C)

Scores:  1-0 76' WEAH (11)

Referee:  ZITOUNI Abdelkader (TAH)
Assistant referees:  MOEAKI Folio (TGA), MUTUKERA Bernard (SOL)
4th official:  BARTON Ivan (SLV)

Substitutions:  USA:  63' out DE LA FUENTE (17), in LLANEZ JR. (18), 84' out SERVANIA (16), in LEDEZMA (20), 90'+2 out GLOSTER (3), in REAL (15)
QAT:  74' out HOMAM AHMED (12), in AHMED ALMINHALI (3), 79' out ABDULLA NASER (11), in ABDURASHEED UMARU (7), 85' out MOHAMMED WAAD (17), in NASSER ALYAZIDI (6)

Cautions:  USA:  14' McKENZIE (4), 32' SERVANIA (16), 72' MENDEZ (8)
QAT:  44' ALI MALOLAH (13), 48' HOMAM AHMED (12), 66' MOHAMMED WAAD (17), 84' AHMED ALMINHALI (3)

Expulsions:  –

A sublime 76th-minute Timothy Weah goal earned USA a 1-0 win that advanced them to the knockout phase of the FIFA U-20 World Cup as Group D runners-up and extinguished opponents Qatar’s faint hopes.

The Asians surprisingly had the better of the first half. Hashim Ali had his best chance, going clean through, but David Ochoa, making his first start in Poland, made a fine block and Yusuf Abdurisag couldn’t convert the rebound.

The US assumed control after the break, and were finally rewarded when Alex Mendez found Weah, who nutmegged his marker before finishing with aplomb.

It should have been 2-0 in the 85th minute, but Shehab Mamdouh made a superb save from Mendez’s penalty, before the crossbar denied the Americans deep into injury time.

USA will face the winners of Group E - either France or Mali - in Bydgoszcz in the Round of 16.

Nigeria v. Ukraine  1-1 (0-1)

32  30.05.2019  20:30  BIELSKO-BIALA  3,143

NGA:  16 OREMIDE; 2 RABIU, 3 UTIN (C), 5 SALAWUDEEN, 10 OKON, 12 IGOH, 13 OFOBORH, 14 MICHAEL, 17 MAKANJUOLA, 19 EFFIOM, 20 TIJANI

UKR:  1 LUNIN; 2 BONDAR (C), 3 SAFRONOV, 4 POPOV, 6 CHEKH, 13 BESKOROVAINYI, 14 SIKAN, 15 DRYSHLIUK, 18 USTYMENKO, 19 SNURNITSYN, 21 KASHCHUK

Scores:  0-1 30' SIKAN (14), 1-1 51' TIJANI (20, pen.)

Referee:  RAPALLINI Fernando (ARG)
Assistant referees:  BONFIL Diego (ARG), CHADE Gabriel (ARG)
4th official:  NDABHANIMANA Pacifique (BDI)

Substitutions:  NGA:  74' out EFFIOM (19), in OFFIA (11), 87' out MAKANJUOLA (17), in EEJLU (4), 90'+2 out TIJANI (20), in SOR (7)
UKR:  46' HT out SIKAN (14), in BULETSA (10), 46' HT out SNURNITSYN (19), in KORNRIENKO (9), 72' out USTYMENKO (18), in SUPRIAHA (11)

Cautions:  NGA:  36' TIJANI (20), 56' EFFIOM (19)
UKR:  5' SNURNITSYN (19), 50' POPOV (4)

Expulsions:  –

Ukraine and Nigeria played out a 1-1 draw at a chilly Bielsko-Biala Stadium on Thursday to close out Group D at the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019.

Employing their tried-and-true strategy of congesting the middle with three central defenders, Ukraine frustrated the Flying Eagles attack for much of the first half. Danylo Sikan headed home from close range in the 30th minute to give Ukraine a 1-0 lead.

Goalkeeper Andriy Lunin denied Muhamed Tijani’s penalty seconds before half-time, but could not duplicate the feat when Tijani earned another spot-kick in the 47th minute. After VAR confirmed that Denys Popov handled Tijani’s shot on goal, the Nigerian forward fired past Lunin to ensure the two sides shared the spoils.

Already guaranteed a place in the knockout stage, the result earned the Ukrainians top spot in Group D with seven points. A superior goal difference means Nigeria will also continue their World Cup expedition, taking four points from three matches and finishing third in the group.

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A late penalty kick converted by Panama substitute Diego Valanta secured a 1-1 draw for Los Canaleros against Mali in the opening matchday of Group E at the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019.

Chances were few and far between on a sunny early evening in Bydgoszcz. African champions Mali looked the more dangerous of the sides in the first half, with Mohamed Camara and Lassana N'Diaye posing a considerable threat through the middle. Panama keeper Marcos Allen made a point-blank save from N'Diaye in the 18th minute.

There was nothing he could do, however, about Boubacar Konte's strike 20 minutes later. Playing on the counter-attack, Konte dribbled in from the left wing before unleashing a fiercely-driven low shot past a helpless Allen to give The Eagles the lead at the break.

Camara struck the crossbar midway through the second half, but Mali failed to double their advantage and that proved costly.

Towering centre-back Abdoulaye Diaby fouled Panama left-back Guillermo Benitez just inside the penalty area in the 85th minute, and Valanta did the rest in successfully converting the resulting spot-kick to bring Panama their fourth draw in 16 U-20 World Cup matches.

France opened their Group E campaign at the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019 with a 2-0 win against Saudi Arabia. It was a tight match until a red card for Faraj Abdullah Al Ghashayan saw France take a firm grip on proceedings.

Just as the match was starting to take shape, a heavy foul was committed on France's Boubakary Soumare. The Video Assistant Referee (VAR) determined the foul by Al Ghashayan was worthy of a red card, seeing the Saudis reduced to ten men. With numbers in their favour, France were able to capitalise with goals from Youssouf Fofana and Amine Gouiri. Gouiri would score in the second half to seal the match.

Even with numbers against them, Saudi Arabia put up a valiant effort. Their best chance came in the closing moments of the first half. In stoppage time at the end of the opening period, Turki Alammar's effort tested France's goalkeeper Illan Meslier.
France defeated Panama 2-0 with goals on either side of half-time in what was a comfortable victory in Bydgoszcz to confirm their place in the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019 Round of 16.

Les Bleuets never really had to get out of first gear against a Panama side that gave up possession time and again. Jorge Mendez did give France goalkeeper Alban Lafont something to think about when he attempted an ambitious, long-range effort in the first half, the ball whizzing just over the Fiorentina No1’s crossbar.

Chances were few and far between in the first half, so it was no surprise that a set piece was the source of the opening goal. France captain Dan Zagadou broke free to flick in a shot from close range after a corner from Michael Cuisance's corner kick.

World Cups are always about seizing goalscoring opportunities when they come and, unfortunately for Panama, substitute Angel Orelien was wasteful in front of goal, skying an effort over the bar when he had broken free one-on-one with Lafont.

Group leaders France will enter their final group stage match with Mali having already secured their ticket to the next round having scored four goals and conceded none so far at Poland 2019.

Saudi Arabia came from behind to defeat Saudi Arabia 4-3 at the Gdynia Stadium on Tuesday night in one of the most entertaining games to date at the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019.

This match-up of continental champions lived up to its billing, tilting back and forth several times. Saudi Arabia built a two-goal lead after just 20 minutes thanks to Feras Albrikan running loose behind the Mali defence and Hassan Altambakti converting a penalty.

