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FOREWORD

I am pleased to present the Technical Study Group (TSG) report for the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup Uruguay 2018. Staged in a country that truly breathes football, and one with a rich football tradition, having also hosted the first-ever FIFA World Cup™ in 1930 – so the backdrop to the sixth edition of this FIFA tournament could not have been better!

For Uruguay, the tournament provided an opportunity to write football history, with this new chapter proving to be a watershed moment for women's football in the country. Three beautiful cities played host to 16 teams from around the world – Maldonado, Montevideo and Colonia. The legacy left behind for the women's game will live well beyond the final whistle of the last match.

With Canada, Germany, Ghana, Korea DPR, New Zealand and Japan all appearing at the tournament for the sixth time, the match-ups in the group stage provided a good challenge for every team. As the sole debutantes in the tournament, Finland played with great energy and determination and although they failed to make it to the knockout stage, they were able to pick up their first-ever point in the competition – a huge milestone for women's football in the country. Similarly, hosts Uruguay did not manage to clinch a win, but this did not dishearten local fans, who showed up in force at each of their matches. A well-fought draw against Finland in their final match ended the tournament on a high note for team and fans alike.

Champions for the first time in their history at this level, Spain were standouts all through the tournament: with several players having already played in the U-20 Women's World Cup earlier in the year, their strength as a unit, combined with many moments of individual brilliance, meant that their matches were a pleasure to watch. Third-placed New Zealand were the dark horses of the tournament, quickly shaking off their underdog status by beating Finland, hosts Uruguay, Japan and finally Canada in the match for third place. Runners-up Mexico were also impressive, their measured and methodical style of play ultimately resulting in them becoming just the second Concacaf side in history to make it to the final, something which had not occurred since the inaugural edition of the tournament in 2008.

The style of football played during the tournament was progressive and proactive, which is a positive sign for the future growth of the women's game. Players showed confidence on the attack, with many teams pressing high and taking a bold approach. This positive style of play led to many upsets, of which New Zealand beating Japan and Canada beating Germany were two prime examples. In contrast, the statistics for goals scored in the tournament surprisingly showed that the tally of 86 goals in 32 matches (equating to an average of 2.69 per game) was the lowest in the history of the competition.

Overall, the tournament was a great indication of the work and investment that is being put into the women's game by the 16 participating countries. The future of the game is looking bright, with a number of talented players emerging at this age level along with clear signs of improvement in coaching. The game is definitely becoming more sophisticated, as you will see in the following pages.

I hope that this report will be used as a training tool and a valuable resource for women's football players and coaches all around the world. Happy reading!

Yours sincerely, Sarai Bareman

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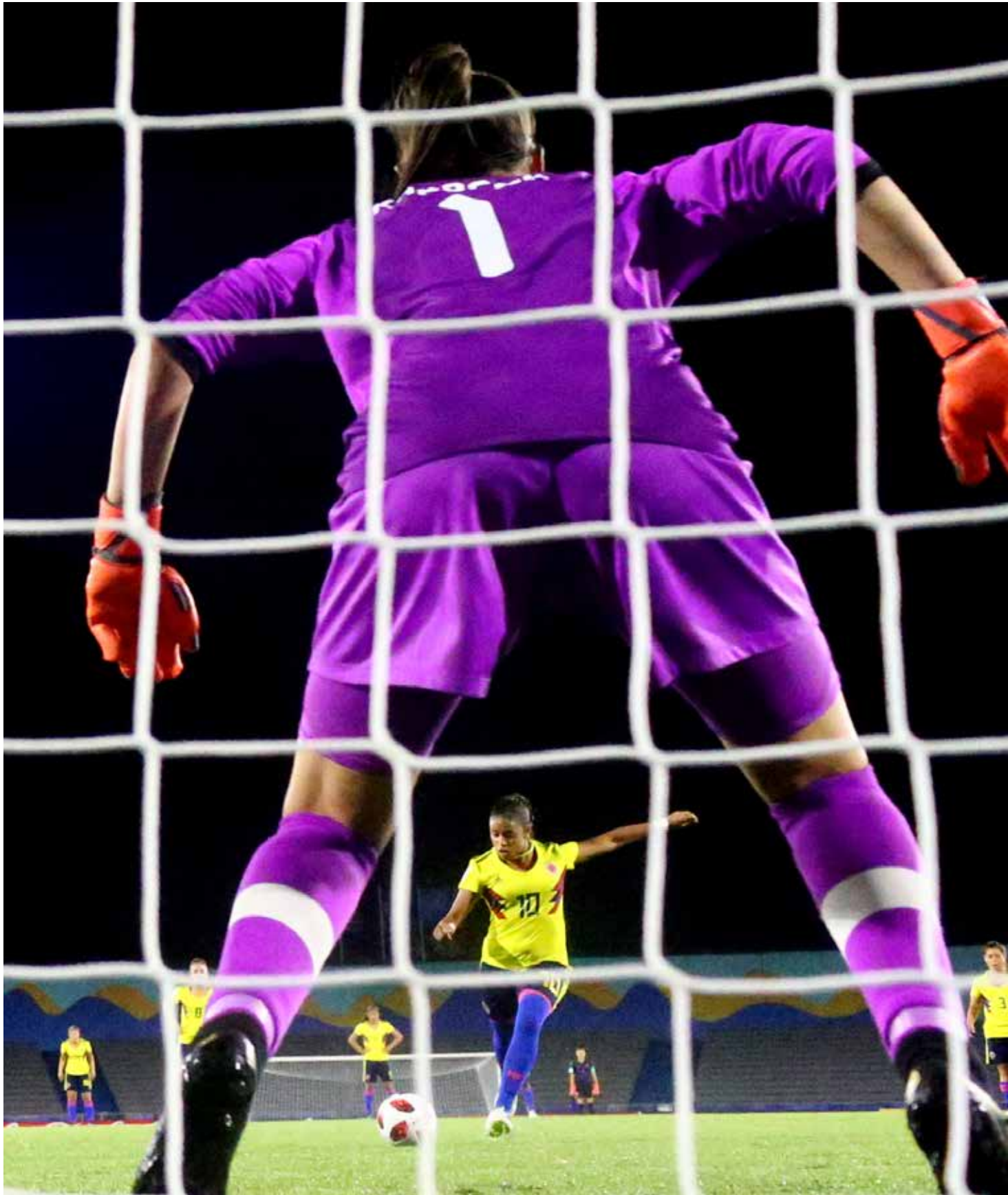
▶ GOALSCORING

This was the lowest-scoring edition in the history of the tournament, with just 86 goals netted in 32 games (an average of 2.69 per game).

Indeed, with the route to goal showing itself to be increasingly difficult, the number of goals scored from set pieces grows in significance. Twenty-four – so 28%, or more than one in four – goals came from a wide variety of set-play situations, underlining how these were being both prepared and executed well. This included two goals scored by Japan following throw-ins, highlighting how danger can be spread from any dead balls with the right preparation, planning and organisation. The Little Nadeshiko evidently focused on this, with four of their eight goals coming from set plays. Meanwhile, Mexico made it all the way to the final despite scoring only six goals, which included a strike from a corner – an area that delivered no fewer than eight goals in Uruguay. Korea DPR proved to be the masters in this department, with five of their seven goals coming from corners. Their excellent aerial strength – a subject that will be discussed in greater depth later – and timing when attacking the ball raised them almost literally head and shoulders above their opponents. Another fine example of this was New Zealand's goal in their quarter-final clash with Japan, with their players timing their runs to perfection.

However, while some nations – such as the aforementioned Mexico and New Zealand – seemingly place a lot of stock in set pieces as a valuable goalscoring tool, others may direct their attention elsewhere, perhaps because they possess other weapons in their armoury. Spain, for example, were the only team not to score a single goal from a set play, and they ultimately lifted the trophy. Eight of their 15 goals came from crosses or cutbacks, with excellent use of wide areas (another aspect subsequently discussed in greater depth) largely behind their success. The quality of the final delivery made their strikers' lives that bit easier, while clinical finishing – with 2.3 shots on target resulting in a goal, compared to the tournament average of 4.8 – set them aside from their rivals. The numbers also added up for Spain in terms of presence inside the penalty area, a direct consequence of their approach to attacking the wide areas and delivering the ball into the box: when the opposition defence did not adequately clear their lines, they had bodies there to pick up loose balls and capitalise. Medal winners Mexico and New Zealand also ensured a considerable presence in the penalty area and benefited from it, with 10 of their 12 goals scored from inside this danger zone.

▶ TECHNICAL SKILLS

While tactical sophistication is still in its development stages across the board at U-17 level, it was interesting to see the amount of individual talent on show and the dauntlessness with which these youngsters expressed themselves. On this evidence, skilful and confident players with excellent dribbling ability could be quite widespread in coming years. Indeed, players who showed courage to take on defenders in **1v1 attacks,** and were comfortable on the ball, were among those who caught the eye the most and posed the greatest danger. For example, champions Spain had two such figures in their ranks in the shape of Eva Navarro, who provided a joint tournament-high three assists, on the right and multi-discipline athletics champion Salma Paralluelo – who was also the tournament's youngest goalscorer at 15 years and eight days – on the left. Both were key elements in Spain's success, their changes of pace and use of feints helping them to carve out chances for Clàudia Pina, whose outstanding finishing ability did the rest. These are just a couple of examples of a host of players who were able to generate scoring opportunities individually, but first and foremost keep possession and circulate the ball with confidence. Champions Spain excelled with 65% ball possession and a 79% passing success rate, but they were not the only nation boasting excellent control of possession. Finland – second in the former statistic with 64% and leading the way in the latter category – brought with them a style of play that saw their goalkeepers show a new approach to spreading the ball effectively from the back. Their two keepers, Anna Koivunen and Emma Immonen, ranked highest for the average number of passes per game, with 63 and 59 respectively. This underlined how integral they both were to their team's build-up play and represented something of a novel phenomenon at this level, which will subsequently be discussed in the goalkeeping section.

In addition to short passing and constructive build-up, **outstanding ball controling** was widespread. Germany's Shekiera Martinez and Gia Corley highlighted how an excellent first touch and close control were essential in keeping possession or eluding opponents, and this helped accelerate their actions. With a still-developing tactical awareness, their ball mastery provided a clear advantage and afforded them more time and space to showcase their individual skills by dribbling or accelerating.

Wide areas were the zones of choice for many of these individual moments of acceleration, with a significant number of 1v1 attacks occurring here, with Ghana's second goal against New Zealand a textbook example of how lethal this can be. The combination of pace, dribbling skills and confidence on the ball enabled players to attack the space and get into areas from where they could deliver wicked crosses or cutbacks into the box for onrushing midfielders or forwards.

Such attacks can be difficult to defend against, but with good reading of the game and the right body position and orientation, defenders can at least give themselves a chance to make a block or tackle, or even get themselves in between the attacker and the ball. In **1v1 defending,** the ability to use their body effectively and be strong and resilient when under pressure are attributes that afford defenders an advantage when striving to make a crucial clearance and prevent a forward from reaching a ball. Quite a number of defenders appeared to be well trained in this respect.

Mention has already been made of the individual confidence of the players in Uruguay and this also contributed to a significant number of **long-range shots** – an average of 5.9 per team, leading to 16% of goals being scored from outside the penalty area, many of which involved shots going over the goalkeepers. Meanwhile, another standout technical feature in Uruguay came not on the ground but in the air. Eight goals were scored with **headers** and several came from set pieces, which bears out how the focus – at least at this level – on training set pieces appears to be more from an attacking perspective. This notwithstanding, the heading ability at this age level is improving and this can be seen in both attack and defence, with timing of jumps, positioning, reading of the game and physical strength all contributing to a notable development in this area.

▶ FROM BUILD-UP TO FINAL THIRD

Short passing is more common in this age group and, while elaborate moves involving three or more players were quite rare, simple but effective exchanges were nevertheless well executed to shake off opponents' pressure. A considerable number of two-footed players showed comfort and composure in receiving the ball while also demonstrating good peripheral vision and game reading to be able to turn and pick out a team-mate.

Keeping hold of the ball and circulating it even in deep areas was a particular feature of Mexico and Canada's games: playing to their strengths, they used short passes and one-twos to build up from the back effectively. Japan and Korea DPR also built their games on a similar foundation. Even when under pressure, they were adept at finding solutions with short passes and not frightened to involve their goalkeepers by passing the ball back when all other avenues were blocked.

With goalkeepers becoming heavily involved in their team's build-up play, it was not rare to see sides taking up deeper positions when in possession compared to when they did not have the ball, as counterintuitive as it may sound. This way, they were able to build up constructively from the back with one-twos and combination play, often switching play from one side to the other with strings of short passes, rather than rushing to release the ball.

Driving forward with the ball and **drawing in an opponent** in order to free up a team-mate was another effective strategy observed. This was a way of creating a numerical and/or positional advantage, and the timely release of the ball when an opponent had been successfully drawn in led, in several instances, to goals being scored or chances being created.

▶ HIGH PRESS

In addition to showing confidence, bravery – individually and collectively – was certainly not in short supply either. Almost all teams employed a high press, with defensive lines often high both in and out of possession, and nobody sitting and waiting for their opponents to attack them. This made the games very interesting and also showed how the coaches had encouraged their players to make their presence felt on the field rather than just be reactive. New Zealand were particularly forceful in this approach, and it is no coincidence that they scored the fastest goal in the history of the tournament, after only 20 seconds against Canada, when two players closed down the goalkeeper and pressured her into making a rushed decision that they were consequently able to capitalise on. While it may have been bold, this was a particularly smart approach from the Oceanian nation as they looked to use their strengths, including their intrinsic competitiveness and never-give-up mentality, to attack the ball.

Besides being brave and adventurous in their tactics, many coaches also displayed their ingenuity, using the element of surprise to catch out their opponents. This is epitomised by New Zealand's approach to their quarter-final against Japan. Admitting his team was technically inferior, Kiwis coach Leon Birnie and his coaching staff hatched a winning plan, thanks also to the psychological work carried out in the days and hours running up to the game, which came to fruition. "If you [had] asked a player going into the game were they confident we could beat Japan, 90% of them would have said 'yes'," said Birnie.

He and his staff had scouted Japan and, while being impressed by their strengths, they were not going to be overwhelmed by them. Instead, they boldly opted to do what no other side had attempted – attack their opponents high up the field and force Japan to defend, almost suffocating them in their own half.

It only worked for as long as the energy levels could sustain it, yet that was still enough to force a penalty shoot-out, which they won.

Goalkeepers also contributed to this high press, taking up advanced starting positions and thus being able to anticipate opposition attacks. Many goalkeepers regularly came off their line and showed bravery, and this gave the rest of their team the confidence to press higher, safe in the knowledge that their keeper was covering their backs and the space behind the defensive line.

Meanwhile, Mexico executed a clear plan by holding a medium block and alternating the tempo of their pressing, increasing the intensity in wider areas and moving well as a collective. "I'm a big believer in small details, which I think can make all the difference," said their coach Mónica Vergara, who was vindicated by her team's overall performance in Uruguay.

The runs made by players when pressing were also crucial. Sometimes, they would come round on the blind side, often surprising their opponents, while the intensity changed when opponents made a pass backwards, such as to their goalkeeper – when more pressure would be applied. The pressing on show was thus very dynamic and sophisticated.

▶ EXPLOITING THE WIDE AREAS

in a wide position and available – often in space – to receive these switches. Mexico, Japan and Ghana were three other nations who employed this tactic.

Meanwhile, the full-backs had much more of a supporting remit than an overlapping one in Uruguay. They were tasked with bringing the ball forward before feeding the wingers and letting the latter use their dribbling strengths to penetrate. With full-backs in support, wingers also had the option of playing the ball back for them to deliver diagonal crosses into the penalty area from a different angle; these proved very effective, leading to a number of goals.

