M 20 EHF CHAMPIONSHIP 2018, 20-29 JULY, SKOPJE MKD

ANALYSIS

The European Handball Federation shared by the performances of the last years the participate countries in 3 groups:

The best 16 teams played for the title of European Champion in SLO:
CRO, DEN, ESP, FRA, GER, HUN, ISL, ISR, NOR, POL, POR, ROU, RUS, SLO, SRB, SWE

11 teams played a Tournament in MNE:
AUT, BUL, CZE, GEO, KOS, LAT, MDA, MNE, NED, SVK, TUR

11 teams played a Tournament in MKD too:
BLR, EST, FAR, FIN, GBR, GRE, ITA, LTU, MKD, SUI, UKR

Each Tournament was played in the same time, between 20 and 29 July.

The aim of the Tournaments was to give the possibility to play international matches for the young players and especially for the handball „small” countries to support their development.

It was even more important to compare and test their handball knowledges.

In these Tournaments 6-7 games for each teams were garanted.

The high number of matches were a big challenge for the young teams, the young referees and the officials: in 10 days they had 7 matches (7 games) and just 3 rest days.

The teams played 35 games during the tournament in MKD.

In order to have good performance the teams needed an adequate preparation time for these Event which supported also for this age the development in their countries.

In MKD and MNE were the last European competitions for this age group, there did not qualify for the Junior World Championship in 2019.
5 young couples referees participated in Skopje, each couples had a game on each match days.

The M 20 EHF Championship was organised by the Macedonian Handball Federation and all matches took place in Skopje in the VIP Arena Boris Trajkovski.

The group matches were played in A and B groups:

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After the group matches the teams played cross -, placement-, semi final and final games.

The games followed at the match days each other in every 2 hours: 12.00, 14.00, 16.00, 18.00, 20.00

For the cross and final matches were calculated 2.5 hours: 10.00, 12.30, 15.00, 17.30, 20.00.

The teams - without exception - played very motivated. They enjoyed the matches and tried to give their best performance. They never gave up any games.

Sometimes the teams played even over motivated and it led to make too many mistakes during the matches.

The level of the games was varying: after some high level matches some times followed lower level.
The not so well qualified teams tried to play also very fast, using high speed in the offence, but because the lack of their technical skills made a number of technical faults and these pulled the level down.

The performances of the teams were not stable, sometimes they changed it even during a game.

The participants played generally disciplined and fair, they tried to avoid the intentional rough and tough violences.

The behaviour of the team mates was very correct and positive to each other, after some mistakes they encouraged each other.

The performance of the referees was adequated to the tournament, but – like the players - they got tired match by match and committed also more mistakes.

The local organisers gave all conditions for a successful tournament, many thanks for them!

Activities of the participants M20 National Teams for the Championship in MKD (preparation)

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The less time prepared the home team (8 days) - as a surprise - and EST also 8 days but they played even 4 friendly games.

FAR practiced 74(!) days together, GBR 30 and UKR 29 days could spend for common trainings.

EST, BLR, LTU, and MKD did not practice any day together before the preparation for the Championship in 2018.

LTU, BLR, FAR, and MKD did not play friendly matches in 2018.

SUI was played 10 and GBR 5 friendly games in this year.

Results

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According the results, the teams were near to each other: FAR 4th place, 6 points, GRE 9th place also 6 points.

- MKD (6) and SUI (7) had the biggest average goal differences.

- Just MKD finished the Tournament without lost game, the other teams lost at least two times.

- The teams, which conceded the most goals, finished just on the end of the field: 9. GRE, 10. FIN 28-28, 11. GBR, 30.

- The number of scored goals by one match was between 73 and 36.

**Number of goals:** 1751 in 35 games

Average: 61/game, **30/team/game**

MECH 2018: Average: 27 goals/team/game

**Scored goals/match**

best: LTU-GRE 34:39 = 73

less: UKR-GBR 20:16 = 36

FIN-BLR 30:39 = 69

FAR-EST 20:19 = 39

BLR-SUI 33:27 = 60

LTU-FIN 21:21 = 42
Results by goal difference

0: 2
1: 6
2: 4
3: 2
4-6: 9
7-10: 5
10-15: 5
over 15:2

14 games from 35 finished no more than 3 goals and 12 more than 7.

Offence

Basically the teams played the same or the similar sets and tactical movements like the senior teams.

Current set up: both wingers are in their own corners, left and right back players are close to the side line.

- transition from several positions
- piston movement
- crosses
- break throughs
- changing positions with-, and without ball
Sets:

- CB crosses LP
- CB crosses LW or RW
- Transition with and without ball
- Forcing fast break, 1. 2. and 3. wave
- Organised fast throw off
- Temporary playing 7:6
- Numerical inferiority (5:6): changing player for goal keeper
- Numerical superiority (6:5): „negative“ piston movement, LP on the opposite side
- Transition of CB for second pivot position
- Free shot: wing transition from the same side

The teams, which were not effective from the distance shots, could not calculate with a good ranking.

Generally the teams committed a lot of technical faults and turn overs.

The reasons:

- lack of technical skills and tactical knowledges
- fatigue of the players and the teams
- making bad desicions
- over motivation
- chose the not optimization speed and pace

The individual performances of the key players determined the results up and down.

The performances of the players changed a lot of time match by match.

The best ranked teams scored the most goals.
Defence

From 11 teams 9 used the 6:0 defence system:
FIN, EST, FAR, GRE, LTU, SUI, MKD, UKR, ITA.