Saudi Arabia would gift a goal back before the half, however, as goalkeeper Abdulrahman Alshammari’s attempt to play the ball to a team-mate was intercepted by Sekou Koita, who fired into an empty net.

Mali entered the second half reinvigorated, leveling the game in the 54th minute through Ibrahim Kone. It was only nine minutes later that Saudi Arabia regained the lead through Khalid Alghannam, whose lob struck in full stride from 25 yards out caught goalkeeper Youssouf Koita off guard.

Still, Mali were unfazed. First Boubacar Traore tied the match once more via a rocket from the right-hand side. Then came the 90th-minute winner courtesy of Mohamed Camara, followed by unbridled joy from the African champions.

Mali’s curling cross found Camara at full pace, giving Mali four points from two games and a great chance of advancing to the knockout stages.
Saudi Arabia v. Panama

Panama defeated Saudi Arabia 2-1 to secure the first FIFA U-20 World Cup finals victory in the country's history and to seal their place in the Round of 16 for the first time.

Los Canaleros opened the scoring with a well-worked goal down the left flank. Jorge Mendez played in Ernesto Walker, who found Axel McKenzie with a short cut-back pass, and the Tauro forward finished from close range with his first touch.

Nawaf Alghamdi came up with a couple of saves to keep Saudi Arabia within touching distance, and those stops proved to be even more crucial as the game unfolded.

After the break, Green Falcons forward Feras Albrikan scored a superb equaliser for Saudi Arabia, bringing down right-back Saud Abdulhamid’s pinpoint long-range cross with his right foot before turning and hitting a left-foot volley past Panama goalkeeper Marcos Allen.

Panama threatened Alghamdi’s goal several times in the second half, with Tomas Rodriguez striking the post before they were finally able to restore their lead.

Angel Orelien’s powerful shot stung the palms of Alghamdi and substitute Diego Valanta was in the right place at the right time to tap into the open goal.

The result means that Panama advance to the Poland 2019 Round of 16, while Saudi Arabia will be heading home after three consecutive losses.

Mali v. France

France successfully passed their most difficult test of the group stage and willed their way to a 3-2 victory over Mali. The result sent them into the Round of 16 as Group E victors.

Mickael Cuisance opened the scoring for France in the 12th minute. The Borussia Monchengladbach product fired a long, left-footed effort past a diving Youssouf Koita.

Two minutes later, however, Mali’s Sekou Koita responded with a left-footed strike of his own to equalise.

The second half was evenly balanced until a handball by Abdoulaye Diaby earned France a penalty. Moussa Diaby approached the spot with confidence and converted his attempt to regain the lead.

Amine Gouiri made it 3-1 with a finessed shot into the near-side netting in the 87th minute, before fellow substitute Ousmane Diakite got Mali’s second with virtually the last kick of the game.

France will face the USA in Bydgoszcz in the Round of 16.
MATCH INFORMATION: GROUP F

Portugal v. Korea Republic 1-0 (1-0)

11 25.05.2019 15:30 BIELSKO-BIALA 6,344
POR: 12 JOAO VIRGINIA; 2 DIOGO DALOT, 3 DIOGO QUEIROS (C), 4 DIOGO LEITE, 5 RUBEN VINAGRE, 6 FLORENTINO LUIS, 7 JOTA, 8 GEDSON, 9 RAFAEL LEAO, 10 MIGUEL LUIS, 17 TRINCAO
KOR: 1 LEE Gwangyeon; 2 HWANG (C), LEE Jaeik, 4 LEE Jisol, 5 KIM Hyunwoo, 6 KIM Jungmin, 7 JEON, 10 LEE Kangin, 13 GO, 18 CHO, 19 CHOI

1-0 7’ TRINCAO (17)

Referee: ZTOULI Abdelkader (TAH)
Assistant referees: MOEAXI Folio (TGA), MULUKERA Bernard (SOL)
4th official: NDABIHAWENIMANA Pacifique (BDI)

Substitutions: POR: 73’ out JOTA (7), in PEDRO NETO (18), 82’ out MIGUEL LUIS (10), in NUNO PINA (13), 89’ out TRINCAO (17), in UM (11), 89’ out HWANG (2), in LEE Sangjun (17)
KOR: 58’ out JEON (7), in UM (11), 58’ out GO (13), in OH (9), 89’ out HWANG (2), in LEE Sangjun (17)

Cautions: –
Expulsions: –

Portugal held on to an early lead in their Group F opener at the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019 to grind out a 1-0 victory against Korea Republic. After going ahead just seven minutes into the match, the European champions held firm as the Koreans pressed for a leveller.

A punishing counterattack gave Portugal the lead, as Trincao tore through the centre of a scrambling Korean defence to tuck in his side’s first goal of the tournament. The Portuguese would nearly duplicate the feat 12 minutes later, with Trincao appearing to have secured his brace before the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) ruled that Rafael Leao was offside in the build-up to the goal.

Korea Republic came out stronger in the second half. Lee Kangin offered the first shot on target for his side just before the hour mark, a curling, speculative effort from outside the box that was saved comfortably by Portugal goalkeeper Joao Virginia.

In the end Portugal continued their good form from the continental championships to set themselves up for a mouthwatering heavyweight bout with Argentina on Tuesday.

Argentina v. South Africa 5-2 (1-1)

12 25.05.2019 20:30 TYCHY 8,351
ARG: 1 ROPPO; 2 PEREZ (C), 3 ORTEGA, 4 MURA, 5 SOSA, 7 ALVAREZ, 14 MEDINA, 15 VERA, 18 FERREIRA, 19 DE LA VEGA, 20 BARCO
RSA: 20 KUBHEKA (C); 2 ABRAHAMS, 3 KHUPE, 4 MODISE, 7 MKHUMA, 8 BLOM, 10 FOSTER, 13 PHILLIPS, 15 MKHIZE, 17 PHEWA, 19 KODISANG

1-0 4’ VERA (15), 1-1 23’ PHILLIPS (13), 2-1 63’ BARCO (20, pen.), 3-1 71’ FOSTER (10, pen.), 4-1 78’ ALVAREZ (7), 5-2 90’+2 GAICH (9)

Referee: KRUZIJAII Ivan (SVK)
Assistant referees: SOMOLANI Tomas (SVK), HANCKO Branislav (SVK)
4th official: BARTON Ivan (SVL)

Substitutions: ARG: 58’ out FERREIRA (18), in GAICH (9), 79’ out DE LA VEGA (19), in URDI (16), 81’ out SOSA (5), in ALMENDRA (8), RSA: 57’ out MKHUMA (7), in APPOLLIS (9), 72’ out KODISANG (19), in THETHANI (18), 82’ out KUBHEKA (20), in BAADJIES (16)

Cautions: ARG: 36’ FERREIRA (18), 90’+7 PEREZ (2)
Expulsions: RSA: 65’ PHILLIPS (13)

La Albiceleste dominated swathes of the game and jumped ahead early. Fausto Vera’s cool finish in the fourth minute put the Amajita in catch-up mode, but South Africa embraced that role in the first half and drew even through Keenan Phillips in the 23rd minute.

A four-goal second half spurred Argentina to a 5-2 victory over South Africa in their Group F opener at the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019.