With Spain scoring over half of their goals from crosses or cutbacks, their exploitation of the wide areas was one of the keys to their success. They delivered an average of 26 crosses per game, compared to the tournament average of 18, and these deliveries were regularly of the highest order.

With almost all teams pressing high, counter-attacks were at a premium, but this did not negate the necessity of using the lateral corridors when in possession, often switching play from one side to the other to seek out those 1v1 opportunities for wingers to exploit. On this front, Spain were not alone in keeping the winger on the opposite side of the field

▶ GOALKEEPING

Due to the still-developing stature of women's U-17 goalkeepers, dealing with high shots can still be a challenge and a significant proportion of goals during this tournament were conceded from high shots from long range. In dealing with these, it is vital that goalkeepers display good positioning, anticipation and footwork, that they time their jumps well and, lastly, that they reach the ball with a strong hand and fingertips to make a crucial intervention. There were some great examples of goalkeepers showing these very qualities and being able to make important saves in matches during this World Cup.

With this in mind, goalkeeper training focusing on developing a greater jumping height along with the other qualities required to make saves from high shots should be encouraged. This can also be achieved by replicating the different types of ball trajectories from shots that occur from long distance at women's U-17 level and refining the anticipation of such shots.

In addition to shot-stopping, the overall role of the goalkeeper has diversified and **Finland in particular displayed a completely new approach** to this. Their first-choice custodian Anna Koivunen was effectively an 11th outfield player, quantified by her average distance from goal of 17.3m – meaning she spent most of her time outside her penalty area rather than in it, and was a willing and competent outlet for passes and building up from the back. "This is completely new and I'm very surprised. It's great to see," said FIFA Goalkeeping Specialist Pascal Zuberbühler. "She is like an additional outfield player; she uses both feet and is comfortable on the ball, thus giving confidence to her team-mates, who are willing to involve her – this is something new that they have worked on in training."

Both of Finland's goalkeepers who made appearances in Uruguay racked up twice as many passes as the tournament average for goalkeepers. The majority were also short or medium-length passes, rather than long punts, and this increased involvement in their game is something Finland focus on. "In every youth national team, we try to make the goalkeeper an extra [outfield] player," explained Finland's goalkeeping coach Eemeli Reponen. "That is part of our footballing ethos."

While Finland's goalkeepers showed adeptness with their feet, **throws** are an area to which more time could also be dedicated in future, since throwing can often be a more precise way of delivering the ball to a team-mate than attempting a long kick. Quick thinking on the part of the goalkeeper, combined with an accurate throw and team-mates' shrewd movement in anticipating this delivery, can give teams an edge in **building up from the back** immediately after their opponents lose possession. The keen awareness shown by defenders and midfielders in identifying this opportunity and reacting by running into space was evidence that teams are indeed working on this on the training ground, and this is an aspect that could benefit from further joint training, with goalkeepers becoming increasingly involved as an extra team player.

It was not only in the attacking phase, but also when defending – as mentioned earlier in the section on the **high press** – that the contribution of the goalkeepers was crucial to the team's overall performance. Particularly when such a high press is being adopted, the goalkeeper's position means they can have a sizeable impact, and many showed the courage to venture far off their lines.

"When a goalkeeper's starting position is high, they are able to anticipate attacks," recognised Zuberbühler. "The goalkeepers are coming out and being brave, which is extremely positive."

INTERVIEWS WITH THE COACHES OF THE SEMI-FINALISTS

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*A former defender who made 181 appearances for Canada, **Rhian Wilkinson** led her country at Uruguay 2018 following the departure of Beverly Priestman, who guided the North Americans through qualifying. She has a wealth of international experience after an illustrious playing career that included four trips to the FIFA Women's World Cup™ (USA 2003, China 2007, Germany 2011 and Canada 2015) and two bronze medals at the Women's Olympic Football Tournament (London 2012 and Rio 2016). Wilkinson began her coaching career with the Canadian women's national team programme in 2014 while still active on the pitch and has continued to serve in that role since hanging up her boots in February 2017.*

First of all, would you mind detailing who your technical staff are and why are they important for the players?

Our video analyst is a former player – an Olympic medallist – and not really part of the technical staff as such, but she's got knowledge so I speak to her first because the girls trust her, she's a very approachable, non-threatening staff member and she's a wonderful link for me to the girls because the technical staff is automatically separate from the group because we make the decisions on who plays and who finishes the game. I think that is one of the most underrated positions – the staff member who can link the team and the staff. She's a wonderful benefit. I have the head coach of the national programme here, Kenneth Heiner-Møller, as an

assistant coach but also as a mentor for me. He allows me to make all the decisions, but just having him here as a support gives me the confidence to do that. So he's a wonderful addition and I'm very fortunate. I also have a gentleman called Mike Norris as an assistant coach. I've worked with him as an assistant and when you've worked with someone and trust them and know it goes really well, you want them around you, especially as this is the first time for me. He wasn't scheduled to be on my staff, but I wanted him because I know he's very different from me and his qualities complement mine very well, so I'm very happy he's here. And I have Tanya Singfield, who's the goalkeeper coach and she's fantastic. Canadian goalkeepers are generally very, very strong and part of that is because we have strong goalkeeper coaches and she's one of them.

The person who is often standing [Mike Norris], do the two of you focus on different things or generally the same?

He does all the set pieces. It's partially because he has a stronger voice – I lose mine easily, which is frustrating, so it's about preserving it. I believe – and this is my coaching philosophy – that the actual coaching from the sidelines needs to be quite minimal, but that constant voice, the encouragement at this age group should be pretty much for the whole game. I think they're learning about pressure and fear and I think it's important they know that their coach is there with them, and I just can't do that.

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Mike's great and he'll go out and fill in and just be a constant voice and then when I feel like something needs to happen or that they need a word or two of encouragement, I'll get up, but he does the majority of the game, standing.

As a former national team player, which advantage do you think that this gives to you in your role as coach?

I never played for a national youth team – I started with the seniors and I started playing in 2003, but I retired in 2017, so the first advantage is that they still remember me as a player, so I automatically have their trust. Keeping it is something different, I need to earn that every day, with how I coach and how I'm supporting them, but when you have automatic trust from a team, it's an advantage. I still get involved in training every now and again and it's important that they know that I know what fitness feels like, I know what the movements feel like, so I can explain things possibly a little more easily because I've only just retired and I know how it looks and how it feels to make that run that I'm asking them to do. I think I can speak from experience. I've had four World Cups, three Olympics, so I understand pressure and I don't minimise it – I think pretending it's not there or to put

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it aside isn't possible, so we have big conversations about fear and it's just there, but if your belief is not equivalent to the fear, this is the problem. I can speak to them in a way that I've learnt to do as a player. So it's not all technical and tactical.

What do you think has been the key to this success here?

They are very good. I get to be their coach, but this is a very good team. I think I've done a good job at letting them play the way they want to play. The reality is they're better than I was as a player. If I start trying to coach them what I'm comfortable with then they're not developing their game. They are

able to play in very tight situations that I could never have done so I think they've achieved it through their own ability and hard work to get here, but also their growing belief in themselves and that's what a tournament is: you start by pretending that you're good enough to win it, everyone says "yeah, yeah, you're gonna win it", but you don't believe it, and then every game you start to believe a little more. Even the game we lost 5-0 against Spain: you learn a lot – until your culture is tested in a game like that, you don't really know how strong your team is and that was probably the most important moment to get us to the semi-finals.

How did you use that defeat to communicate with the players and then take it as an opportunity to become stronger?

We started before that game and we believe that a team is 21 strong, not 11 starters strong. We're 21 strong and we're only as good as our 21st player, so we have one player who has not been on the field and that breaks my heart, but she is the heartbeat of the team – she's the most encouraging and most connected person on it and she for me is the example of what we're all trying to achieve. Even before the Spain game, I was talking about being 21 strong; we win together and we lose together and the subs I make are not a testament to someone's ability, it's just what I'm trying to do to make sure we do well in the tournament. I made eight changes that game and I'm not saying that's why we lost, because I was very

annoyed with that game – not because of the loss, but because I don't think we showed our character and our DNA in it, like Canadian strength and heart – but I also think that if we're 21 strong you need to test that, otherwise it's just a word, something you say. I don't think we played well but that was probably the defining moment for this team. It was not humiliation, but that's not a 2-0 loss – a 5-0 loss is significant and it showed how much work we still had to do.

Was there any legacy from the Women's World Cup 2015 in Canada that could have had an impact on the woman's game there, something that maybe this generation has taken advantage of?

The girls will have seen games live. They will have seen their heroes, people that they look up to live on the field. There's nothing like that. You can watch someone on TV and that's a special moment, but getting to a game is something completely different. Leading up to the World Cup, we played many games across Canada, making ourselves available to the public. I think the legacy is now showing in this generation of player. They've obviously had a dream. The way they push themselves – it's almost like you've got to pull them back a bit because they want it so much and they're still young. The professionalism at U-17 is like a level I've never seen before and I think that's because they see opportunities they never saw before; now you can be a coach, an administrator, a FIFA official – the opportunities now are huge and

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why not have that as a goal? It used to be that you could just be a player and now the sport has given them so much and I think that the World Cup did that, it wasn't just the game, it was everything around the game.

Two of your goals have come from set pieces, two from combinations and one transition – do you give more emphasis to any of these in training?

I think we've got transition players, so if I can get them in the right places, then we've got a good opportunity. You can't hide that we've got a special player in Jordyn Huitema, but there are a lot of very good players around her, so if we can get them in the right spots, we think that can happen naturally. We don't work on it, other than their starting positions. I would definitely prioritise set pieces if we had more time, but I don't, so we do a little bit every practice. I absolutely know how important they are – but we don't get enough time to work on them. What I do focus on is them being on the ball and combining with one another and knowing your team-mate. For some of them, if you pass a ball very hard it bounces right off them and the other team gets a transition, whereas some of them can handle it. So it's about

learning about their team-mates and how they can play with one another, because they don't know each other: this team had no caps together before we arrived here – they met each other on 1 November. I chose different players from the qualifying and we had no coach so we had no camp, so it was not a perfect start. We came in two weeks early and that was our time together. You choose what to look at, so I looked at culture. These girls already knew how to play, this is the national programme, so I had to trust that they were already at this level, so we did a huge amount of work on culture and little work on the field, just being together, learning, being around each other, and I have to prioritise that over set pieces and transitions.

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How do you see football in Canada in terms of accessibility for the girls, and how do you see the importance of mixed football for this or a younger age group?

Some of them, if they're from smaller communities, will have grown up with mixed football, but I think it's a reality of where you are from, so I'd never say that mixed football is wrong because in Uruguay and Brazil and Argentina, this is what the reality is and I think they learn a lot from playing with the boys. In Canada, we have no league at all, so it's a problem for development, so we've created talent programmes. We have ten provinces – Canada is huge – and, for example, in my province of Québec, we take all the best talent and they train together every day. They go to school together and they live with host families, then they go home for the holidays. I don't know what's right, because it's hard to take a kid from their families, but they choose – we don't force them – and it's working because obviously a lot of countries do the same, streamlining their curriculum to the senior team so it's easier to go from U-20s to senior because you've learned all the platforms, all the movements that

they use on the senior team. Part of that is also a problem because they don't then have their own style and creativity that you learn growing up and just playing, just getting on the ball and playing. So we have a structured system and there're some good things and then there're some things that, you know, it's not always the best way to get an individual's talent to shine. Definitely team-wise it's beneficial, but if you're looking at maximising an individual's talent then you've got to follow their individual pathway. So, sometimes I hear that they shouldn't play with the boys and I think, why? I grew up with brothers and I think that helped me as a player, but I also played with girls and then my confidence grew because I was always fighting with the boys trying to get on it, but when I played with the girls I was one of the best from which I learnt a lot, I had to be confident. It's an individual pathway and every country has their realities. You create the pathway that's right for your players and for the style that you play.

So a girl who wants to play football in Canada at eight years old can only access a boy's team?

In some places yes, because the small communities just have one team, but most of the big cities have [girls' teams] – soccer's huge here, it's our number one sport. It's a participation sport that they start playing on teams when they are four. Then they go up playing for fun and then they start trying out and attempting to be on more competitive teams when they are eight or nine, and then they get streamlined that way. It's a choice. It's not like they are better at that age, sometimes they are, but sometimes it's just that they want to play more, and have more training sessions. But as you get higher up, they are automatically better because they've had better coaching and more hours.

These ten centres are for which age groups?

There are three major centres in our three major provinces, so Québec, Ontario and British Columbia each have a super centre. We call them RECs – regional excellence centres. Feeding into those super centres, most provinces, I think there are only six regular centres: Nova Scotia, two in Alberta – so there are smaller ones and all the best players from there are taken to the super centres. It goes from 12 to 18 years old. At 12, you would not be in a host family unless you're living with a relative, like an aunt or somebody nearby, except this special case of a kid who really wants to do it and is very talented, but usually most are 13/14.

INTERVIEWS WITH THE COACHES OF THE SEMI-FINALISTS

Leon Birnie *made his coaching debut at a FIFA tournament in late 2016, when he led New Zealand to compete at the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in Papua New Guinea, where his team secured an impressive win over Ghana alongside hard-fought defeats against heavyweights France and the USA. Birnie later switched to the U-17 side and led the team through a highly successful qualification campaign in August 2017.*

Which technical staff do you have here and what are their roles, how do you deal with them and how do they fit in to your daily work?

We've got eight staff: head coach, assistant coach, analyst, team manager and then we've got the medical department, which is the physio and a doctor, and the goalkeeper coach, and a strength and conditioning coach. The dynamic between head coach and assistant coach is really important, so the head coach and assistant coach have got to have attributes which complement each other, and also I think it's really important that the assistant coach has a strong opinion and can really challenge the head coach, so with me and [assistant coach] Gemma Lewis, I think that works really well. She's very confident to put her point of view across and challenge my concepts and my thoughts and then, together, we collate what we

think the best approach to a game is. The strength and conditioning coach is in charge of the players' nutrition, their fitness, their general well-being, which is really important – not only at the tournament, but prior to coming to the tournament – to make sure that the players are in a good space when they get to the World Cup. The analyst is in charge of analysing all the footage of the opponents that we're about to play and analysing our own performances. He also does a lot of work around motivational videos to try to make sure the girls are in a good space coming into the next game. The goalkeeping coach is in charge of the goalkeeping team – they call it the goalkeeping union – and he works very closely with the coach and the assistant coach so that there is not a divide in the team: it's a coaching team, the three of us. The physio and doctor are the unsung heroes, who do all the hard work behind the scenes and to make sure the players are ready to perform on the day.

New Zealand's a small country and you don't have a tradition in football, yet you've led the team to the semi-finals: so what do you think is the key to this success?

I think there are a couple of things. This is our third World Cup now and we're doing things a lot smarter. We're playing the game in better positions

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on the field, we're making smarter decisions, we're a lot wiser technically and analysis-wise of what we should be focusing on, a lot more detailed than when I first started. Then there is the team culture and cohesion within this group, and the players really understanding that as a group, everybody's got their role to play – we've had a big focus on that. It doesn't matter if you're player number one or number 21, your role's just as important and I think the girls have done that with maturity beyond their years and I think that's added to the success, that we've been really confident; really positive. The players that haven't played have just been driving the high standards of training, driving the team when they're on the bench and I think that's all added to the success of the group. So they would probably be the two main factors.

You compete in a confederation where the level, in general, is far from the nations that you have to face so how is your plan to prepare your players to bring them to this level?