Just 2 teams started and played with 5:1 system during the games: BLR and GBR.

7 from 11 teams changed the 6:0 system temporary for 5:1:
FIN, EST, FAR, GRE, LTU, MKD, and UKR.

4:2: FIN, EST
5+1: EST and GRE
3:2:1: MKD

The last 3 above mentioned systems played the teams for short time and in numerical superiority, or when it was necessary to regain the ball, concerning the result.

Almost every team changed 1 player for the defence.

The number of 2 minutes punishments were very high.

The reasons:
- lack of the adequate defender’s technique
- fatigue of players and teams
- lack of experience
- lack of concentration
- lack of power and endurance
- over motivation
- interpretation and playing understanding of the referees

Good cooperation between goal keepers and defenders to save the distance shots.
Many goals were scored in empty goals: after the lost balls the changing back between goal keeper and player was too slow or bad organised (playing with empty goal).

After the lost balls the defender teams tried to organise their defence as soon as possible.

We could see at the begining of the Championship good goal keeper performances, but in the second half of the Event the level of their performances decreased.

### Analysis of the final matches

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<td>9/7</td>
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<td>13/10</td>
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<td>Total:</td>
<td>44/32, 73%</td>
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2m: | 5 | 2 | 5 | 4 |

T.F and T.O.: | 15 | 12 | 12 | 14 |

Average shot’s effeciency MECH, CRO 2018: 59%

2 final matches in MKD: 56%
Short evaluation of the 1-4. ranked teams

4th. place: FAR

-Their good and performance was the surprise of the Tournament.
-The team conceded the second less goals /AV 25/, they had the best goal keeper of the Event and the good performance by one by one in the defence.
-The offence was even not so succesful, they scored the second less goals /AV 24/.
-They spent for the preparation 74 days together in 2018, which could be a new record in the Junior Handball History’s.

3rd. place: SUI

-The best attacker team with BLR together /AV 30/ and the best defender /AV 23/.
-In the inside positions they had tall and strong players and quick and succesful wingers.
-After the conceded goals they started immediately with organised fast throw off.
-After the regained balls they tried to score by fast breaks.
-In the Semi Final they played against BLR in the whole time 7:6 in the offence.

2nd. place: BLR

-Very good offence /AV 30/ but weaker defence /AV 27/, just 3 teams conceded more goals as them /GBR 30, FIN, GRE 28-28/.
-Because they scored a lot of goals, I think the defence was not so important for the team.
-Their physical abilities were outstanding, they had the best back court players of the Championship.
-BLR arrived for the Event with a number of younger and talented players, which is very hopeful for the future of the BLR handball.
-Tactical and technical knowledge of the team showed lack in the defence and offence.

1st.place: MKD

- MKD was the most successful team of the Tournament: in 6 matches they collected 11 points.
- They used every advantage of the home court.
- They played extremely motivated.
- Very good individual performances: goalkeepers, left and right back court players and line players.
- Hard, aggressive and successful defence by one by one.
- A number of stealing balls by the wingers.
- They scored a lot of goals by fast break and break throw.
- Good physical conditions: quick and dynamic players.

Summary:

- Just GBR went home without any point.
- The performance of the teams changed up and down during the Tournament, which could be understandable for this age group.
- MKD was alone, who did not lose any match.
- The tactical and technical skills of the players were on the various level.
- A number of matches finished with few goal difference/max.3 goals and some with big/more than 7/.
- Preparation’s time for the Junior National Teams: it depended for the geographic and financial reasons of the countries.
- The first three teams were physical better then the other.
-Teams, which ended on the second half of the field committed more technical faults than the first half of the ranking.

-The number of the two minutes suspensions were extremely high.

-Seven teams of the participants had no more difference than average two goal.

-The teams used basically just few sets in the offences.

-The teams changed basically players for goal keepers in numerical inferiority.

-This Event was just a milestone in their handball life, but an important one.

I am sure, that it will help to be – as good as possible - senior players in the future.

-It was a hard and difficult - but nice and useful - Tournament for all participants and organisers.

**All Star team**

Goal keeper: FAR, Holdur Trygvason
Left wing: LTU, Deividas Jovaisas
Left back: MKD, Mario Tankovski
Centre back: BLR, Yulian Hiryk
Line Player: UKR, Ivan Burzak
Right back: BLR, Mikalai Aliokhin
Right wing: ITA, Nico D’Antino
Best defender: SUI, Philip Novak
MVP: BLR, Artur Rudz
Top scorer: LTU, Karolis Antanavicius, with 53 scored goals
Players for the future

Players, who have a good chance to realize their talent in the senior age.

-GRE: CH. Tsakouridis /CB/
-EST: A.Priskus /GK/, S.Sarapuu /RW/, A.Timmo /LB/
-BLR: A.Rudz /LB/, J.Hyrik /CB/, M.Aliokhin /RB/, M.Piliuk /LP/, K.Samoila/LB, 16 years old!
-FIN: F.Karlsson /CB/
-MKD: M.Silegon /RW/, M.Petkovski /GK/, T.Jagurinovski /RB/, M.Tankovski/LB/
-SUI: M.Staub /GK/, J.Störchli /LP/, F.Novak /LP/, M.Zehnder/LB/
-UKR: I.Burzak /LP/, O.Shcherbak /LB/
-GBR: J.Lees /RB/, N.Green /LB/, C.Mc Clelland /GK/

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