Though South Africa were able to exert some control in the first 45 minutes, Argentina took command as the game wore on. Ezequiel Barco’s second-half brace was galvanising; first the 20-year-old midfielder converted a penalty to give his side the lead, then he struck a sumptuous volley for Argentina’s third in the 71st minute.

They did not look back, scoring twice more through Julian Alvarez and Adolfo Gaich while South Africa added one to their total late on courtesy of a Lyle Foster spot kick.
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Portugal v. Argentina 0-2 (0-1)

23 28.05.2019 18:00  BIELSKO-BIALA  11,874

POR: 12 JOAO VIRGINIA; 2 DIOGO DALOT, 3 DIOGO QUEIROS (C), 4 DIOGO LEITE, 5 RUBEN VINAGRE, 6 FLORENTINO LUIS, 7 JOTA, 8 GEDSON, 9 RAFAEL LEAO, 10 MIGUEL LUIS, 17 TRINCAO

ARG: 1 ROFFO; 2 PEREZ (C), 3 ORTEGA, 4 MURA, 7 ALVAREZ, 9 GAICH, 11 MORENO, 14 MEDINA, 15 VERA, 16 URZI, 20 BARCO

Scorers: 0-1 33' GAICH (9), 0-2 84' PEREZ (2)
Referee: ELFATH Ismail (USA)
Assistant referees: ATKINS Kyle (USA), PARKER Corey (USA)
4th official: NDABIHAVENMANA Pacifique (BDI)

Substitutions: POR: 62' out TRINCAO (17), in MESAQUE DJU (11), 77' out MIGUEL LUIS (10), in PEDRO MARTELO (19), 88' out JOTA (7), in PEDRO NETO (18)
ARG: 70' out ALVAREZ (7), in MARONI (10), 82' out MORENO (11), in SODA (5), 89' out BARCO (20), in WEIGANDT (13)

Cautions: POR: 73' DIOGO LEITE (4)
ARG: 31' PEREZ (2), 73' MEDINA (14)

Expulsions: –

An unyielding defence coupled with timely finishing saw Argentina defeat Portugal 2-0 at the Bielsko-Biala Stadium on Tuesday to book La Albiceleste’s spot in the last 16 at the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019.

The two teams were even in the first half, with Argentina’s goal perhaps coming slightly against the run of play. In the 33rd minute, Ezequiel Barco played Julian Alvarez through down the right edge of the penalty area. Alvarez outmuscled his defender and squared the ball for Adolfo Gaich, who tapped into the far corner, the ball clipping the post on its way in.

For the first 25 minutes of the second half it looked as if Portugal would equalise. The danger man was Jota; in the 64th minute he rifled a shot from the left side and Manuel Roffo did well to palm the ball away. Then Jota won a free-kick 22 yards out which Gedson narrowly struck wide in the 73rd minute.

After that Portugal wore down while Argentina gained confidence, and captain Patricio Perez converted Barco’s 84th minute free-kick from the left to give La Albiceleste the cushion they needed.

Argentina, who are joint leading scorers at Poland 2019 along side New Zealand, will go into their final group stage match against Korea Republic as group leaders.

South Africa v. Korea Republic 0-1 (0-0)

24 28.05.2019 20:30  TYCHY  2,698

RSA: 20 KUBHEKA (C), 2 ABRAHAMS, 3 KHUPE, 4 MODISE, 9 APPOLLIS, 12 MONTANE, 15 MKHIZE, 17 PHEWA, 18 THETHANI, 19 KODISANG, 21 MOLOSANE

KOR: 1 LEE Gwangyeon; 2 HWANG (C), 3 LEE Jaeik, 5 KIM Hyunwoo, 6 KIM Jungmin, 9 OH, 10 LEE Kangin, 11 UM, 15 JEONG, 18 CHO, 19 CHOI Jun

Scorers: 0-1 69' KIM Hyunwoo (5)
Referee: GUERRERO Fernando (MEX)
Assistant referees: HERNANDEZ Pablo (MEX), MARTINEZ Jose (MEX)
4th official: BARTON Ivan (SLV)

Substitutions: RSA: 68' out KODISANG (19), in FOSTER (10), 70' out APPOLLIS (9), in BLOM (8), 73' out MONTANE (12), in MKHUMA (7)
KOR: 62' out JEONG (15), in JEON (7), 77' out CHO (18), in PARK Taejun (14), 90+1 out KIM Hyunwoo (5), in LEE Jisol (4)

Cautions: –
Expulsions: –

Korea Republic picked up their first points of the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019 courtesy of a hard-fought 1-0 win against a resilient South Africa in Tychy. Kim Hyunwoo’s second half header was the difference in the Group F clash, the result of which left the Amajita with a slim chance of reaching the last 16.

Even though torrential rain significantly affected the flow of the match in the opening period, it was South Africa who were in the ascendancy in the first half. A good stop by Lee Gwangyeon in the Korea goal kept out a deflected effort by Siphesihle Mkhihe, but the downpour inhibited the quality of play in general - meaning few opportunities.

With conditions clearing after the break, and some harsh words from Chung Jungyong likely ringing in the Taeguk Warriors’ ears, the Koreans returned to the field a different side.

The Asian outfit fired a couple of warning shots across the South African bow, with Cho Youngwook blazing over having been teed up by Oh Sehun, and Jeong Hojin later rattling the Amajita crossbar.

Thabo Senong’s side did not heed these warnings, and the deadlock was broken with just over 20 minutes remaining. A deflected cross into the South African penalty area looped high into the Tychy sky, and it was Hyunwoo who found the corner of the net with a clinically accurate header.

The Koreans comfortably saw out the game, and head into their final Group F clash with already-qualified Argentina level on points with their opening day conquerors Portugal. South Africa face a must-win clash against the two-time U-20 World Cup winners in Bielsko-Biala.
Brave defending helped South Africa earn a 1-1 draw against Portugal at the Bielsko-Biala Stadium on Friday night, ensuring the European champions missed out on the Round of 16 at the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019.

Rafael Leao kicked things off for the Portuguese in the 19th minute. The 6ft 2ins (1.88m) centre-forward settled Thierry Correia’s cross from the right side and poked past goalkeeper Khulekani Kubheka at close range to open the scoring.

Just five minutes later Portugal were awarded a penalty of their own in a near-identical situation; this time South Africa’s Fezile Gcaba was the handball culprit. But Kubheka came up big to save Jota’s ensuing spot-kick.

Portugal controlled the ball for most of the remainder of the match, but South Africa were unrelenting, winning their first point at Poland 2019 while sending the Portuguese packing.

Korea Republic are through to the last 16 of the FIFA U-20 World Cup after ending Argentina’s unblemished start with a deserved 2-1 win in Tychy.

La Albiceleste advance as group winners all the same due to a superior goal difference but, after having it all their own way in their opening two matches, found themselves outplayed and outgunned tonight.

The Asian champions created the better chances in a physical, fast-paced game, and only a desperate goal-line clearance from Maximiliano Centurion prevented Cho Youngwook firing them into a 25th-minute lead.

The breakthrough came three minutes before half-time, though, when Oh Sehun crashed home an unstoppable header from Lee Kangin’s tantalising left-footed cross.

Argentine pushed for an equaliser but made little headway and the outcome never looked in doubt after Cho swept Korea Republic’s second into the roof of the net following a fine run on the left by the lively Jeong Hojin.