When you get to the World Cup, it's a big jump from any games that they've currently been involved in to the first World Cup game. It was kind of their first time there and it opened their eyes; our first real taste of that level. We've got to be really creative because

we don't have the opportunity to play heaps of international games, so we play a lot of games against boys and try to replicate a high standard and get the game to be more challenging and a lot quicker for us, then we focus a lot on the analysis and video work and really give clear images in the girls' heads of what they need to do when they are out there. If we look at the first game we played, the opposition had 15 international games in 12 months, we had one just five days before the World Cup. So what they've done with the limited preparation I find incredible, and hopefully it is something that will be continued.

How did you prepare for the quarter-final match against Japan?

Japan are an amazing team. We knew as a staff how big the challenge was going to be and there were a lot of long nights analysing them, coming up with a game plan and what we needed to do was make sure in the girls' heads that all the information and all the images that we were showing them were opportunities and that they felt confident coming into their game. If you asked a player going into the game were they confident we could beat Japan, 90% of them would have said yes. We thought we had a chance, but we knew a lot would have to go right for us, but for the players' minds, everything that we presented was lifting them in a good space for feeling confident going into their game. For the first half of their game, I think technically we did really well. We knew we had to disrupt their play and not let them move the ball because as soon as they get time to move the ball, they're so good and we did that really well. In the second half, we just tired and when we got tired, they got on top and it was pure determination and gut and drive and grit to stay in that match, and that's a typical Kiwi attribute that we displayed and that's what helped get us through.

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The obvious way to play Japan is to drop off, condense the spaces and you've got a bit of a chance, so going high was extremely brave. We thought the best approach was to do something the other teams hadn't done and try and unsettle them and, for a long period, it worked, until we tired.

You had excellent preparation of set pieces, and we're seeing a lot of good set pieces here. How much are you focusing on this in training?

I think it's really important to play to your strengths and set plays is a strength of Kiwi footballers. We've got some real presence on set plays. All our stats showed it's an area we're quite strong in and we need to make sure that when we had opportunities for set plays, we prepared and worked through them and made the most of those. We've spent time on them to make sure that when we get those opportunities, we can get a result out of them. We spend the time and get the detail right and make sure that the players have got clear images and understand their roles, because I think a lot of time, you prepare set plays and then the moment gets to the players and they don't execute their role. Look at the amount of time we took before taking the corner for our goal against Japan – we knew we had to get the detail right. I had to move people from the sideline as a couple of players got caught up in the moment while everyone else was in their positions, then by moving them we were in the right place to go and execute it. It was

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very good, very good. And to do it against Japan… they were smart.

What about your goalkeeper – she took the responsibility for taking the last penalty. Was this already discussed? Did you approach her or did she take the decision? How do you approach a penalty shoot-out?

We thought it was really important, because it was such a big moment, that the girls that were going to take them were confident. So we asked Aneka, the captain, to get all the players together during the day and provide me with a list of the players who were confident, the players that weren't confident and the middle ones who were like, "if you want me to take one, I'll take one". We had five who were confident, but come penalty time we only had three still on the field, due to substitutions, so those three were the first three and then we chose the other two which were Anna, who had been in the "if you need me to take one, I'll take one" column. Anna's a confident girl, she's an experienced player so we thought it was a good choice to let her go up, be confident and have a go, and it worked out – which was great. I just think that if they're not confident, they might have done 20 penalties back in New Zealand but the moment gets to them and, for me, my approach is that they need to be confident when they're up there and those girls were just great.

How is your relationship with the players and how do you compare this player management with the under-20s?

I really like coaching female players: they take the information on and really strive to know more and they ask questions and I really like that approach and I like to be able to answer them and work through solutions with them. The rapport with the girls is really important and I think when you're on tours and you're away from home and they're not seeing their parents every day, it's really important that that connect is there and there's an open dialogue between the players and the staff and we have Aneka and Anna, our captain and vice-captain, who kind of work as a link between the players and the staff also. We're catching up with those two every second day and just making sure everyone's happy. Is there anything the players are talking about that we need to change from the food, meal times, training? Players might not be sleeping well – you know, whatever it is, we just make sure that there's regular contact and that everyone's just positive and happy as you can be. Obviously, when a tournament's going like this one is, it helps a lot more, but you've got to have the same relationship if you've just lost the first two games. I think also regardless of the game and where we are in the tournament, it's about keeping the normality: it's just another day, the same routine, the staff are talking about the same stuff, the players are talking about the same stuff – the moment doesn't become too big and I think that worked quite well. For example, we were in the pre-meeting ahead of the Finland game and then all of a sudden, I was seeing a little nervous tension in the room so we did a quick brainteaser on the wall, you know just to break the ice. All of a sudden, there's a bit of laughter and relaxation, something just to keep it normal and try to take the moment away.

It's about keeping the normality.

How do you prepare yourself? We've spoken a lot about how you prepare the players, but how does the coach prepare himself to be ready for a match like a semi-final?

I think as a staff, it's a long time together. We're coming up three weeks here and I think it's really important that you have a bit of downtime just to step away from football and clean your mind. I think it's really important that you've got an outlet or an opportunity to freshen your mind and just step away from football for an afternoon or a few hours – whatever it is – and then you can come back fresh and focus on that because if you are continuously having late night after late night after late night, the quality of what you are doing drops and that has an impact on the performance of the players and it's really important.

I think whatever you're feeling on the inside, you can't project that to the players, you've got to be calm; the same person in normality. It's really important that what you're projecting to the players is this confidence and calm and just normal, because the players pick up on that. If we are nervous or tense or we change our character, that will flow through the team and it's important that it doesn't.

How do you think girls and boys playing together contributes to the development of players and how important is it that we also have girls' competitions?

Personally, I think both pathways are extremely important. You need to have an all-female pathway because I think a lot of female players will join that pathway because it's girls playing with girls and that's going to give you the growth and the base with more players playing the game at a grassroots level. For example, my daughter's five and she wouldn't have started playing this year if it wasn't for the girls-only environment with her friends, so that was a big factor in her being involved. On the flip side, I think at a certain age, and I'm not sure exactly what the best age is, I think girls that socially or technically or physically need to be challenged need to go in an environment which can cater for that and in our country, that is with boys and mixed football. I feel to a point, it should be the player's choice and the family's choice, with a bit of guidance from coaches, on which pathway they take, but I think both pathways are equally important, depending on the individual. Also, I think it's really important that this is not just people's opinions and that, as a country, we keep up with leading research from around the world and take the best bits of that research and make it work for New Zealand. At the moment, I see benefits to both pathways.

INTERVIEWS WITH THE COACHES OF THE SEMI-FINALISTS

Mónica Vergara has been the head coach of Mexico's U-17 women's national team since January 2018, after spending several years working in various technical roles with the Mexican Football Association (FMF). She led El Tri to a runners-up finish at the Concacaf Women's Under-17 Championship 2018. The highlight of her playing career arguably came as a 16-year-old, when she was the youngest member of the Mexico squad that went to the FIFA Women's World Cup USA 1999™. She also notably represented her country at the Women's Olympic Football Tournament Athens 2004.

Could you describe the technical staff you've brought with you for this competition?

I've got an assistant coach, a goalkeeping coach, a fitness coach, a doctor, a physiotherapist and a massage therapist here with me, not to mention a nutritionist and a psychologist. We take a bigger group to World Cups; we've got 15 members of staff here, whereas the number is lower when we go on tours.

I have people on my staff who aren't afraid to call it how they see it. I then go away, think over what they've said and analyse it. I'm really grateful to them for giving me that food for thought.

Could you tell us a little about the work done by the psychologist?

The psychologist is responsible for working on the emotional aspects. She does both individual and group sessions. I only get very occasional feedback from her on things that I need to know about so that I can transfer them to the pitch through actions or words that the players can draw on when the time comes.

She has a different relationship with the players and all I need to know is what they want to tell me.

Your players seem to have a real bond with you and the rest of the technical staff. What's your approach on that front?

I always tell them that it's thanks to all of them that I'm here. I would be nothing and nobody if I didn't have my technical staff here to cover my back, look out for me and protect me, and if the players didn't perform on the pitch. It's not about me being the head honcho. I've got 35 people behind me; I try to cultivate that bond and I think what you've seen on the pitch is a testament to that.

That bond is visible in your celebrations with the players. How exactly do you go about cultivating it?

I'm a big believer in small details, which I think can make all the difference. For example, I'm very effusive

on the touchline when they do something potentially game-changing. On another note, we have a special greeting when we see each other every morning. It's a Mayan handshake signifying that they are an extension of me and vice versa.

We also all have the same symbol temporarily tattooed on our forearms, next to which each player also has a tattoo of a word that epitomises them, picked out by me. During matches, a player can just turn her arm over to look at it and be reminded of what she represents and brings to the team. We all pull together as one in pursuit of a common goal.

What do you think is the key to reaching the final of a competition like this one?

When you truly believe in something, you make it happen; it becomes part of you. I always talk to the players about the way champions conduct themselves, the things they do, and demand the same from them. I've always told them that there are three fundamentals: their body, their time and their ambition to progress. The better care you take of yourself, the closer it puts you to your goals. For example, it's about what you choose to read, what you devote your attention to and what can help you to get where you want. That's something I've spoken to my players about at length and I think they've really bought into it. It's fantastic to have that sort of impact, because you can spark change and instantly instil new habits.

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Your team set out with a very similar game plan regardless of the opposition that they're up against. What sort of opposition analysis do you conduct and how does it shape your approach?

I actually always place the emphasis on our style of play, irrespective of the opposition. In our training

sessions, we concentrate on what we want to do going forward and any minor shortcomings we need to rectify in defence. Our defensive tactics can vary a bit: sometimes we'll press aggressively high up the pitch, but if we see that the team is getting stretched, we may drop back a bit.

In terms of the opposition, I focus on how they set up, their positional shifts, their approach and a few individuals. I also hammer home to our players that they can go toe to toe with any opposition; I want us to be aggressive with the ball.

You have a very young team with a lot of character. For how long have you been working with this generation?

I see myself as a development coach. I've been working to identify talented players aged 13 and above in Mexico since 2014.

This is the second generation I've had in my charge. I first worked with this crop of players as their U-15 coach in 2015 and I led them at the Concacaf Girls' Under-15 Championship 2016, after which they moved up to U-17 level and we stopped working together.

The FMF offered me this job, which was a great challenge, ahead of the qualifying tournament earlier this year. I jumped at it because I love challenges: I relish being pushed out of my comfort zone.

How is the talent scouting system organised in a country as large as Mexico?

Until two years ago, we had four development centres through which we tried to cover four key catchment areas: Guadalajara, Monterrey, Tijuana and Mexico City. We also staged mass try-outs; we used social media and coordinated with press officers to put the word out on various platforms about where and when we were going to hold these trials.

We continue to hold such trials nowadays, but on top of that, Mexico now has amateur leagues at U-13, U-15 and U-17 level. That means that we can scout girls in games nationwide. What's more, we keep tabs on every team in the Liga MX Femenil, the recently established professional league, on a weekly basis.

Still, we need to step up these efforts even further and widen the net to cover all parts of the country.

The *Liga MX Femenil* has proven extremely popular. However, a lack of opportunities for

young talents is a big challenge in these types of leagues: what has been done in that respect in Mexico?

Crucially, rules have been implemented in the league to ensure that younger players get game time. On top of that, we have amateur leagues at U-13, U-15, U-17 and U-20 level, where players who aren't at a professional club can keep training throughout the week and have the opportunity to compete.

Eight teams from each category then go through to a final competition at La Casa del Fútbol, the FMF headquarters in Toluca, where we run the rule over all of the participating players in the flesh. That's obviously very valuable. What's more, clubs in the professional league are being encouraged to launch a reserve team. We want them to start forging a youth system because the game will only grow if we continue to place an emphasis on development. We need to keep developing players in order to first maintain the standard of the league and then improve it.

What competition do the members of this squad play in?

Most of the members of this squad are already playing professionally in the Liga MX Femenil. There is a rule under which clubs' squads may contain a maximum of four "senior" players – [for the 2018/19 season] this means players born after 1 January 1993 – of whom only two can play at any one time. The rest of the players must belong to the U-24 and U-17 categories. Furthermore, any U-17 players included in a squad must play at least 1,000 minutes between them per tournament.

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These rules have helped give youngsters the opportunity to cut their teeth. Most of the players in this squad have experienced what it's like to play at big stadiums and to work in a professional environment, and that's undoubtedly spurred their development.

After progressing from Concacaf qualifying, how did you prepare to face the teams in your group here?

We'd never had such a good warm-up programme before at this level. On our last tour before travelling to Uruguay, we faced the United States, Colombia and England [in the U.S. Soccer U-17 Women's Invitational]. Playing those three teams was instructive, helping us to pinpoint the details we needed to hone, which cost us in that tournament. Proving we could compete there was a big boost for the players mentally: it gave them the confidence to believe that they were a match for anyone.

We were also able to play against the first teams of clubs from the Liga MX Femenil.

Our last warm-up game ahead of the World Cup was against Spain. Little did I imagine that we'd face them again in the final.

How does one prepare for a final?

There isn't much preparation you can do: the hard work is already done, so you just iron out a few details. You've simply got to embrace the occasion.

What trends have you spotted at this tournament? What do you think playing on this stage demands from players?

It forces all the players to raise their game technically, including the goalkeeper. I think being comfortable on the ball is a big help. Football is much faster now than in my playing days and transition play is vital.

I think it's important to work on playing in tight spaces and to help players to make quicker and more effective decisions. We try to confront players with a lot of external stimuli in training in order to improve their peripheral vision and the speed at which they make decisions.

I've seen teams at this World Cup with a remarkable ability to create chances, but I still think there's a lot of room for improvement when it comes to finishing.

What's your view on the position of women coaches today and your own role against that backdrop?

I'm grateful to be plying my trade in this period, because I have some great role models to look up to. I also think that the open-mindedness of the men who stand with us every step of the way, and who truly believe in and support women, is very important.

I'm like a sponge: I like to soak up whatever I can from those around me. I'm surrounded by highly talented, courageous women who don't shy away from anything and show determination in everything they do.

I take full responsibility for furthering myself, first and foremost, so I can play my part in this wider development process. It all starts with you: if you want to change something, you've got to first change yourself and make it happen.

I relish the challenge of setting an example. It's a weighty responsibility and commitment, granted, and you have to make lots of decisions. I love that responsibility, though, because I have several roles – and many role models that I can look up to.

This is the first time you have reached a final. What are the biggest lessons you have learnt? Is there anything you would change if you could turn the clock back?

It's been a complete and continuous learning curve in every respect, but if I had to sum up my experiences at this World Cup, I'd use two phrases. The first would be "building through belief", because when you have conviction and a clear vision, it's much easier to put the building blocks in place that take you closer to your goal. The second would be "make today better than yesterday and tomorrow better than today", because the sky is the limit; the scope for improvement is constant and boundless. It's all in your hands.

But I wouldn't change a thing. I'm really grateful and I really appreciate the process that brought me to this point.

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Toña Is boasts lots of experience at this level, having become the first woman to take charge of a Spanish national team when she was appointed to the job in 2015. A staunch advocate of an attractive, possession-based style of play, she was in the hotseat when La Rojita finished third in Jordan two years ago.

Could you describe the technical staff that you have with you at this competition?

My assistant is Pedro López, who is also the head coach of the women's U-19 and U-20 teams. We have a fitness coach, who knows women's football inside out, having worked in the female game for many years, and one analyst. I'd like to have had another analyst on board because of the sheer amount of work there is to do at a World Cup. That way, I could have had one dedicated to our team and another focusing more on opposition analysis, but it wasn't possible. Lastly, we have a goalkeeping coach, who is also the team psychologist.

We all complement each other really well and make every effort to help each other out. I try to give every member of the staff a specific mission for matches. For example, notwithstanding all the tactical insight he has to offer during games, I've put Pedro López on dead-ball duty this World Cup. Likewise, the goalkeeping coach is responsible not only for dealing with the keepers, but also for working with the defence on stuff like their alertness to danger and positional acumen.

