

## ABSTRACT

**Name:** Analysis of opponent's circumvention, passing and shooting in match of U12 soccer players

**Objectives:** Aim of this thesis is to determine frequency and success rate of individual game activities (opponent's circumvention, passing and shooting) in competitive matches football players of the U12 category.

**Methods:** The research team consisted of soccer players of the U12 category of the Alex Zbur Football Academy. The research participants were monitored in 5 competitive matches that were played in the spring part of the 2022/2023 season. Each match was played 2x35 minutes with 7 players and 1 goalkeeper. The method of indirect observation of recorded video recordings was used to obtain individual data. Three attacking game activities of an individual were selected for research: opponent's circumvention, passing and shooting.

**Results:** In the game activity of opponent's circumvention a significantly higher frequency was found in the attacking half of the field, an average of 64,2 times. The average success rate of opponent's circumvention reached 51,7 %. The most attempts were made in the frontal position using changes of direction in 1v1 situation. The pass was recorded an average of 211 times with a success rate of 65 %. The ground pass from 2 or more touches occurred most often. Most actions were finished with a foot (99,4 %) from three and more touches inside the penalty area.

**Conclusion:** The biggest lack of the players is certainly in opponent's circumvention 1v2 and 1v3 situation and opponent's circumvention using the deceptive movement. Another negative finding is the fact that only one attempt to finish with head was found, which is closely related to the low success rate high passes. This data shows the necessity of including exercises at developing these skills to the training process.

**Key words:** soccer, youth, analysis, match, opponent's circumvention, passing, shooting