Cristian Ferrera did pull a goal back two minutes from time with a speculative long-range shot that deceived keeper Lee Gwangyeon, but it was to prove too little, too late for the South American hopefuls.

Korea Republic now go on to face continental rivals Japan in the Round of 16, while Argentina till take on Mali.

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**GROUP F**
FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019

MATCH INFORMATION: ROUND OF 16

Italy v. Poland 1-0 (1-0)

Italy
ITA: 1 PLIZZARI; 3 TRIPALDELLI, 4 GABBIA, 7 FRATTESI, 9 PINAMONTI (C), 13 MIER; 2 CUESTA (C), 3 REYES, 4 ARROYO, 5 BALANTA, 6 PEROEA, 10 SINGH, 13 CACACE, 17 ELLIOT, 18 WAINE, 19 MCCOWATT

Scorers:
1-0 11' REYES (3)

Cautions:

Substitutions:
59' out MAKOWSKI (7), in KOPACZ (10), 90'+1 out ALBERICO (19)

Expulsions: –

Poland
POL: 1 MAJECKI (C); 5 SZOTA, 6 WALUKIEWICZ, 7 MAKOWSKI, 20 ESPOSITO; 13 CARVAJAL, 16 VERA

Scorers:
1-0 38' PINAMONTI (9, pen.)

Cautions:

Substitutions:
57' out MAKOWSKI (7), in KOPACZ (10), 59' out SZOTA (5), in BENEDEYCKZ (17)

Expulsions: –

Scores:
1-0 PLIZZARI; 3 TRIPALDELLI, 4 GABBIA, 7 FRATTESI, 9 PINAMONTI (C), 13 MIER; 2 CUESTA (C), 3 REYES, 4 ARROYO, 5 BALANTA, 6 PEROEA

Poland weren't without their chances, growing into the game and troubling the Italian defence on multiple occasions. In the 51st minute, the Biało-czerwoni forced an Italy turnover that ended up at the feet of midfielder Marcel Zylia, who found himself one-on-one with goalkeeper Alessandro Plizzari. However, Zylia's bouncing strike from close range deflected off Plizzari's foot, squandering Poland's best chance to equalise.

The hosts bow out of Poland 2019 in the Round of 16, their best finish at the U-20 World Cup since 2007, which was also the last time they qualified. Meanwhile Italy move ahead to face the winner of Argentina-Mali.

Colombia v. New Zealand 1-1 AET (1-1) 5-4 PSO

Colombia
COL: 13 MIER, 2 CUESTA (C), 3 REYES, 4 ARROYO, 5 BALANTA, 6 PEROEA, 7 ANGULO, 10 HERNANDEZ, 11 SINISTERRA, 15 CARVAJAL, 16 VERA

Scorers:
1-0 out WODD, 2 STANGER, 4 STENSNESS, 5 PIJNAKER, 7 JUST, 8 BELL (C), 10 SINGH, 13 CACACE, 17 ELLIOT, 18 WAINE, 19 MCCOWATT

Penalty Shoot-out:
4-3 BALANTA (5), 4-4 CACACE (13), 5-4 CUESTA (2), 5-4 CONROY (11)

Colombia somehow survived missing their first two spot-kicks in a penalty shoot-out to outlast New Zealand 5-4 and reach the FIFA U-20 World Cup quarter-finals for the first time since hosting the event in 2011. An entertaining, seesaw 120 minutes had ended 1-1.

Colombia required merely 11 minutes to go ahead from a left-wing free-kick. Ivan Angulo’s inviting, inswinging cross was met by Andres Reyes, who glanced his header home from five yards.

New Zealand immediately went on the offensive, with Callum McCowatt a menacing presence, and got their equaliser on 35 minutes. Liberato Cacace fizzed a fine, low cross into the box from the left, and Elijah Just steered it home from close range.

Luis Sinisterra decorated the remainder of the half with his hypnotising trickery, albeit without reward.

Michael Woud made a diving, one-handed save to deny Cucho Hernandez into the second half before a defensive gaffe left just one-on-one with Kevin Mier. The New Zealand No7 lobbed the ball over the Colombia goalkeeper, but Reyes got back to hook the goal-bound ball clear. Just then elected to go solo rather than afford one of two team-mates what would have been a gilt-edged chance, and he was tackled.

Colombia couldn’t convert two half-chances in the final ten minutes, but extra-time included two considerable ones. First Mier did superbly to repel Max Mata’s header from point-blank range. Then Johan Carbonero made an exhilarating dart from inside his own half into the New Zealand penalty box and cut the ball for Angulo, who, from eight yards out, scuffed his shot, enabling Woud to make a smart save.

Woud denied Colombia’s first two penalties in the shootout, but Mier’s save from Matt Conroy completed their comeback triumph.
Senegal v. Nigeria  2-1 (2-0)  03.06.2019  20:30  LODZ  6,854  

**Senegal**  16 NDIAYE Dialy; 2 NDIAYE Moussa, 4 DIAGNE (C), 5 AW, 7 SAGNA, 12 DIOUNKOU, 13 CISSE, 14 NIANE, 17 LOPY, 19 BADJI, 20 CISS

**Nigeria**  16 OREMADE; 2 RABIU, 3 UTIN (C), 5 SALAWUDEEN, 10 OKON, 12 IGOH, 13 OFOBORH, 14 MICHAEL, 17 MAKANJUOLA, 19 EFFIOM, 20 TIJANI

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**Scores:**  
1-0 36' SAGNA (7), 2-0 45'+3 NIANE (14), 2-1 50' MAKANJUOLA (17)  

**Referee:** MASSA Davide (ITA)  
**Assistant referees:** MEU Filippo (ITA), PRETI Fabiano (ITA)  
**4th official:** VINCIĆ Slavko (SVN)  
**Reserve assistant referee:** KLJANČNIK Tomaz (SVN)  

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**Substitutions: Senegal**  72' out CISS (20), in NIANG (15), 83' out SAGNA (7), in NDAW (18), 90'+2 out NIANE (14), in MBOW (8)  
**Nigeria**  32' out EFFIOM (19), in SOR (7), 58' out MICHAEL (14), in ELETU (4), 70' out OFOBORH (13), in DELE-BASHIRU (8)

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**Cautions:**  
SEN: 44' LOPY (17)  
NGA: 54' UTIN (3)  

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The West African derby lived up to its billing as Senegal held off a dangerous Nigeria 2-1 at the Lodz Stadium. The victors of the continental clash earned a spot in the quarter-finals of the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019.

Forward Amadou Sagna broke the deadlock in the 36th minute with a low, right-footed effort and Ibrahima Niane would double the lead for the Senegalese late in first-half stoppage time.

The Flying Eagles had a superb start to the second half, scoring five minutes after the whistle. From a free kick just outside the penalty area, Success Makanjoula sent his cross left of the wall and found the boot of Aniekeme Okon, who flicked in the easy goal.

It was a tight contest in the final minutes that saw wits and will tested, but the Lions of Teranga willed their way to victory and a spot in the quarter-final.