Spain are the reigning European U-19 and U-17 champions and were runners-up at the last FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup. What do you think has been the key to the country's consistent success over the last four years?

I've been lucky enough to be part of this glittering four-year period for the Spanish national teams, and the success is undoubtedly down to the growth of women's football in Spain and the work being done at club level. Ultimately, we rely on the production line from the clubs and they are doing a fantastic job.

How is the women's football pyramid structured in Spain?

The women's top flight, the Liga Iberdrola, is named after a sponsor and this title sponsorship has helped put the female game where it is in our country.

There is also a second division, which is split into seven groups. However, it's going to be revamped next year, giving rise to a new-look second tier, which will be called Primera B and will only have two groups. I think the second division is going to grow in stature and become much more competitive as a result of this overhaul. Here's hoping that it also provides opportunities for young players. Having our players, especially members of the U-17 squad, feature in that new Primera B would be massive for us. It'd make the standard all the more competitive when they progress into the senior international set-up.

What do you look for when you scout players?

We try to find players who fit our style of play, our footballing philosophy. We're fortunate enough to have a large pool of players to draw from in Spain and it's getting steadily bigger. There are more and more professional clubs with women's teams, which is helping us to really kick on.

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What trends have you noticed in Uruguay compared to other World Cups in which you've been involved?

Teams have looked very well drilled and some surprise packages made it through to the semi-finals. The field has been much more evenly matched than before.

At previous World Cups, it seemed like the Asian stranglehold was impossible to break, but now we're seeing that the good work done at club level, especially in countries where the number of licensed clubs is lower, is starting to narrow the gap.

A lot of associations are striving to bolster women's football, and I think it's great for the game that there's been such parity and we've seen so few mismatches at this World Cup.

What has caught your eye from a tactical point of view?

I think teams are doing more work on the defensive side. The level of preparation and organisation has looked higher. What's more, teams are pressing high up the pitch, the idea being that the best form of defence is to put the opposition under the cosh straight away and win possession back in their half, from where it only takes a few passes to reach the danger zone and create chances. If you retreat deep instead, you're constantly running back 70 yards, which takes a lot out of the team physically.

Three members of your squad previously featured in the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup France 2018. What have you and they done to psychologically prepare the players who are playing in their first World Cup?

The experience that Clàudia Pina, Eva Navarro and Catalina Coll possess is an asset that they can pass on to the rest of the players. That trio have a really

positive influence in every respect and, together with the coaching staff, they have led the way for the players who are new to the world stage, showing them the ropes.

You mentioned that the goalkeeping coach is also the team psychologist. How does he work with the squad?

It depends on the players. There are always moments during tournaments when certain players need some one-on-one time with him, so he'll do specific work with them. Or, if certain individuals are playing a very prominent role, he'll help them not to take their foot off the gas and keep their competitive juices flowing.

He also helps the coaching staff and me personally. He's done a great deal to make me a better coach.

We do a lot of different exercises on group dynamics, and the players always come away with a different outlook on things.

Considering how few chances you concede, how do you ensure your goalkeeper doesn't switch off during matches?

It's true that we hardly give up any chances and it's not easy for a goalkeeper to stay in the zone throughout an entire game, especially at such a young age, when players are prone to lapses in concentration. That's what the goalkeeping coach is there for and, as a psychologist, he knows how to get them into the right frame of mind. If you let in the sole shot you face, you can't be the reassuring presence between the sticks that the team needs.

In percentage terms, how much time do the goalkeepers spend doing keeper-specific drills compared to training with the group?

I think keepers need to do that separate goalkeeping work. Having said that, we try to involve them in the group exercises as much as possible because they're part of the team and we need to play as a unit right from the back to the front.

I'd estimate that they spend about 60% of the time working with the team and the other 40% training separately.

How much time do you devote to set pieces?

We attach quite a lot of importance to them, because we're aware that set pieces are deciding more and more matches, or even tournaments, at youth level. We do a lot of work on defending set pieces and we regularly go over sequences with the players to address mistakes that have been made.

In attack, we try to switch it up to take the opposition by surprise, because just as we study opposing teams, they study us too.

How did you prepare for the tournament?

Unfortunately, we never have much time. We got together as a squad on 31 October and arrived in Uruguay on 5 November. We'd held a couple of three-day training camps over the previous month, including a final pre-tournament camp featuring 24 players, of whom we subsequently had to cut three.

During our preparations, we tried to brace the players for something different, because at a World Cup, they're going to face teams that are an unknown quantity. They're used to playing against European teams that they know relatively well, because they've faced them before at some point. In fact, it's normal to have to feel your way into World Cups; the first few matches tend to be very challenging for that very reason, because of the fear of the unknown. There are a lot of differences between teams in terms of not only playing style, but culture too.

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Following the European Championship (the UEFA qualifying competition), did you have the opportunity to contest any friendlies in the lead-up to the World Cup?

Our only opportunity came once we'd arrived in Uruguay, where we played a warm-up match against Mexico. It's enough of a struggle to fit in our training sessions around the school calendar and the league fixture lists. The players already spend a long time away from home and school, so we simply don't have any more time to work with.

Were you able to draw on any other resources to prepare?

Yes, our analyst assembled videos of matches played by all of our opponents. We always make sure the girls know all about the opposition ahead of facing them; in particular, we highlight their weaknesses and how we can exploit them with our strengths.

Lots of teams seem to adopt the same game plan against Spain, defending deep and then seeking to spring forward at pace on the break.

It's true that teams have figured out how to hurt us, but we've always got a plan B. If you don't have another option up your sleeve as a coach, I think you run the risk of becoming blinkered and matches can get away from you. We try to ensure that when the players walk out on to the pitch, they know exactly what they've got to do in both attack and defence. We look to nullify the opposition based on how they set up.

If they sit back and try to keep it tight, we strive to break them down by moving the ball well, playing little one-twos and attacking in numbers. We also make good use of diagonal passes, which give opposition defenders a torrid time because they're really tough to defend against.

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On what do you base your game plan?

People will have noticed that we tweaked our system at this World Cup after the first couple of games. Injuries forced us to change tack.

We take everything into account: the players we have available, the opposition we're up against and so on. For example, if we line up in a 4-3-3, we may switch up our shape in the middle of the park. Sometimes we'll play with two holding midfielders and one

player in the hole if we think that's the best way to unsettle the opposition; if we feel the advanced midfielder can cause some mayhem, we'll give her a free role.

Spain has national championships that are contested between regional representative teams at U-12, U-15 and U-17 level. Could you explain how these tournaments feed into the national team set-up?

Each regional association represents one of Spain's autonomous communities and has a representative team bringing together the best players from the region in each of those age groups.

These teams face off against one another in national competitions, which have a really important role in our youth development system and are played out across a first and second round and then a final knockout stage, like UEFA tournaments. These competitions are the first port of call for us national team coaches to identify players from across the country. They're a talent pipeline for the national team set-up.

You have been involved in a number of finals in recent years and you know what it's like to end up on both the winning and losing side. How are you harnessing that experience to deal with the pressure at this tournament?

Thanks to the experience we gained from all those finals, and particularly from missing out on two European Championship titles on penalties, we can approach finals differently. I try not to put pressure on the players, even before a final. I encourage them to approach it just like they have every other game in the tournament, albeit without losing the buzz. They need to have that fire in their bellies in order to compete well and not be caught off guard.

I tell them to have total trust in themselves and their team-mates, to believe in what we've worked on up to that point and to have faith that things will turn out well. I try to calm them down and, above all, to show them that I'm relaxed and confident that everything is going to work out. I think it's important for me to exude that sense of calm and composure. We also do group exercises with the psychologist, which do them the world of good.

I think it's important for me to exude that sense of calm and composure.

TEAM PROFILES

BRAZIL / CONMEBOL

Last FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2016 - group stage

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018

GROUP STAGE
13.11.2018
Brazil 0-0 Japan
16.11.2018
Mexico 1-0 Brazil
20.11.2018
South Africa 1-4 Brazil

QUARTER-FINAL
-

SEMI-FINAL
-

FINAL
-

9 JHENIFFER
17 J. BEATRIZ
18 JULIA
7 ISABELA
5 M. EDUARDA
15 M. CRISTINA
6 GISSELI
4 V. BRUNA
3 ISADORA
2 BRUNA
1 MAYARA

Head coach
LUIZAO (BRA)

Technical staff
Debora VENTURA (assistant coach)
Rodrigo BARROCA (goalkeeping coach)
Alexsander MANASSES (fitness coach)

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018 squad

	NO.	NAME	CLUB (COUNTRY)	MINS	G	A
GOALKEEPERS	1	MAYARA	🧤 Imperial FC (BRA)	270	0	0
	12	MARCELLE	AD Centro Olimpico (BRA)	0	0	0
	21	LUCILENE	Gremio AUDAX (BRA)	0	0	0
DEFENDERS	2	BRUNA	AF Chapecoense (BRA)	207	0	0
	3	ISADORA (C)	SC Internacional (BRA)	270	0	0
	4	VITORIA BRUNA	EC Sao Jose (BRA)	258	0	0
	6	GISSELI	AF Chapecoense (BRA)	270	0	0
	7	ISABELA	AF Chapecoense (BRA)	263	0	0
	13	YASMIN	AF Chapecoense (BRA)	12	0	0
	14	LAUREN	AD Centro Olimpico (BRA)	0	0	0
MIDFIELDERS	5	MARIA EDUARDA	EC Sao Jose (BRA)	90	1	0
	8	VITORIA	AD Centro Olimpico (BRA)	61	0	0
	15	MIRIAM CRISTINA	AD Centro Olimpico (BRA)	270	0	0
	18	JULIA	SC Internacional (BRA)	270	1	1
	19	MARIA LUIZA	Santos FC (BRA)	92	0	0
	20	HELENA	IMG Soccer Academy (USA)	0	0	0
FORWARDS	9	JHENIFFER	Gremio AUDAX (BRA)	218	1	0
	10	AMANDA	Santos FC (BRA)	162	1	0
	11	EMILY	AF Chapecoense (BRA)	153	0	0
	16	THAICYANE	Ferroviária (BRA)	14	0	0
	17	JULIA BEATRIZ	AE Tiradentes (BRA)	90	0	0

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Goal location

50% Inside the penalty area

50% Outside the penalty area

Shots

5.3 Shots on target per goal

7.0 Shots on target per match

12.7 Shots per match

9.5 Shots per goal

Goals scored (including own goals)

Total goals
4
.... 3 Open-play goals
.... 1 Set-piece goals

From corners 0
From free kicks 0
From penalties 1
From throw-ins 0
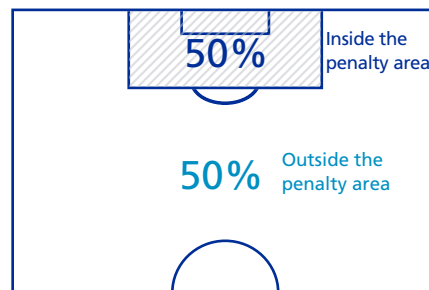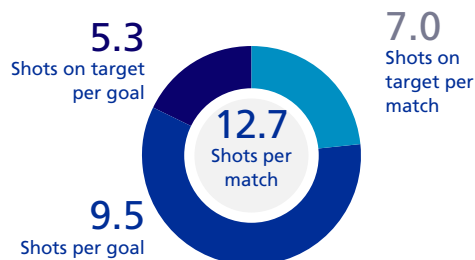
Average possession

52%

BRAZIL / CONMEBOL

▶ Team shape data explanation

Team positional insights

Team compactness
○ In possession
◉ Out of possession

◉ 848m²
◉ 524m²

Team shape
○ In possession
● Deepest defender

38m
31m
34m
13m

○ Out of possession
● Deepest defender

30m
26m
35m
12m

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Team passes and accuracy

75%
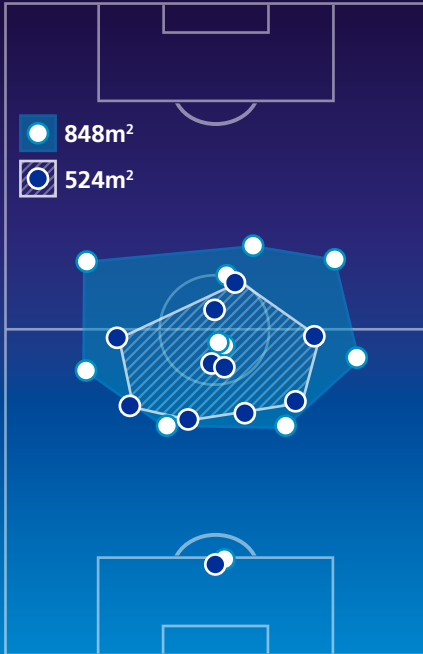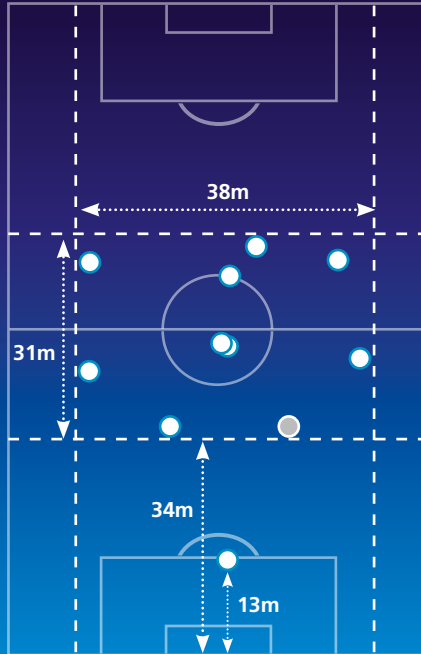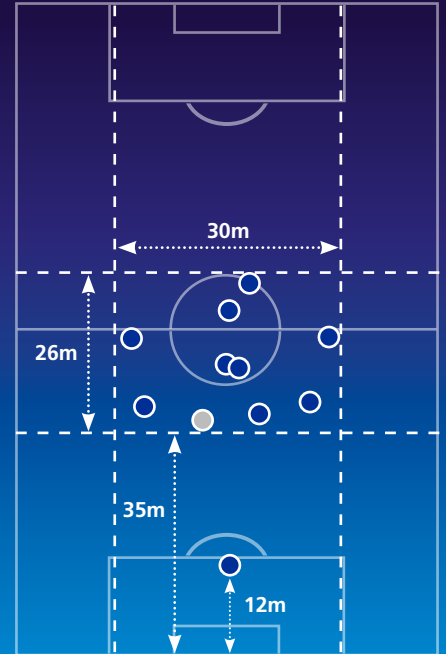
Passing accuracy
Tournament average 68% ▲

516
Average number of passes
Tournament average 419 ▲

Goalkeeper passes, length and success %

| 10 | 16 | 6 |

■ Short (<17m) ■ Medium (17-34m) ■ Long (>34m)

32 Average number of passes Tournament average 30 ▲

84% Passing success Tournament average 72% ▲

Opponents bypassed

○ **207**
Average opponents bypassed
Tournament average 161 ▲

166
Average bypasses against
Tournament average 161 ▲

Final-third and penalty-area entries

Final third
Middle third
Defensive third

26
Penalty-area entries
Tournament average 31 ▼

53
Final-third entries
Tournament average 56 ▼

Total distance covered

102.2km
Tournament average 103.8km ▼

Number of activities above 23km/h

 # 64
Tournament average 76 ▼

Distance covered above 19km/h

4,599m
Tournament average 5,113m ▼

Distance covered above 23km/h

1,106m
Tournament average 1,253m ▼

CAMEROON / CAF

Last FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2016 - group stage

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018

GROUP STAGE
14.11.2018
USA 3-0 Cameroon
17.11.2018
Germany 0-1 Cameroon
21.11.2018
Cameroon 1-2 Korea DPR

