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Flash Analysis in Headlines

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- Defence trends
 - Basic defence system
 - Additional systems applied to the situation
 - Specific solutions for man advantage
 - 2 Specialists to form a block
 - Playmaker stays on court (LO mostly)
 - Win of ball possession means fast break



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- Fast break play
 - First wave with one or two players
 - Second wave follows immediately
 - One ball transporter only
 - Most specialists integrated
 - Running lanes defined



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- Set play trends
 - Transitions 3-3 to 4-2
 - Followed by small group solution (2/2 or 3/3)
 - Short crossings back/wing
 - Long run of the strikers, trying for „wrong side“ shots
 - Most moves towards throwing arm



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- Goalkeeper
 - Very effective in 1 on 1 situations
 - Individual solutions behind the defence
 - Switch of system according to the situation
 - Jumping and low target reactions more common than static play
 - Anticipation on high level
 - Fast outlet pass



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- General findings
 - Fewer goals from fast break in matches of higher quality
 - Fewer ball handling mistakes give better chances to win the game
 - Teams with a longer bench are more likely to succeed in the tournament
 - No suspensions due to misbehaving



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Matches are tough but not brutal

Fighting at the line shall be decreased

More respect among all parties involved

Level has increased compared with 2004

The gap has become wider



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- High speed play – high scores
- Extreme improvement in turnover play
- Short preparation by transition play only
- Most teams with 4-5 passes to termination
- Fast throw off regular element