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Uruguay v. Ecuador  1-3 (1-1)  03.06.2019  17:30  LUBLIN  10,562  

**Uruguay**  1 ISRAEL; 2 MENDEZ (C), 4 BUSQUETS, 8 RODRIGUEZ, 9 NUNEZ, 11 RODRIGUEZ, 13 ANCHETA, 14 GINELLA, 16 ACEVEDO, 18 SANABRIA, 19 ARAUJO Ronald  
**Ecuador**  1 RAMIREZ; 2 POROZO, 3 PALACIOS, 4 ESPINOZA (C), 6 VALLECILLA, 8 CIFUENTES, 9 CAMPAÑA, 10 REZABALA, 11 ALVARADO, 16 QUINTERO, 20 PLATA

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**Scores:**  
1-0 11' ARAUJO Ronald (19), 1-1 31' ALVARADO (11, pen.), 1-2 75' QUINTERO (16), 1-3 83' PLATA (20, pen.)  

**Referee:** OLIVER Michael (ENG)  
**Assistant referees:** BENNETT Simon (ENG), BURT Stuart (ENG)  
**4th official:** KRUZIJA Ivan (SVK)  
**Reserve assistant referee:** SOMOLANI Tomas (SVK)  

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**Substitutions: Uruguay**  78' out GINELLA (14), in SCHIAPPACASSE (10), 88' out RODRIGUEZ Santiago (8), in BARRIOS (5), 88' out BUSQUETS (4), in GOMEZ (7)  
**Ecuador**  89' out CIFUENTES (8), in ALCIVAR (5), 90'+1 out REZABALA (10), in CASTILLO (15), 90'+3 out ALVARADO (11), in SEGURA (19)

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**Cautions:**  
URU: 56' BUSQUETS (4)  
ECU: 82' MENDEZ (2)  

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Sergio Quintero’s sumptuous strike was sandwiched by two spot-kicks as Ecuador came from behind to beat Uruguay 3-1 and reach the FIFA U-20 World Cup quarter-finals for the first time.

Ecuador lost both of their meetings with Uruguay en route to conquering the South American U-20 Championship in February, and the same result appeared on the cards when Ronald Araujo tapped La Celeste ahead early on after La Tricolor failed to clear a right-wing free-kick.

However, Ecuador began to monopolise possession and, around the half-hour mark, they were awarded their third penalty of Poland 2019 when Ezequiel Busquets bundled Alexander Alvarado over. Alvarado took it himself, doing what Jordan Rezabala and Leonardo Campana had failed to do and calmly passing the ball low into the middle of the net as Franco Israel dived to his right.

In the 65th minute, Ecuador goalkeeper Wellington Ramirez did well to stop Darwin Nunez’s close-range toe-poke, but his opposite number could do nothing to prevent Sergio Quintero’s firm, low drive from finding the bottom corner ten minutes later.

Ecuador were awarded a penalty late on when Bruno Mendez handled a goal-bound shot, and Gonzalo Plata made no mistake from 12 yards.
Ukraine v. Panama

**4-1 (3-0)**

**41** 03.06.2019 17:30 Tychy

**Ukraine**

- 1 Lunin; 2 Bondar (C); 4 Popov; 6 Chekh; 7 Tsitaishvili; 9 Kornienko; 10 Buletsa; 13 Beskorovany; 14 Sikan; 15 Dryshliuk; 17 Konoplia

**Panama**

- 12 Dimas; 2 Rodriguez; 3 Benitez; 4 Gamboa; 5 Harvey; 6 Walker; 7 Bristan; 8 Griffith (C); 15 Valanta; 17 Trejos; 19 West

**Scores:**
- 0-1 23' Sikan (14), 2-0 41' Popov (4), 3-0 45'+1 Sikan (14), 3-1 50' Walker (6), 4-1 83' Buletsa (10)

**Referee:** González Leodan (URU)

**Assistant referees:** Trinidad Richard (URU), Soppi Martin (URU)

**4th official:** Siebert Daniel (GER)

**Reserve assistant referee:** Seidel Jan (GER)

**Substitutions:**
- UKR: 63' out Tsitaishvili (7), in Kashchuk (21), 67' out Sikan (14), in Supria (11), 85' out Buletsa (10), in Dryshliuk (18)
- PAN: 46' HT out Bristan (7), in Mendez (11), 64' out Valanta (15), in Mc Kenzie (18), 72' out Benitez (3), in Rodriguez (16)

**Cautions:**
- UKR: 64' Sikan (14), 90' Dryshliuk (15)
- PAN: 54' Trejos (17)

**Expulsions:** –

Ukraine are heading to the quarter-finals of the FIFA U-20 World Cup for the first time in their history following a 4-1 victory over Panama at Tychy Stadium on Monday.

While both sides sought to find their footing for the first 20 minutes of the match, the Ukrainians emphatically took control by half-time. Danylo Sikan and Yukhym Konoplia combined down the right side twice to lethal effect, as Konoplia served up one-touch finishes for Sikan in the 23rd minute and the first minute of first-half stoppage time. Sandwiched in between those goals was a 41st-minute headed goal from Danylo Popov, his third of the tournament, and Ukraine went into the locker room with a commanding 3-0 lead.

Los Canaleros reeled one back five minutes into the second half. Ernesto Walker exhibited strength and control using his chest to settle a deep cross and finish from close range.

Serhii Buletsa shut the door on Panama seven minutes from full time, however, slipping unnoticed into the penalty area and beating Panama goalkeeper Emerson Dimas to cement Ukraine’s position in the last eight. Panama exit Poland 2019 with their best-ever finish as one of the final 16 teams.

**Japan v. Korea Republic**

**0-1 (0-0)**

**42** 04.06.2019 17:30 Lublin

**Japan**

- 1 Wakahara; 3 Kobayashi; 4 Seiko; 5 Sugawara; 6 Goke; 8 Fujimoto; 10 Saito Mitsuki (C); 13 Miyashiro; 14 Kiyohara; 15 Suzuki Toichi; 16 Yamada

**Korea Republic**

- 1 Lee Gwangyeon; 2 Hwang (C); 3 Lee Jaeik; 4 Lee Jisol; 5 Kim Hyunwoo; 6 Kim Jungmin; 9 Oh; 10 Lee Kangin; 15 Jeong; 18 Cho; 19 Choi Jun

**Scores:**
- 0-1 84' Oh (9)

**Referee:** Ndiaye Maguette (SEN)

**Assistant referees:** Noupu Elvis (CMR), Tiama Seydou (BFA)

**4th official:** Zitouni Abdelkader (TAH)

**Reserve assistant referee:** Moeki Folio (TGA)

**Substitutions:**
- JPN: 68' out Goke (6), in Nakamura (20), 88' out Suzuki Tochi (15), in Hara (19), 88' out Fujimoto (8), in Higashi (2)
- KOR: 46' HT out Lee Jisol (4), in Um (11), 63' out Cho (18), in Jeon (7), 87' out Kim Jungmin (6), in Go (13)

**Cautions:**
- JPN: 22' Fujimoto (8)
- KOR: 36' Lee Jaeik (3)

**Expulsions:** –

In a match characterised by close calls, Korea Republic’s Oh Sehun seized on a late opportunity to defeat Japan 1-0 and move his side into the quarter-finals of the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019.

In the 84th minute, Choi Jun won possession for Korea Republic on the edge of the penalty area before chipping toward the far post, where Sehun was waiting to nod the ball back into the net.

Japan looked to have taken the lead in the 50th minute through Yuta Goke’s close-range volley, but the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) ruled that Taisei Miyashiro was offside in the build-up to the goal, and the score was wiped off the board.