QUARTER-FINAL
-

SEMI-FINAL
-

FINAL
-

11 NGAH MANGA
10 FADIMATOU
4 DABDA
7 KAMENI
9 NDOME
3 TCHANKO
20 MOUMAZIM
2 FANTA
14 EKOSSO
5 MONKAM
1 NGO ESSE

Head coach
Stephane NDZANA (CMR)

Technical staff
Josephine NDOUMOU (assistant coach)
Bouba YOUNOUSSA (goalkeeping coach)
Fritz MBELLA (fitness coach)

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018 squad

	NO.	NAME	CLUB (COUNTRY)	MINS	G	A
GOALKEEPERS	1	NGO ESSE Olga 🧤	Louves Minproff (CMR)	225	0	0
	16	ONOMO Christemilie	AS Patriotes Filles de Yaounde (CMR)	46	0	0
	21	KARIS Nelly	Eclair FC (CMR)	0	0	0
DEFENDERS	3	TCHANKO Diane	Amazone Fap (CMR)	225	0	0
	7	KAMENI Alice	AS Green City Filles (CMR)	270	2	0
	8	TABE Brenda	Lekie Football Filles (CMR)	27	0	0
	9	NDOME Elise	Caiman de Douala (CMR)	239	0	0
	12	NKE Julie	Amazone Fap (CMR)	0	0	0
	13	ABOUDI Jennifer	Eclair FC (CMR)	7	0	0
	18	KALIEU Vanessa	AWA Yaoundé (CMR)	0	0	0
MIDFIELDERS	2	FANTA Florence	ASFF Diamaré (CMR)	227	0	0
	5	MONKAM Henriette	Amazone Fap (CMR)	263	0	0
	10	ARETOUYAP Fadimatou	Oumi Filles de Koutaba (CMR)	213	0	0
	15	MAFFO Armelle	Eclair FC (CMR)	0	0	0
	4	DABDA Claudia (C)	ASFF Diamaré (CMR)	172	0	0
	6	MEFIRE Viviane (C)	Canon (CMR)	180	0	0
FORWARDS	11	NGAH MANGA Marie	Amazone Fap (CMR)	242	0	1
	14	EKOSSO Natacha	Eclair FC (CMR)	180	0	0
	17	ZOUWAIRATOU Moussa	Vent du Nord de Garoua (CMR)	43	0	0
	19	NKOUMOU Thienny	Amazone Fap (CMR)	88	0	0
	20	MOUMAZIM Michele	Panthère Security Filles de Garoua (CMR)	270	0	0

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Average possession

44%

Goal location

100% Inside the penalty area

0% Outside the penalty area

Shots

6.0 Shots on target per goal

4.0 Shots on target per match

16.5 Shots per goal

11.0 Shots per match

Goals scored (including own goals)

Total goals
2
2 Open-play goals
0 Set-piece goals

From corners 0
From free kicks 0
From penalties 0
From throw-ins 0
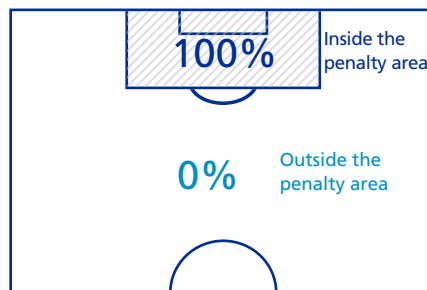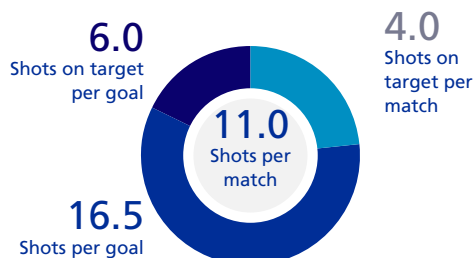
CAMEROON / CAF

▶ Team shape data explanation

Team positional insights

Team compactness
- ○ In possession
- ● Out of possession

- ● 538m²
- ◉ 492m²

Team shape
- ○ In possession
- ● Deepest defender

29m
30m
37m
12m

- ○ Out of possession
- ● Deepest defender

30m
28m
39m
13m

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

Team passes and accuracy

53%
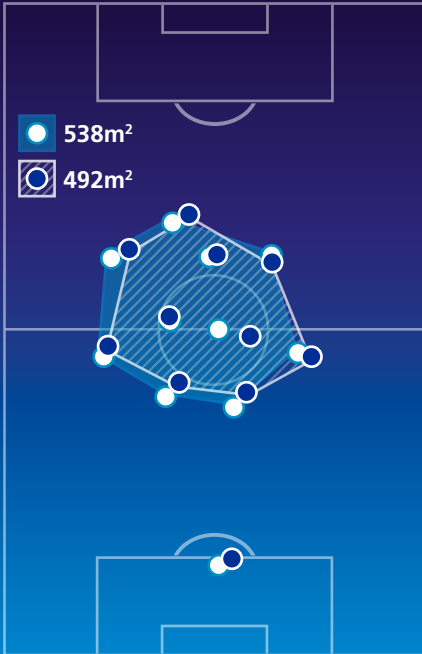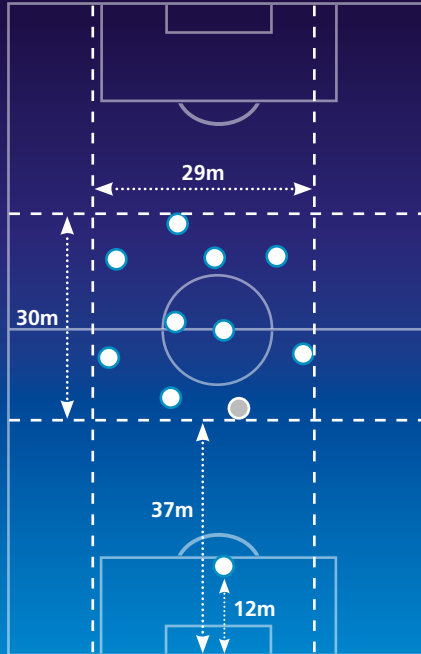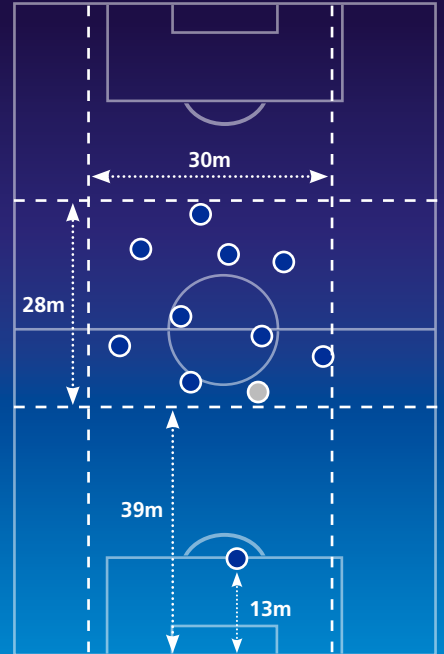
Passing accuracy
Tournament average 68% ▼

293
Average number of passes
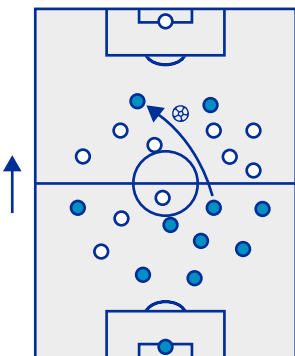Tournament average 419 ▼

Goalkeeper passes, length and success %

1 | 5 | 11

■ Short (<17m) ■ Medium (17-34m) ■ Long (>34m)

17
Average number of passes Tournament average 30 ▼

52% Passing success Tournament average 72% ▼

Opponents bypassed

○ **141**
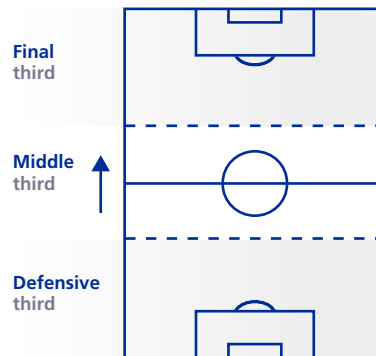Average opponents bypassed
Tournament average 161 ▼

223
Average bypasses against
Tournament average 161 ▲

Final-third and penalty-area entries

Final third

Middle third

Defensive third
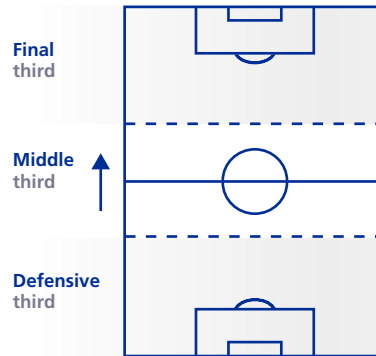
37
Penalty-area entries
Tournament average 31 ▲

60
Final-third entries
Tournament average 56 ▲

Total distance covered

93.7 km

Tournament average 103.8km ▼

Number of activities above 23km/h

 # 82

Tournament average 76 ▲

Distance covered above 19km/h

5,233 m

Tournament average 5,113m ▲

Distance covered above 23km/h

1,370 m

Tournament average 1,253m ▲

CANADA / Concacaf

Last FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2016 - group stage

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018

GROUP STAGE
14.11.2018
Canada 3-0 Colombia
17.11.2018
Korea Republic 0-2 Canada
21.11.2018
Spain 5-0 Canada

QUARTER-FINAL
25.11.2018
Germany 0-1 Canada

SEMI-FINAL
28.11.2018
Mexico 1-0 Canada

MATCH FOR THIRD PLACE
01.12.2018
New Zealand 2-1 Canada

10 AKINDOJU
9 HUITEMA
12 KAZANDJIAN
17 WILLIAMS
14 BALATA
8 SHAW
3 VALLERAND
5 ANTOINE
16 ROSE
2 RIVIERE
1 KARPENKO

Head coach
Rhian WILKINSON (CAN)

Technical staff
Kenneth HEINER-MOLLER
(assistant coach)
Mike NORRIS (assistant coach)
Tania SINGFIELD (goalkeeping coach)
Chloe WERLE (fitness coach)

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018 squad

	NO.	NAME	CLUB (COUNTRY)	MINS	G	A
GOALKEEPERS	1	KARPENKO Anna 🧤🧤🧤	Ontario REX (CAN)	450	0	0
	18	GUILMETTE Sophie	Quebec REX (CAN)	0	0	0
	21	MASSEY Kayza	Ontario REX (CAN)	90	0	0
DEFENDERS	3	VALLERAND Julianne	Quebec National Training Centre (CAN)	225	0	1
	4	WALK Sonia	Ontario REX (CAN)	198	0	0
	5	ANTOINE Maya	Ontario REX (CAN)	450	0	0
	6	YOUNG Ariel (C)	Vancouver Whitecaps FC Girls Elite REX (CAN)	226	0	0
	16	ROSE Jade	Ontario REX (CAN)	449	0	1
	19	HANISCH Bella	Ontario REX (CAN)	90	0	0
MIDFIELDERS	8	SHAW Caitlin	Vancouver Whitecaps FC Girls Elite REX (CAN)	449	0	0
	12	KAZANDJIAN Lara	Quebec REX (CAN)	507	2	0
	14	BALATA Wayny	Quebec REX (CAN)	355	0	0
	2	RIVIERE Jayde	Vancouver Whitecaps FC Girls Elite REX (CAN)	450	0	0
	7	THURTON Serita	Ontario REX (CAN)	135	0	0
FORWARDS	9	HUITEMA Jordyn (C)	Vancouver Whitecaps FC Girls Elite REX (CAN)	427	3	0
	10	AKINDOJU Teni	Vancouver Whitecaps FC Girls Elite REX (CAN)	194	0	0
	11	NOVAK Kaila	Ontario REX (CAN)	391	0	1
	13	PORTELANCE Leonie	Quebec REX (CAN)	270	0	0
	15	WILKINSON Jazmine	Vancouver Whitecaps FC Girls Elite REX (CAN)	80	0	0
	17	WILLIAMS Andersen	Vancouver Whitecaps FC Girls Elite REX (CAN)	374	1	0
	20	DE FILIPPO Jessica	Quebec REX (CAN)	109	1	0

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Goal location

71% Inside the penalty area

29% Outside the penalty area

Shots

3.0 Shots on target per goal

3.5 Shots on target per match

9.1 Shots per goal

10.7 Shots per match

Average possession

55%

Goals scored (including own goals)

Total goals
7
.... 5 Open-play goals
.... 2 Set-piece goals

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

CANADA / Concacaf

▶ Team shape data explanation

Team positional insights

Team compactness
- ○ In possession
- ○ Out of possession

○ 879m²
◉ 541m²

Team shape
- ○ In possession
- ● Deepest defender

39m

31m

32m

15m

- ○ Out of possession
- ● Deepest defender

30m

26m

38m

17m

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Team passes and accuracy

77%

Passing accuracy
Tournament average 68% ▲

456
Average number of passes
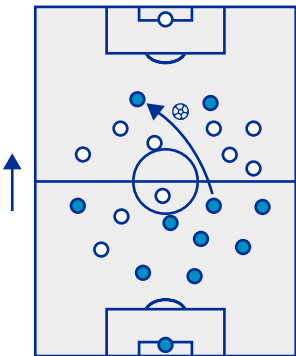Tournament average 419 ▲

Goalkeeper passes, length and success %

| 9 | 12 | 10 |

■ Short (<17m) ■ Medium (17-34m) ■ Long (>34m)

31
Average number of passes Tournament average 30 ▲

**76%** Passing success Tournament average 72% ▲

Opponents bypassed

○ **162**
Average opponents bypassed
Tournament average 161 ▲

131
Average bypasses against
Tournament average 161 ▼

Final-third and penalty-area entries

Final third

Middle third

Defensive third

28
Penalty-area entries
Tournament average 31 ▼

48
Final-third entries
Tournament average 56 ▼

Total distance covered

📍 **108.1**km

Tournament average 103.8km ▲

Number of activities above 23km/h

 # 71

Tournament average 76 ▼

Distance covered above 19km/h

📍 **4,939**m

Tournament average 5,113m ▼

Distance covered above 23km/h

📍 **1,170**m

Tournament average 1,253m ▼

COLOMBIA / CONMEBOL

Last FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2014 - group stage

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018

GROUP STAGE
14.11.2018
Canada 3-0 Colombia
17.11.2018
Colombia 1-1 Spain
21.11.2018
Colombia 1-1 Korea Republic

QUARTER-FINAL
-

SEMI-FINAL
-

FINAL
-

Head coach
Didier LUNA (COL)

Technical staff
Jose LONDONO (assistant coach)
Claudia TORRES (assistant coach)
Diego MORALES (goalkeeping coach)

7 ROBLEDO
11 RAMÍREZ P
19 JAIME
18 REYES
8 MARTINEZ
3 RAMÍREZ C
4 GÓMEZ
6 CAICEDO
2 OROZCO
14 MARCELO
1 LUGO

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018 squad

	NO.	NAME	CLUB (COUNTRY)	MINS	G	A
GOALKEEPERS	1	LUGO Michell (C)	Deportivo La Equidad (COL)	270	0	0
	12	GALINDO Laura	CD Gol Star (COL)	0	0	0
	21	GONZALEZ Valentina	Kapital Soccer FC (COL)	0	0	0
DEFENDERS	3	RAMIREZ Sharon	CD Gol Star (COL)	270	0	0
	4	GOMEZ Paula	Deportivo Bacata D.C. (COL)	180	0	0
	14	MARCELO Laura	CD Formas Intimas Medellin (COL)	270	0	0
	15	BOHORQUEZ Ana	Independiente Santa Fe (COL)	90	0	0
MIDFIELDERS	2	OROZCO Laura	Llaneras FC (COL)	180	0	0
	5	PEREZ Andrea	AD Union Magdalena (COL)	69	0	0
	6	CAICEDO Kelly	America de Cali (COL)	270	0	0
	8	MARTINEZ Sara	CD Formas Intimas Medellin (COL)	270	0	0
	9	BONILLA Wendy	Generaciones Palmiranas (COL)	63	0	0
	13	CARABALI Elizabeth	CD Atlas (COL)	17	0	0
	16	IZQUIERDO Ilana	CD Atlas (COL)	1	0	0
	17	JARAMILLO Valentina	Llaneras FC (COL)	1	0	0
	18	REYES Maria	Kapital Soccer FC (COL)	253	0	0
	19	JAIME Lina	CD Gol Star (COL)	207	0	1
FORWARDS	7	ROBLEDO Gisela	CD Atlas (COL)	212	2	0
	10	PEREZ Maireth	CD Formas Intimas Medellin (COL)	90	0	0
	11	RAMIREZ Natalia	Players Development Academy (USA)	132	0	0
	20	VERTEL Luisa	CD Tiburones Blancos (COL)	104	0	0