The Samurai Blue had another big chance in the 78th minute, but Miyashiro’s low effort hit the inside of the far post and stayed out of the goal.
France v. USA

**2-3 (1-1)**  
43 04.06.2019 17:30 BYDGOSZCZ 8,469  
FRA: 1 LAFONT, 3 NDICKA, 4 KAMARA, 5 ZAGADOU (C), 6 LOIODICE, 8 CUISANCE, 9 GOUIRI, 10 DIABY, 11 ALIOUI, 15 BASILA, 18 FOFANA  
USA: 1 SCOTT, 2 DEST, 3 GLOSTER, 5 RICHARDS, 9 SOTO, 10 POMYKAL (C), 11 WEAH, 13 KEITA, 16 SERVANIA, 17 DE LA FUENTE, 20 LEDEZMA  

**Scores:** 1-0 23’ SOTO (9), 1-1 41’ GOUIRI (9), 1-1 55’ ALIOUI (11), 2-2 74’ SOTO (9), 2-3 83’ RENNICKS (19)  
**Referee:** CLAUS Raphael (BRA)  
**Assistant referees:** SIMON Danilo (BRA), PRES Bruno (BRA)  
**4th official:** RAPALLINI Fernando (ARG)  
**Reserve assistant referee:** BONIFA Diego (ARG)  

**Substitutions:**  
FRA: 64’ out ALIOUI (11), in PINTOR (17), 79’ out LOIODICE (6), in DIALLO (14), 86’ out FOFANA (18), in ADU (7)  
USA: 63’ out DE LA FUENTE (17), in LANEZ JR. (18), 63’ out LEDEZMA (20), in RENNICKS (19), 90+1 out SOTO (9), in MKENZIE (4)  

**Cautions:** –  
**Expulsions:** –  

**USA replied with an equaliser in the 74th minute when Tim Weah threaded through an intricate short pass at the top of the penalty area with the outside of his boot for Soto, and the forward showed his instinct in front of goal, scoring past Lafont for his second of the evening.**

**Just under ten minutes later USA substitute Justin Rennicks, who had previously played a total of nine minutes at Poland 2019, scored the winning goal, reacting the quickest after Lafont spilled a searing shot from Sergino Dest.**

**Mali came from behind twice to claim the final quarter-final spot at the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019 on Tuesday night, dispatching Argentina 5-4 on penalties after the score was tied 2-2 at the end of extra time.**

**Sambou Sissoko struck the winning penalty for Mali while Youssouf Koita’s save from Tomas Chancalay’s spot-kick attempt was the difference in the shoot-out.**

**After a goalless first half, Adolfo Gaich capitalised on an errant clearance by Clement Kanoute in the penalty area to open the scoring in the 49th minute.**

**Mali equalised after 67 minutes when Abdoulaye Diaby out-jumped his marker to head home a corner at the far post.**

**The scores were level at 1-1 at the end of the regulation 90 minutes, but Ezequiel Barco influenced the go-ahead goal for Argentina less than 30 seconds into the first period of extra time, Francisco Ortega picked him out in space and Barco’s powerful first-time shot from 12 yards deflected off Diaby and into the net.**

**But Mali caught Argentina sleeping at a set-piece right at the end to force a shoot-out. Sekou Koita rolled the ball forward to Boubacar Konte, who aimed low toward the far post to beat Manuel Roffo.**

**The Eagles scored all five of their penalties to knock the six-time U-20 World Cup champions out of the tournament and Mali’s players ran around the Bielsko-Biala Stadium in celebration after the winning penalty kick.**
**MATCH INFORMATION: QUARTER-FINALS**

### Colombia v. Ukraine

#### 07.06.2019 15:30 LODZ 8,443

**COL:** 13 MIER, 2 CUESTA (C), 4 ARROYO, 5 BALANTA, 6 PEREA, 7 ANGULO, 8 ALVARADO, 10 HERNANDEZ, 11 SINISTERRA, 13 RAMIREZ, 14 BELLANOVA, 16 VERA

**UKR:** 12 KUCHERUK, 2 KOCHUKH (C), 4 POPOV, 6 CHEHKH, 9 KORNIIENKO, 10 TSITAISHVILI, 13 BESKOROVAINYI, 14 SIKAN, 15 DRYSHLIUK, 17 KONOPLIA, 21 KASHCHUK

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**0-1 (1-0)**

**Scorers:**
1-0 11' SIKAN (own goal), 1-1 39' KONE (20), 2-1 60' PINAMONTI (9), 2-2 79' CAMARA (8), 3-2 83' ANGULO (7)

**Referee:** GHORBAL Mustapha (ALG)

**Assistant referees:** AHMED ABOUELREGAL Mahmoud (EGY), GOURARI Mokrane (ALG)

**4th official:** KHALID El Haddad (QAT)

**Substitutions:**
**COL:** 82' CARBONERO (20), in KASHCHUK (21), 88' KASHCHUK (21), in TSITAISHVILI (7), 90' SIKAN (14), in SUPRIAHA (11)

**UKR:** 79' POPOV (4), in SAFRONOV (3), 90' KARETSKY (17), in TSITAISHVILI (7)

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**Cautions:**
**UKR:** 24' KASHCHUK (21), 87' TSITAISHVILI (7), 89' BESKOROVAINYI (13)

**Expulsions:**
**UKR:** 79' POPOV (4), in SAFRONOV (3), 90' KARETSKY (17)

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Ukraine continued their unprecedented run at the FIFA U-20 World Cup by defeating Colombia 1-0 in Lodz on Friday to reach their first semi-final.

It was a dream start for the Ukrainians when Danylo Sikan took advantage of confusion from the Colombia defence to open the scoring in the 11th minute. Sikan won a goal kick that prompted Colombia goalkeeper Kevin Mier to come off his line. The Ukrainian forward then outmuscled Carlos Cuesta to tap the ball through Mier’s legs before firing into an unmanned net.

Los Cafeteros’ attack was largely kept in check until the last 15 minutes of the match, when they began to throw even more players forward. Their best chance to equalise came in the 82nd minute when substitute Luis Sandoval dragged his shot wide left after a scramble in the penalty area.

Johan Carbonero saw red for his dangerous sliding challenge of Denys Popov in the 86th minute, shutting the door on Colombia’s hopes to draw level.

The record-setting run at Poland 2019 rolls on for Ukraine, who will now make their maiden semi-final appearance after prevailing in their first quarter-final.

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### Italy v. Mali

#### 07.06.2019 18:30 TYCHY 11,567

**ITA:** 1 PLIZZARI, 3 TRIPALDELLI, 4 GABBIA, 7 FRATTESI, 9 PINAMONTI (C), 11 SCAMACCA, 13 RANIERI, 14 BELLANOVA, 15 DEL PRATO, 17 PELLEGRINI, 20 ESPOSITO

**MLI:** 16 KOITA Youssouf; 2 KONAN, 5 FOFANA, 6 DIAKITE, 7 DRAME, 8 CAMARA, 9 KONE, 10 KANOUTE (C), 13 KANOUTE (C), 14 SISSOKO, 15 DIABY, 20 KOITA Sekou

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**4-2 (1-1)**

**Scorers:**
1-0 11' KONE (9, own goal), 1-1 38' KOITA (20), 2-1 60' PINAMONTI (9), 2-2 79' CAMARA (8), 3-2 83' ANGULO (7), 4-2 84' FRATTESI (7)

**Referee:** ELFATH Ismail (USA)

**Assistant referees:** ATKINS Kyle (USA), PARKER Corey (USA)

**4th official:** AL KAF Ahmed (OMA)

**Reserve assistant referee:** ALROALLE Ahmad (JOR)

**Substitutions:**
**ITA:** 68' out ESPOSITO (20), in BETTELLA (6), 88' out PINAMONTI (9), in OLIVIERI (18)

**MLI:** 69' out KONE (9), in TRAORE Boubacar (18), 85' out DRAME (7), in KONTO (11), 90' out FOFANA (5), in TRAORE Mamadou (10)

**Cautions:**
**ITA:** 27' BALANTA (5), 35' PALMA (14), 38' ARROYO (4), 44' ANGULO (7)

**Expulsions:**
**ITA:** 80' CARBONERO (20), in KASHCHUK (21)

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Italy took full advantage of being up a man against Mali by scoring three times in the second half to prevail 4-2 and reach the semi-finals of the FIFA U-20 World Cup Poland 2019.