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Average possession

37%

Goal location

100% Inside the penalty area

0% Outside the penalty area

Shots

6.0 Shots on target per goal

4.0 Shots on target per match

8.7 Shots per match

13.0 Shots per goal

Goals scored (including own goals)

Total goals
2
1 Open-play goals
1 Set-piece goals

From corners 1
From free kicks 0
From penalties 0
From throw-ins 0
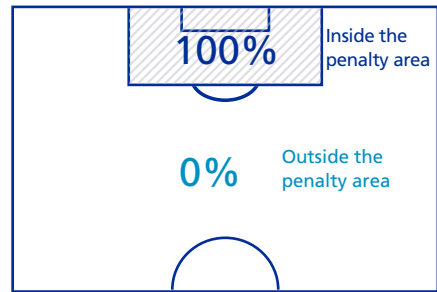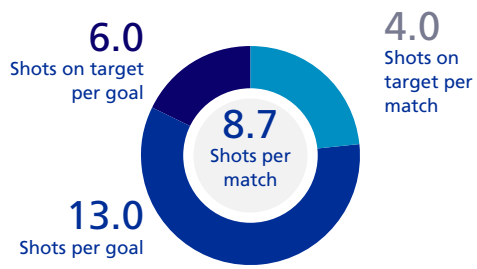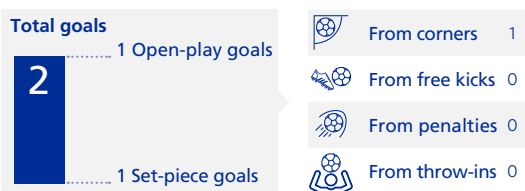
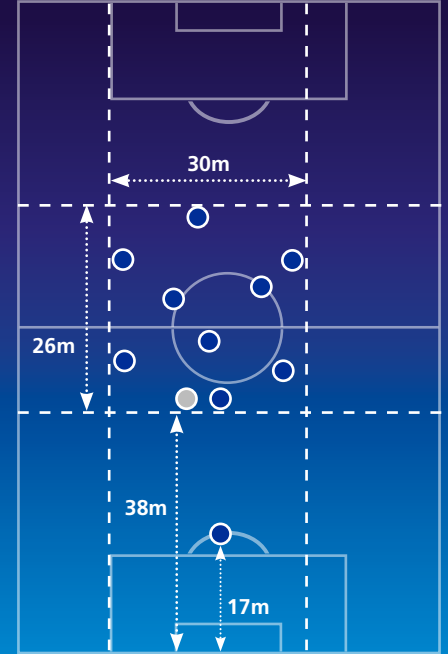## COLOMBIA / CONMEBOL

▶ Team shape data explanation

Team positional insights
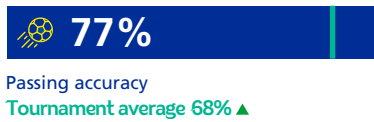
Team compactness
- In possession
- Out of possession

643m²
601m²

Team shape
- In possession
- Deepest defender

31m
34m
31m
10m

- Out of possession
- Deepest defender

30m
32m
40m
8m
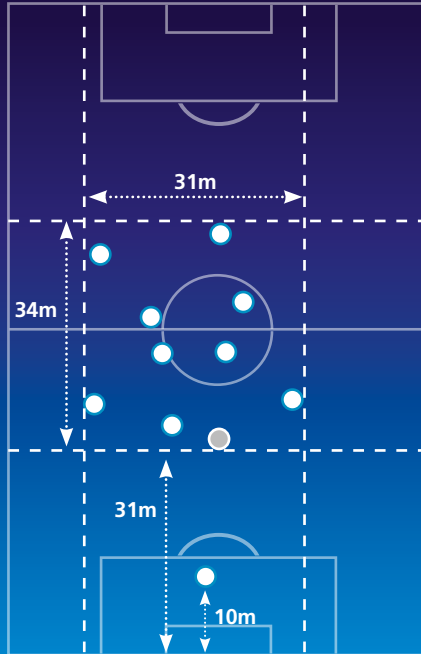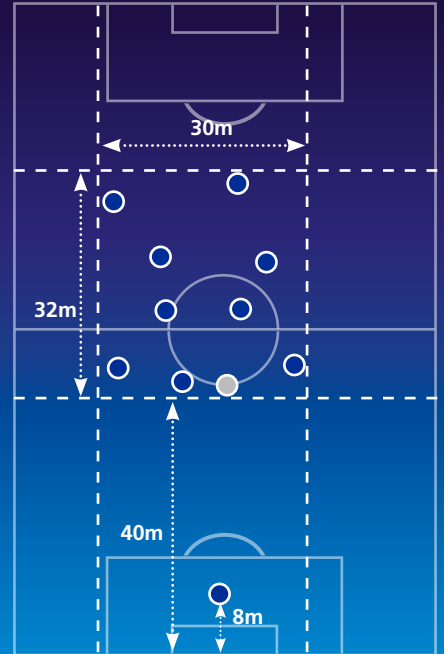
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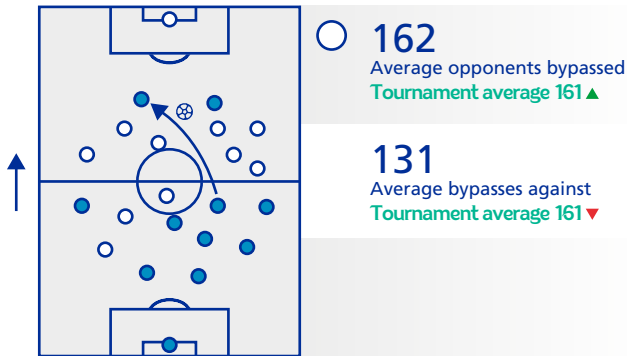
Team passes and accuracy

61% Passing accuracy
Tournament average 68% ▼

285 Average number of passes
Tournament average 419 ▼

Goalkeeper passes, length and success %

0 2 12

14 Average number of passes Tournament average 30 ▼

32% Passing success Tournament average 72% ▼

■ Short (<17m) ■ Medium (17-34m) ■ Long (>34m)
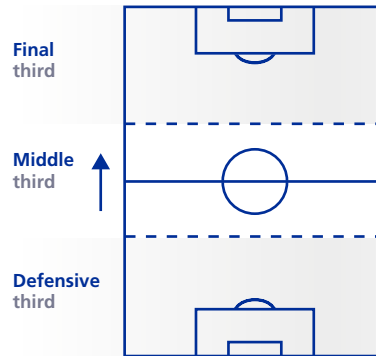
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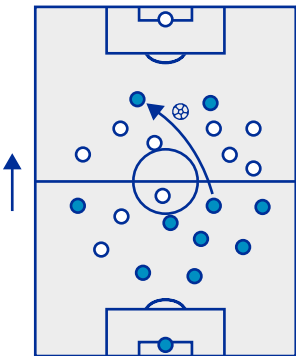
○ **80** Average opponents bypassed
Tournament average 161 ▼

187 Average bypasses against
Tournament average 161 ▲

Final-third and penalty-area entries

Final third
Middle third
Defensive third

20 Penalty-area entries
Tournament average 31 ▼

48 Final-third entries
Tournament average 56 ▼

Total distance covered

📍 **94.5**km
Tournament average 103.8km ▼

Number of activities above 23km/h

 # 73
Tournament average 76 ▼

Distance covered above 19km/h

📍 **4,723**m
Tournament average 5,113m ▼

Distance covered above 23km/h

📍 **1,152**m
Tournament average 1,253m ▼

FINLAND / UEFA

Head coach
Marko SALORANTA (FIN)

Technical staff
Tatja HOLM (assistant coach)
Jonne KUNNAS (assistant coach)
Marianne MIETTINEN (assistant coach)
Eemeli REPONEN (goalkeeping coach)

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018

GROUP STAGE
13.11.2018
New Zealand 1-0 Finland
16.11.2018
Finland 1-3 Ghana
20.11.2018
Finland 1-1 Uruguay

QUARTER-FINAL
-

SEMI-FINAL
-

FINAL
-

Starting XI:
14 VUORINEN
3 TOPRA
15 HUHTA
8 O.SIREN
18 KOSOLA
10 ENKKILÄ
6 YANG
2 TYNNILÄ
4 JUVONEN
13 E.SIREN
12 KOIVUNEN

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018 squad

	NO.	NAME	CLUB (COUNTRY)	MINS	G	A
GOALKEEPERS	1	IMMONEN Emma (C)	PK-35 Vantaa (FIN)	90	0	0
	12	KOIVUNEN Anna	TPS Turku (FIN)	180	0	0
	21	SODERSTROM Fanny	Vasa IFK (FIN)	0	0	0
DEFENDERS	2	TYNNILA Joanna	TiPS (FIN)	270	0	0
	4	JUVONEN Kaisa	Ilves Tampere (FIN)	211	0	0
	5	PESONEN Ella	HJK Helsinki (FIN)	0	0	0
	6	YANG Nana	Honka (FIN)	270	0	0
	7	SILVOLA Nea	HJK Helsinki (FIN)	59	0	0
	9	HOKKANEN Alisa	PK-35 Vantaa (FIN)	0	0	0
	13	SIREN Emmi	TiPS (FIN)	173	0	0
MIDFIELDERS	8	SIREN Oona	TiPS (FIN)	244	0	0
	10	ENKKILA Tuuli (C)	Ilves Tampere (FIN)	270	0	0
	15	HUHTA Annika	HJK Helsinki (FIN)	260	0	1
	16	SAINIO Julia	TPS Turku (FIN)	0	0	0
	17	KOIVISTO Vilma	Piteå IF (SWE)	133	0	0
	18	KOSOLA Katariina	HJS Hameenlinna (FIN)	270	0	0
	19	OLMALA Heta	ONS Oulu (FIN)	0	0	0
FORWARDS	3	TOPRA Jenna	TiPS (FIN)	52	0	0
	11	KANTANEN Jenni	Ilves Tampere (FIN)	147	1	0
	14	VUORINEN Aino	Honka (FIN)	250	1	0
	20	LESKINEN Dana	TSG 1899 Hoffenheim (GER)	91	0	0

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

Goal location

100% Inside the penalty area

0% Outside the penalty area

Shots

5.0 Shots on target per goal

3.3 Shots on target per match

8.7 Shots per match

13.0 Shots per goal

Goals scored (including own goals)

Total goals
2
2 Open-play goals
0 Set-piece goals

From corners 0
From free kicks 0
From penalties 0
From throw-ins 0
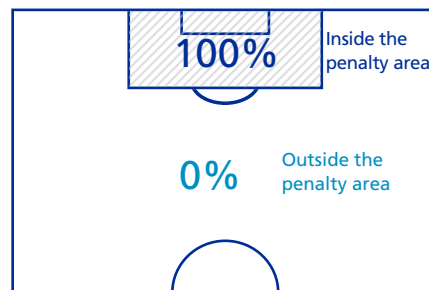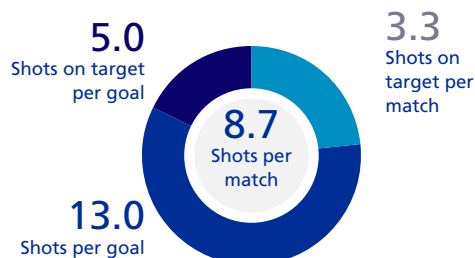
Average possession

64%

FINLAND / UEFA

▶ Team shape data explanation

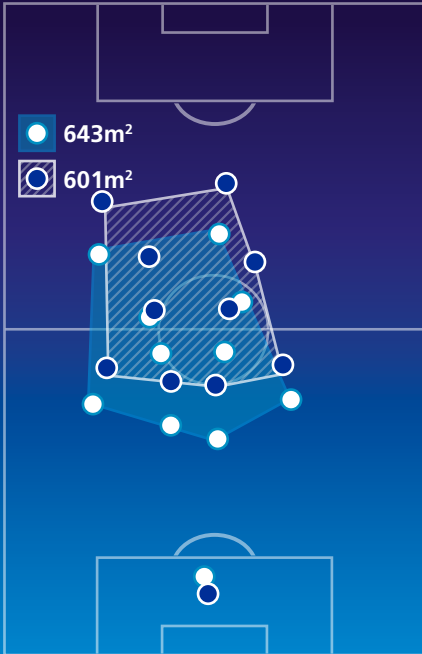Team positional insights

Team compactness
- In possession
- Out of possession

948m²
525m²

Team shape
- In possession
- Deepest defender

44m
35m
41m
18m

- Out of possession
- Deepest defender

26m
30m
40m
15m

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Team passes and accuracy

🏐 **83%**
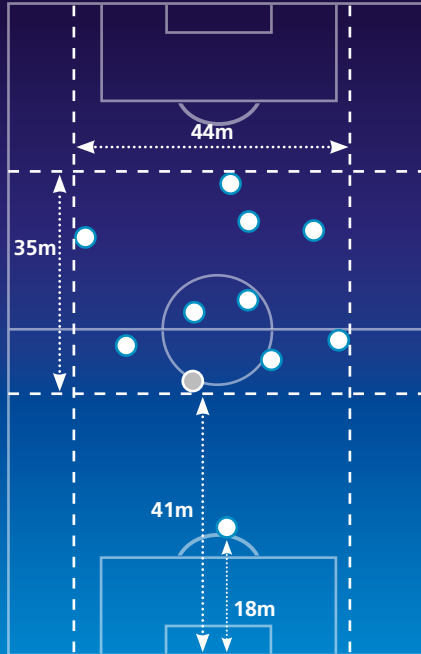
Passing accuracy
Tournament average 68% ▲

552
Average number of passes
Tournament average 419 ▲

Goalkeeper passes, length and success %

| 21 | 31 | 8 |

■ Short (<17m) ■ Medium (17-34m) ■ Long (>34m)

60
Average number of passes Tournament average 30 ▲

93% Passing success Tournament average 72% ▲

Opponents bypassed
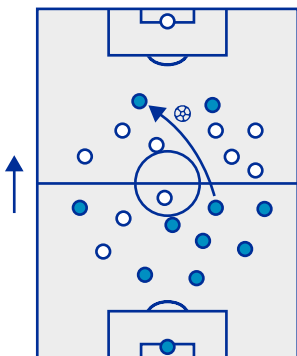
⚽ **185**
Average opponents bypassed
Tournament average 161 ▲

126
Average bypasses against
Tournament average 161 ▼

Final-third and penalty-area entries

Final third

Middle third

Defensive third

20
Penalty-area entries
Tournament average 31 ▼

50
Final-third entries
Tournament average 56 ▼

Total distance covered

📍 **106.4**km

Tournament average 103.8km ▲

Number of activities above 23km/h

 # 73

Tournament average 76 ▼

Distance covered above 19km/h

📍 **5,209**m

Tournament average 5,113m ▲

Distance covered above 23km/h

📍 **1,185**m

Tournament average 1,253m ▼

GERMANY / UEFA

Last FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2016 - quarter-finals

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018

GROUP STAGE
14.11.2018
Korea DPR 1-4 Germany
17.11.2018
Germany 0-1 Cameroon
21.11.2018
Germany 4-0 USA

QUARTER-FINAL
25.11.2018
Germany 0-1 Canada

SEMI-FINAL
-

FINAL
-

9 MARTINEZ
10 FUSO
11 FUDALLA
3 POLLAK
8 KÖSTER
7 CORLEY
2 DONHAUSER
4 BERNHARDT
6 AEHLING
18 BLÜMEL
1 WILLEBRANDT

Head coach
Ulrike BALLWEG (GER)

Technical staff
Friederike KROMP (assistant coach)
Steffen SEKLER (assistant coach)
Adam KASPRZIK (goalkeeping coach)

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018 squad

	NO.	NAME		CLUB (COUNTRY)	MINS	G	A
GOALKEEPERS	1	WILLEBRANDT Wiebke	✎	TuS Lipperode 1919 e.V. (GER)	360	0	0
	12	GROHS Maria		1.FC Gievenbeck 1949 e.V. (GER)	0	0	0
	21	NELLES Pauline		1. FC Köln (GER)	0	0	0
DEFENDERS	2	DONHAUSER Laura		FC Bayern München (GER)	360	1	0
	3	POLLAK Julia		FC Bayern München (GER)	320	0	0
	4	BERNHARDT Emilie		FC Bayern München (GER)	360	0	0
	5	STEGEMANN Greta (C)		SC Freiburg (GER)	180	0	0
	6	AEHLING Anna		FSV Guetersloh 2009 (GER)	213	0	0
	14	STECK Madeleine		1. FFC Frankfurt (GER)	0	0	0
	15	JUBEL Lina		VfL Wolfsburg (GER)	4	0	0
	18	BLUEMEL Charlotte		FSV Guetersloh 2009 (GER)	327	1	0
MIDFIELDERS	7	CORLEY Gia		FC Bayern München (GER)	243	2	1
	8	KOESTER Leonie		FC Bayern München (GER)	352	0	0
	11	FUDALLA Vanessa		FC Bayern München (GER)	344	1	0
	13	DIAGNE Aliya		SV Germania 1913 Göttelborn e.V. (GER)	21	0	0
	17	WEBER Leonie		FC Bayern München (GER)	0	0	0
	19	BERNING Pauline		FSV Guetersloh 2009 (GER)	142	0	0
FORWARDS	9	MARTINEZ Shekiera		1. FFC Frankfurt (GER)	287	2	1
	10	FUSO Ivana (C)		SC Freiburg (GER)	270	0	3
	16	FETAJ Gentiana		FSV Guetersloh 2009 (GER)	18	0	0
	20	WEIDAUER Sophie		1. FFC Turbine Potsdam (GER)	159	1	1

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Goal location

88% Inside the penalty area

12% Outside the penalty area

Shots

2.5 Shots on target per goal

5.0 Shots on target per match

6.1 Shots per goal

12.3 Shots per match

Goals scored (including own goals)

Total goals

8

6 Open-play goals
2 Set-piece goals

From corners 0
From free kicks 2
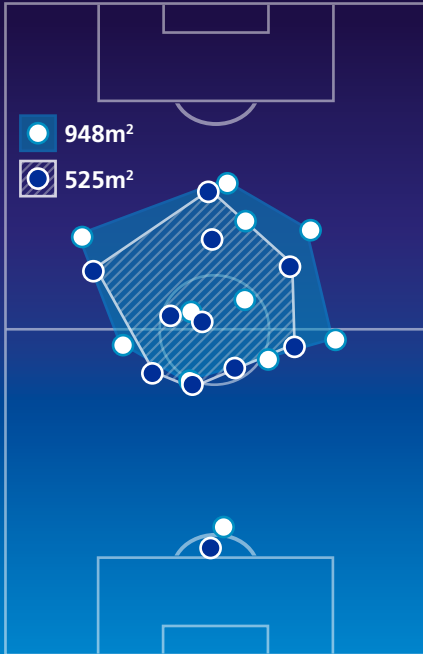From penalties 0
From throw-ins 0
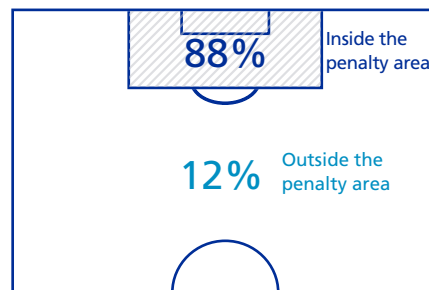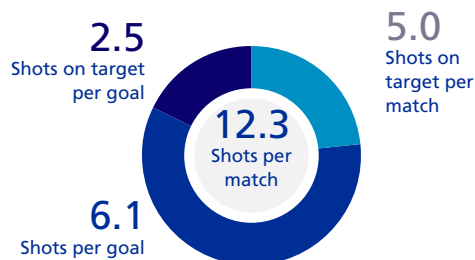
Average possession

52%

GERMANY / UEFA

▶ Team shape data explanation

Team positional insights

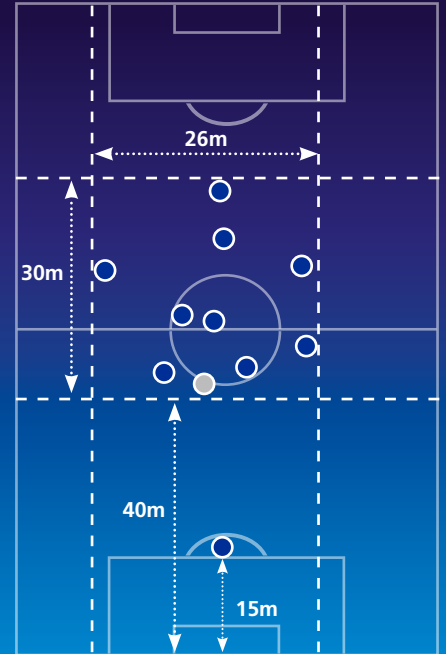## Team compactness
- ○ In possession
- ◉ Out of possession

- ● 768m²
- ◎ 491m²

Team shape
- ○ In possession
- ● Deepest defender

40m
29m
33m
12m

- ○ Out of possession
- ● Deepest defender

30m
26m
36m
12m

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Team passes and accuracy

73%
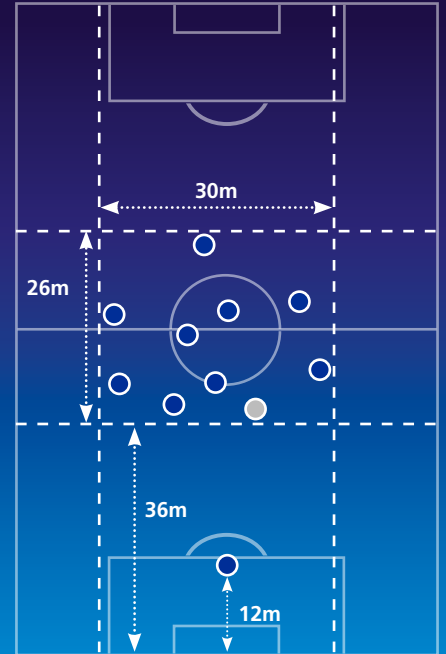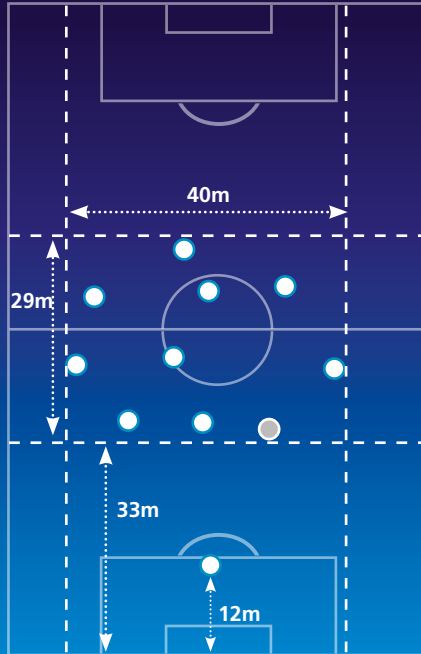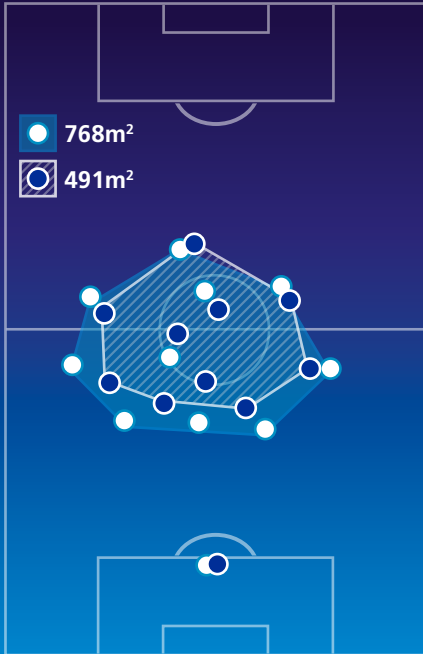
Passing accuracy
Tournament average 68% ▲

400
Average number of passes
Tournament average 419 ▼

Goalkeeper passes, length and success %

12	25	15
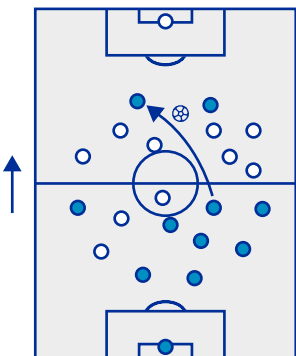
- ■ Short (<17m)
- ■ Medium (17-34m)
- ■ Long (>34m)

52 Average number of passes Tournament average 30 ▲

84% Passing success Tournament average 72% ▲
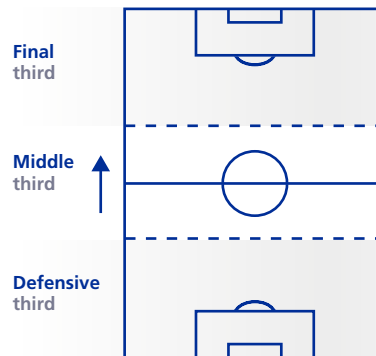
Opponents bypassed

○ **166**
Average opponents bypassed
Tournament average 161 ▲

186
Average bypasses against
Tournament average 161 ▲

Final-third and penalty-area entries

Final third
Middle third
Defensive third

27
Penalty-area entries
Tournament average 31 ▼

54
Final-third entries
Tournament average 56 ▼

Total distance covered

📍 **104.2km**

Tournament average 103.8km ▲

Number of activities above 23km/h

 # 73

Tournament average 76 ▼

Distance covered above 19km/h

📍 **4,883m**

Tournament average 5,113m ▼

Distance covered above 23km/h

📍 **1,195m**

Tournament average 1,253m ▼

GHANA / CAF

Last FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2016 - quarter-finals

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018

GROUP STAGE
13.11.2018
Uruguay 0-5 Ghana
16.11.2018
Finland 1-3 Ghana
20.11.2018
Ghana 2-0 New Zealand

QUARTER-FINAL
25.11.2018
Ghana 2-2 Mexico
(Mexico win on penalties 2-4)

SEMI-FINAL
-

FINAL
-

Head coach
Evans ADOTEY (GHA)

Technical staff
Nuhu BABA (assistant coach)
Memunatu SULEMANA
(goalkeeping coach)

Formation:
8 ABDULAI
19 ANIMAH — 3 POKUAA — 14 M OWUSU
13 BUGRE — 6 J OWUSU
5 OPPONG — 4 TWENEBOAH — 12 NORSHIE — 17 SEKYERE
1 BUOADU

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018 squad

	NO.	NAME		CLUB (COUNTRY)	MINS	G	A
GOALKEEPERS	1	BUOADU Grace	🧤🧤	Halifax Ladies FC (GHA)	359	0	0
	16	KONLAN Cynthia		Lepo Stars Ladies FC (GHA)	0	0	0
	21	ISSAHAKU Barikisu		Northern Ladies FC (GHA)	0	0	0
DEFENDERS	5	OPPONG Elizabeth		Samaria Ladies FC (GHA)	360	0	0
	12	NORSHIE Nina		Valued Girls FC (GHA)	360	0	1
	15	KURUG Selina		Prison Ladies FC (GHA)	0	0	0
	17	SEKYERE Tedinah		Dreamz Ladies FC (GHA)	360	0	0
	18	AIDOO Faustina		Halifax Ladies FC (GHA)	46	0	0
MIDFIELDERS	4	TWENEBOAA Justice		Ampem Darko Ladies FC (GHA)	360	0	0
	6	OWUSU Jacqueline		Dreamz Ladies FC (GHA)	279	0	0
	9	ACHEAMPONG Elshaddai		Sport Academy (GHA)	0	0	0
	10	MUMUNI Fuseina		Lepo Stars Ladies FC (GHA)	74	1	0
	13	BUGRE Azumah		Police Ladies FC (GHA)	359	0	0
	19	ANIMAH Grace		Police Ladies FC (GHA)	360	1	1
	20	ALHASSAN Basira		Lepo Stars Ladies FC (GHA)	1	0	0
FORWARDS	2	SARPONG Alice		Sea Lions Ladies Club FC (GHA)	0	0	0
	3	POKUAA Millot		Hasaacas Ladies FC (GHA)	320	2	2
	7	TEYE Suzzy		Lady Strikers FC (GHA)	104	1	1
	8	ABDULAI Mukarama (C)		Northern Ladies FC (GHA)	360	7	2
	11	TUTUWAA Abigail		Prison Ladies FC (GHA)	1	0	0
	14	OWUSU Mavis		Ampem Darko Ladies FC (GHA)	256	0	1

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Goal location

92% Inside the penalty area

8% Outside the penalty area

Shots

2.6 Shots on target per goal

7.8 Shots on target per match

22.8 Shots per match

7.6 Shots per goal

Goals scored (including own goals)

Total goals
12
11 Open-play goals
1 Set-piece goals

From corners 0
From free kicks 1
From penalties 0
From throw-ins 0
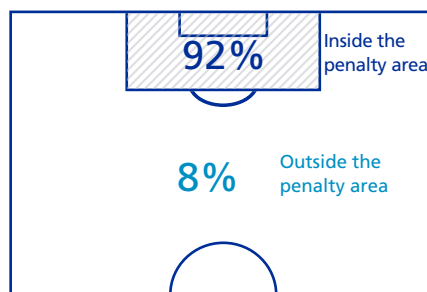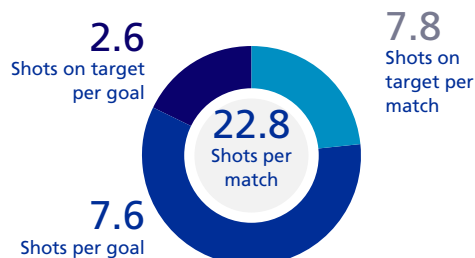
Average possession