Only 72 hours after their enthralling penalty shoot-out triumph against Argentina, Mali immediately faced an uphill battle against Gli Azzurrini. An Ibrahim Kone own goal in the 12th minute gave way to a straight red card for Ousmane Diakite nine minutes later after he recklessly clattered into Luca Pelligrini.

But the Malians flashed their fighting spirit to equalise twice, first via Sekou Koita in the 39th minute and again through Mohamed Camara in the 79th minute.

Italy turned to the prolific Andrea Pinamonti for goals and their No9 did not disappoint. He beat Youssouf Koita at his near post in the 60th minute and converted a penalty in the 83rd.

Davide Frattesi’s looping header a minute later gave the Italians a two-goal edge they would not relinquish. Though Sekou Koita won a penalty in the waning seconds of stoppage time, Alessandro Plizzari made a top save to cement his side’s semi-final berth.
USA v. Ecuador

1-2 (1-2)

47 08.06.2019 17:30 GDYNIA 6,027

USA: 12 OCHOA, 2 DEST, 3 GLOSTER, 5 RICHARDS, 6 DURKIN, 8 MENDEZ, 9 SOTO, 10 POMKYAL (C), 11 WEAH, 13 KEITA, 17 DE LA FUENTE.

ECU: 1 RAMIREZ, 2 POROZO, 3 PALACIOS, 4 ESPINOZA (C), 5 VALLECILLA, 6 CASTILLO, 7 SOTO, 8 CIFUENTES, 9 CAMPANA, 10 REZABALA, 11 ALVARADO, 16 QUINTERO, 20 PLATA.

Scores: 0-1 30’ CUYFENTES (8), 1-1 36’ WEAH (11), 1-2 43’ ESPINOZA (4)

Referee: BASTIEN Benoit (FRA)
Assistant referees: ZAKRANI Hicham (FRA), HAQUETTE Frederic (FRA)

4th official: ZITOUNI Abdelkader (TAH)

Reserve assistant referee: MOEAKI Folio (TGA)

USA: 46’ HT out of LA FUENTE (17), in LLANIEZ JR. (18), 74’ out MENDEZ (8), in LEDEZMA (20), 86’ out KEITA (13), in RENNICKS (19)

ECU: 57’ out PALACIOS (3), in CASTILLO (15), 75’ out REZABALA (10), in ALCIVAR (5), 89’ out CAMPANA (9), in SEGURA (19)

Cautions: USA: 45’+3 DURKIN (6), 77’ WEAH (11)

Expulsions: –

Korea Republic v. Senegal

3-3 AET (2-2, 0-1) 3-2 PSO

48 08.06.2019 20:30 BIELSKO-BIALA 10,627

KOR: 1 LEE Gwangyeon; 2 HWANG (C), 3 LEE Jaeik, 4 LEE Jisol, 5 KIM Hyunwoo, 7 JEON, 9 OH, 10 LEE Kangin, 14 PARK Sejun, 15 JEONG, 19 CHOI

SEN: 12 OCHOA; 2 DEST, 3 GLOSTER, 5 RICHARDS, 6 DURKIN, 8 MENDEZ, 9 SOTO, 10 POMKYAL (C), 11 WEAH, 13 KEITA, 17 DE LA FUENTE.

Scores: 0-1 37’ DIAIGNE (4), 1-1 62’ LEE Kangin (10, pen.), 1-2 76’ NIANE (14, pen.), 2-2 80’+8 LEE Jisol (4), 3-2 96’ CHO (18), 3-3 120+1’ CIS (20)

Penalty Shoot-out: 0-0 KIM Jungmin (6), 0-1 DIAIGNE (4), 0-1 CHOI (18), 0-1 MBOW (8), 1-1 UM (11), 1-2 CIS (20), 2-2 CHOI (19), 2-2 DIAIGNE Dia (9), 3-2 OH (9), 3-2 DIAIGNE (4)

Referee: GONZALEZ Leodan (URU)
Assistant referees: TRINIDAD Richard (URU), SOPPR Martin (URU)

4th official: GUERRERO Fernando (MEX)

Reserve assistant referee: HERNANDEZ Fabio (MEX)

KOR: 53’ out Jalcon (7), in CHO (18), 80’ out PARK (14), in KIM Jungmin (6), 80’ out LEE Jaeik (3), in UM (11), 105’+3 out LEE Kangin (10), in KIM Jusung (16)

SEN: 82’ out NDIAYE Moussa (2), in MBOW (8), 90’+1 out NIANE (14), in NDIAYE Dia (9), 90’+4 out SAGNA (7), in DRAME (10), 99’ out NIANE (15), in DAFNA (11)

Cautions: KOR: 75’ LEE Gwangyeon (1)

SEN: 78’ NIANE (15), 81’ DIAIGNE (4), (PSO) DIAIGNE Dialy (16), 115’ DAFNA (11), 115’ AW (5)

Expulsions: –

Jose Cifuentes’ first-half screamer helped Ecuador outpace the USA 2-1 and reach their first semi-finals at a FIFA U-20 World Cup.

La Tricolor struck first and with purpose at Gdynia Stadium. Cifuentes’ thunderous, right-footed effort from 25 yards left USA goalkeeper David Ochoa grasping at air as the ball seared the back of the net.

The Stars and Stripes were not behind for long. Tim Weah volleyed past Moises Ramirez from close range in the 36th minute following Alex Mendez’s corner kick. It was Weah’s second goal at Poland 2019.

As the game began to open up, the South American holders retook the lead through Jhon Espinoza just before half-time. The defender was rewarded for his run through the middle of the penalty area when he connected with Leonardo Campana’s centering pass to score, giving his side a 2-1 advantage in the 43rd minute.

Sebastian Soto earned the USA’s best chance to draw level in the second half. Substitute Uly Llanez picked Soto out lurking at the far post, but Ramirez charged off his line to force the USA goalscorer’s shot off target in the 58th minute.

Though the reigning CONCACAF winners reached their third consecutive quarter-finals they have been unable to advance past that stage each time. Ecuador will travel to Lublin for their first semi-final on 11 June.
**MATCH INFORMATION: SEMI-FINALS**

**Ukraine v. Italy**

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**Match Information**

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2. **Referee:** CLAUS Raphael (BRA)
3. **Assistant referees:** SIMON Danilo (BRA), Pires Bruno (BRA)
4. **4th official:** AL KAF Ahmed (OMA)
5. **Reserve assistant referee:** AL AMRI Abu Bakar (OMA)
6. **Substitutions:**
   - UKR: 63' out SIKAN (14), in SUPRIHA (11), 69' out CHEKH (6), in KHAKHLOV (8), 83' out BULETSA (10), in SAFRONOV (3)
   - ITA: 46' HT out FRATTESI (7), in ALBERICO (19), 73' out ESPOSITO (20), in CAPONE (10), 84' out TRIPALDELLI (3), in OLIVIERI (18)
7. **Cautions:**
   - UKR: 1' SIKAN (14)
   - ITA: 75' RANIERI (13)
8. **Expulsions:**
   - UKR: 79' (2YR) POPOV (4)

Ukraine are bound for their first FIFA U-20 World Cup final after defeating Italy 1-0 at the Gdynia Stadium on Tuesday.

Serhii Buletsa and Yukhym Konoplia provided the moment of magic in the 65th minute. Ukraine's No10 popped up in the penalty area to receive Konoplia's low cross and steer it into the net from ten yards.

After a scoreless first half, Gli Azzurrini looked close to breaking the game open before falling behind. Roberto Alberico's through ball in the 52nd minute split Ukraine's central defence and left Andrea Pinamonti one-on-one with Andriy Lunin. But the Italy captain's blast was aimed directly at Lunin's chest and the goalkeeper comfortably blocked the attempt.

Ukraine nearly doubled their advantage seven minutes after taking the lead. Oleksii Kaschuk played Vladyslav Supriaha in on goal with a well-weighted chip but the forward dragged his shot inches wide of the far post.

**Ecuador v. Korea Republic**

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**Match Information**

1. **Scores:** 0-1 (0-1)
2. **Referee:** OLIVER Michael (ENG)
3. **Assistant referees:** BENNETT Simon (ENG), BURT Stuart (ENG)
4. **4th official:** SIEBERT Daniel (GER)
5. **Reserve assistant referee:** FOITYN Rafael (GER)
6. **Substitutions:**
   - ECU: 76' out ESPINOZA (4), in SEGURA (19), 83' out QUINTERO (16), in ARCE (13)
   - KOR: 54' out KIM Seyun (20), in CHO (18), 73' out LEE Kangin (10), in PARK Taejun (14), 82' out GO (13), in UM (11)
7. **Cautions:**
   - ECU: 56' CAMPANA (9), 58' PLATA (20), 90'+1 CIFUENTES (8)
   - KOR: 61' HWANG (2)
8. **Expulsions:** –

Korea Republic booked a first-ever ticket to the FIFA U-20 World Cup final with a 1-0 victory over Ecuador in Lublin.

The eastern Polish city will forever hold a special place for the Koreans, as it's the same venue in which they defeated continental rivals Japan in the Round of 16.

Choi Jun scored the winning goal late in the first half, finishing off a well-worked free-kick. Taeguek Warriors star Lee Kangin split Ecuador's defence with a perfectly-weighted through-ball, and Jun curled in a shot with his right foot past the outstretched arms of Ecuador goalkeeper Moises Ramirez.

Korea Republic’s goal came just a minute after Ecuador striker Leonardo Campana struck the crossbar after some brilliant footwork in the build-up. Then, in the final minute of stoppage time, Lee Gwanyeon made a save-of-the-tournament contender, parrying Campana’s close-range header wide.

The result means that Saturday’s final will be a first for both Korea Republic and Ukraine.
MATCH INFORMATION: MATCH FOR THIRD PLACE

Italia v. Ecuador  0-1 AET (0-0)

Ecuador achieved their best-ever finish at a FIFA U-20 World Cup on Friday by defeating Italy 1-0 in extra time of the third-place match at Gdynia Stadium.

The two sides entered the game with contrasting strategies: Ecuador’s Jorge Celico made just one change from his semi-final starting line-up while Italy’s Paolo Nicolato made six, opting to bench standouts Andrea Pinamonti and Alessandro Plizzari.

Following a tense opening period, La Tricolor began to dominate in the second half. Leonardo Campana came closest to the opener in the 56th minute when his long-distance strike pinged the far post.

Gli Azzurrini won a penalty less than five minutes into the first period of extra time but Moises Ramirez stretched to his left to save Marco Olivieri’s attempt, keeping the match scoreless.

Nine minutes later Ecuador took advantage of the lifeline Ramirez provided. Olivieri’s attempted clearance of a free-kick fell directly in front of Richard Mina at the far post, and the Ecuadorian defender tucked the ball into the net for the match-winning goal.
Ukraine v. Korea Republic 3-1 (1-1)

**MATCH INFORMATION: FINAL**

**31.06.2019 18:00 LODZ 16,344**

**UKR:**
1 LUNIN; 2 BONDAR (C), 3 SAFRONOV, 7 TSITAISHVILI, 8 KHAKHLOV, 9 KORNIIENKO, 10 BULETSA, 11 SUPRIAHA, 13 BESKOROVAINYI, 15 DRYSHLIUK, 17 KONOPLIA

**KOR:**
1 LEE Gwangyeon; 2 HWANG (C), 3 LEE Jaeik, 4 LEE Jisol, 5 KIM Hyunwoo, 6 KIM Jungmin, 9 OH, 10 LEE Kangin, 18 CHO, 19 CHOI Jun, 20 KIM Seyun

**Scores:**
0-1 5' LEE Kangin (10, pen.), 1-1 34' SUPRIAHA (11), 2-1 53' SUPRIAHA (11), 3-1 89' TSITAISHVILI (7)

**Referee:** ELFATH Ismail (USA)

**Assistant referees:** ATKINS Kyle (USA), PARKER Corey (USA)

**4th official:** ZITOUNI Abdelkader (TAH)

**Reserve assistant referee:** MOEAKI Folio (TGA)

**Substitutions:**
UKR: 56' out KHAKHLOV (8), in CHEKH (6), 63' out SUPRIAHA (11), in SKAN (14), 88' out BULETSA (10), in KASHCHUK (21)

KOR: 46' HT out KIM Seyun (20), in UM (11), 63' out CHO (18), in JEON (7), 85' out CHOI Jun (19), in LEE Kyuhyuk (8)

**Cautions:**
UKR: 86' KONOPLIA (17)
KOR: 33' KIM Hyunwoo (5), 56' LEE Jaek (3), 78' OH (9)

**Expulsions:** –

Ukraine are FIFA U-20 World Cup champions for the first time after coming from behind to defeat Korea Republic 3-1 in the Poland 2019 final at Lodz Stadium.

Korea Republic struck quickly through Lee Kangin, who converted his penalty in the fifth minute after a Video Assistant Referee (VAR) check determined that captain Hwang Taehyeon was tripped inside the right edge of the box.

The Ukrainians poured on pressure as the first half progressed, however, culminating in Vladyslav Supriaha’s 34th-minute equaliser. Korea Republic could not fully clear Serhii Buletsa’s free-kick delivery into the penalty area, and Supriaha pounced on the loose ball to poke home from eight yards.

Supriaha completed his brace eight minutes into the second half. Yukhym Konoplia’s deflected through ball skipped into the Ukrainian forward’s path and he beat the goalkeeper one-on-one to put his side on top.

A marauding run from Heorhii Tsitaishvili in the 89th minute sealed the match and the championship for the Ukrainians. The midfielder surged forward from his own half and cracked a shot into the corner of the net.

From never progressing past the Round of 16 to lifting the trophy, Ukraine’s unprecedented run to the title will be an enduring memory of Poland 2019.
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