51%

GHANA / CAF

▶ Team shape data explanation

Team positional insights

Team compactness
- ● In possession
- ◉ Out of possession

● 940m²
◉ 723m²

Team shape
- ● In possession
- ● Deepest defender

41m
31m
38m
12m

- ● Out of possession
- ● Deepest defender

34m
31m
38m
11m

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Team passes and accuracy

70%
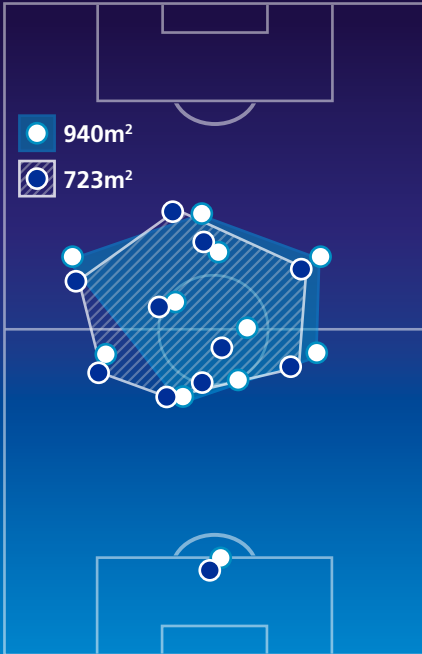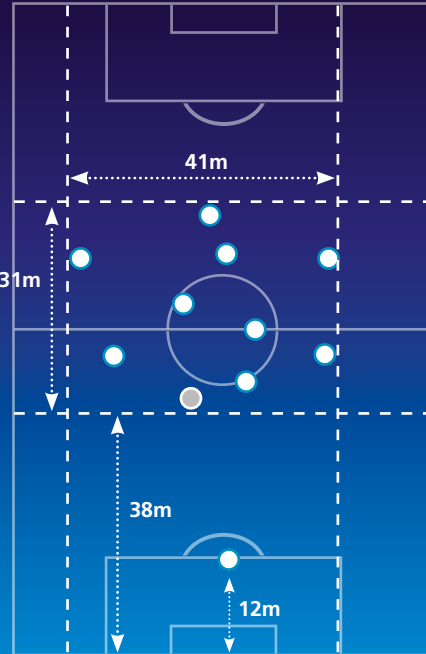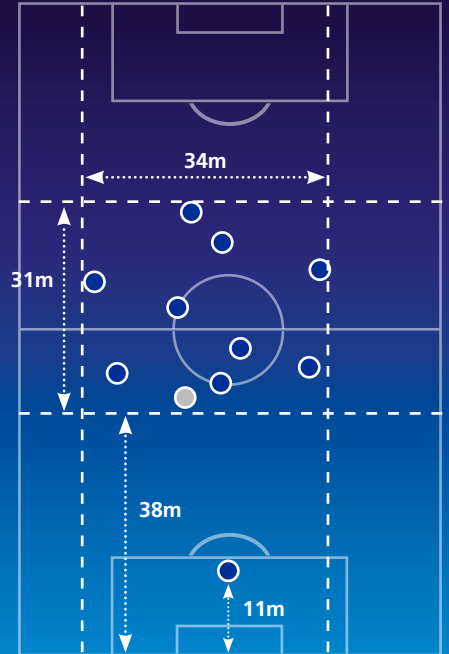
Passing accuracy
Tournament average 68% ▲

431
Average number of passes
Tournament average 419 ▲

Goalkeeper passes, length and success %

| 7 | 10 | 10 |

■ Short (<17m) ■ Medium (17-34m) ■ Long (>34m)

26
Average number of passes Tournament average 30 ▼

85% Passing success Tournament average 72% ▲
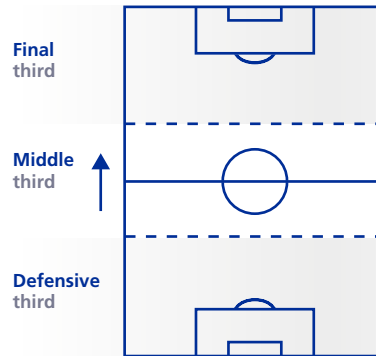
Opponents bypassed
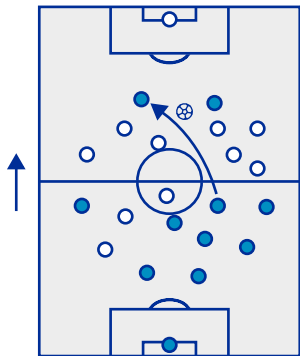
○ **211**
Average opponents bypassed
Tournament average 161 ▲

135
Average bypasses against
Tournament average 161 ▼

Final-third and penalty-area entries

Final third
Middle third
Defensive third

41
Penalty-area entries
Tournament average 31 ▲

63
Final-third entries
Tournament average 56 ▲

Total distance covered

📍 **106.6**km

Tournament average 103,8 km ▲

Number of activities above 23km/h

 # 99

Tournament average 76 ▲

Distance covered above 19km/h

📍 **5,846**m

Tournament average 5,113 m ▲

Distance covered above 23km/h

📍 **1,615**m

Tournament average 1,253m ▲

JAPAN / AFC

Last FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2016 - runners-up

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018

GROUP STAGE
13.11.2018
Brazil 0-0 Japan
16.11.2018
Japan 6-0 South Africa
20.11.2018
Japan 1-1 Mexico

QUARTER-FINAL
24.11.2018
Japan 1-1 New Zealand
(New Zealand win on penalties 3-4)

SEMI-FINAL
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FINAL
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Head coach
Futoshi IKEDA (JPN)

Technical staff
Tomomi MIYAMOTO (assistant coach)
Shinobu KOBAYASHI (goalkeeping coach)

12 OSAWA
13 YAMAMOTO
10 NAKAO
16 KINOSHITA
15 NISHINO
8 TAKIZAWA
14 YOSHIZUMI
7 MATSUDA
5 OKUMA
2 TOMIOKA
1 OHBA

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018 squad

	NO.	NAME	CLUB (COUNTRY)	MINS	G	A
GOALKEEPERS	1	OHBA Shu	JFA Academy Fukushima (JPN)	346	0	0
	18	FUKUDA Shiori	Urawa Red Diamonds Ladies (JPN)	0	0	0
	21	ITO Yuria	Maebashi Ikuei HS (JPN)	14	0	0
DEFENDERS	2	TOMIOKA Chihiro	JFA Academy Fukushima (JPN)	209	0	1
	3	NAGAE Ibuki	Fujieda Junshin HS (JPN)	180	0	0
	4	GOTO Wakaba	NTV Menina (JPN)	180	0	0
	5	OKUMA Tamaki	JEF United Ichihara Chiba Ladies (JPN)	180	0	0
	7	MATSUDA Shino (C)	NTV Menina (JPN)	225	0	0
	14	YOSHIZUMI Warai	Cerezo Osaka Sakai Ladies (JPN)	360	0	0
MIDFIELDERS	6	ITO Sara (C)	NTV Menina (JPN)	223	2	0
	8	TAKIZAWA Chise	Jumonji HS (JPN)	214	0	0
	10	NAKAO Momo	JEF United Ichihara Chiba Ladies (JPN)	270	0	0
	15	NISHINO Akane	Tokiwagi Gakuen HS (JPN)	150	0	0
	16	KINOSHITA Momoka	NTV Menina (JPN)	360	1	0
	17	IWAI Ran	JFA Academy Fukushima (JPN)	29	0	0
	19	MORITA Misaki	Okamyama Sakuyo HS (JPN)	210	0	0
	20	ISHIDA Chihiro	JFA Academy Fukushima (JPN)	45	0	0
FORWARDS	9	KAMIYA Chiina	Sei KAPITANIO HS (JPN)	192	0	0
	11	TANAKA Tomoko	Cerezo Osaka Sakai Ladies (JPN)	190	1	1
	12	OSAWA Haruka	JEF United Ichihara Chiba Ladies (JPN)	199	2	0
	13	YAMAMOTO Yuzuki	NTV Menina (JPN)	184	1	0

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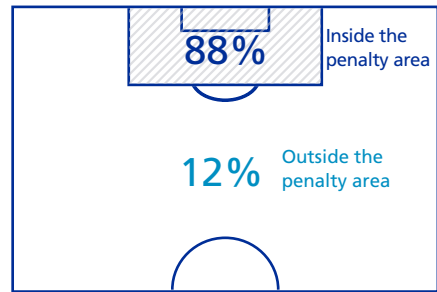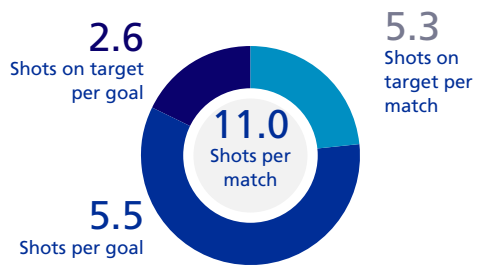
Average possession
58%

Goal location
88% Inside the penalty area
12% Outside the penalty area

Shots
2.6 Shots on target per goal
5.3 Shots on target per match
11.0 Shots per match
5.5 Shots per goal

Goals scored (including own goals)
Total goals 8
4 Open-play goals
4 Set-piece goals
From corners 0
From free kicks 0
From penalties 2
From throw-ins 2

JAPAN / AFC

▶ Team shape data explanation

Team positional insights

Team compactness
- ⬤ In possession
- ⬤ Out of possession

⬤ 758m²
◉ 508m²

Team shape
- ⬤ In possession
- ⬤ Deepest defender

38m
28m
41m
14m

- ⬤ Out of possession
- ⬤ Deepest defender

30m
25m
42m
14m

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Team passes and accuracy

🎯 **77%**
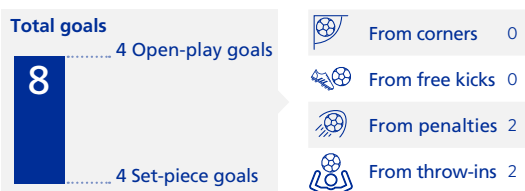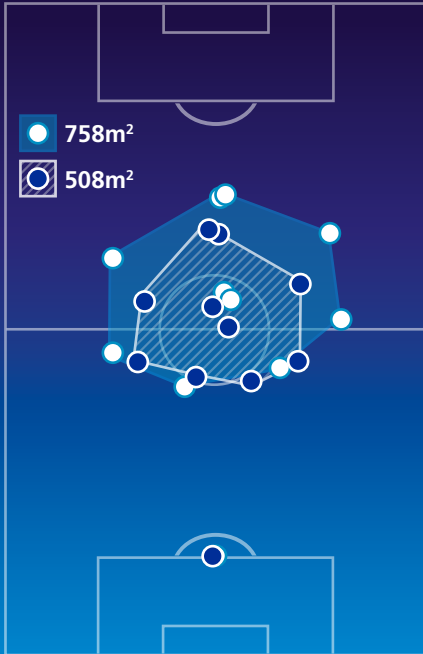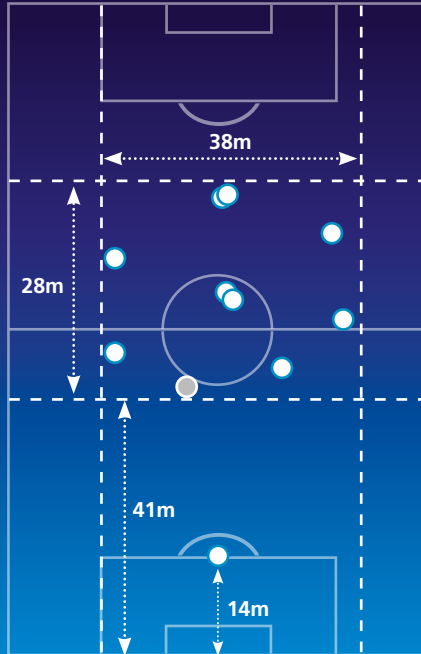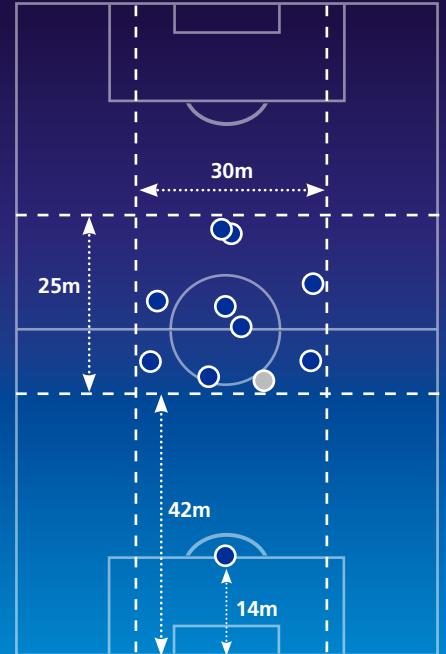
Passing accuracy
Tournament average 68% ▲

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Average number of passes
Tournament average 419 ▲

Goalkeeper passes, length and success %

| 5 | 10 | 8 |

■ Short (<17m) ■ Medium (17-34m) ■ Long (>34m)

23
Average number of passes Tournament average 30 ▼

72% Passing success Tournament average 72% —

Opponents bypassed
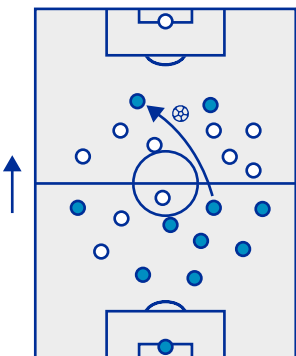
⚪ **234**
Average opponents bypassed
Tournament average 155 ▲

121
Average bypasses against
Tournament average 161 ▼

Final-third and penalty-area entries

Final third

Middle third

Defensive third
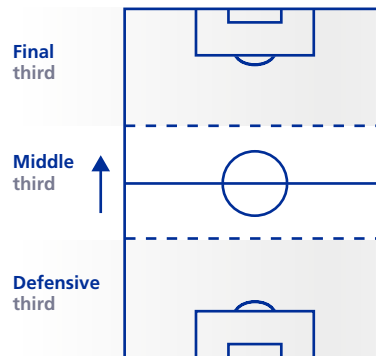
37
Penalty-area entries
Tournament average 31 ▲

70
Final-third entries
Tournament average 56 ▲

Total distance covered

📍 **106.7**km

Tournament average 103.8km ▲

Number of activities above 23km/h

52

Tournament average 76 ▼

Distance covered above 19km/h

📍 **4,321**m

Tournament average 5,113m ▼

Distance covered above 23km/h

📍 **832**m

Tournament average 1,253m ▼

KOREA DPR / AFC

Last FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2016 - champions

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018

GROUP STAGE
14.11.2018
Korea DPR 1-4 Germany
17.11.2018
USA 0-3 Korea DPR
21.11.2018
Cameroon 1-2 Korea DPR

QUARTER-FINAL
24.11.2018
Spain 1-1 Korea DPR
(Spain win on penalties 3-1)

SEMI-FINAL
-

FINAL
-

17 K. KYONG YONG
14 K. YUN OK

12 C. KUM OK
6 R. SU JONG
7 R. SU GYONG
13 K. KYONG HUI

20 P. HYE GYONG
5 R. KUM HYANG
3 R. SIN OK
16 A. KUK HYANG

18 Y. SON GUM

Head coach
SONG Sung Gwon (PRK)

Technical staff
JO Ye Hyok (assistant coach)
RI Jong Sim (assistant coach)

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018 squad

	NO.	NAME	CLUB (COUNTRY)	MINS	G	A
GOALKEEPERS	1	YUN Pyol	Naegohyang Women's FC (PRK)	0	0	0
	18	YU Son Gum ✎	Sobaeksu SC (PRK)	360	0	0
	21	RI Hyon Gyong	Naegohyang Women's FC (PRK)	0	0	0
DEFENDERS	2	KWAK Un Sim	Naegohyang Women's FC (PRK)	0	0	0
	3	RI Sin Ok	Naegohyang Women's FC (PRK)	360	0	0
	4	PONG Song Ae	Naegohyang Women's FC (PRK)	90	0	0
	5	RI Kum Hyang	Naegoyhyang SC (PRK)	360	1	0
	20	PAK Hye Gyong	Ryomyong SC (PRK)	360	0	1
MIDFIELDERS	6	RI Su Jong	Naegohyang Women's FC (PRK)	360	1	0
	7	RI Su Gyong (C)	Naegohyang Women's FC (PRK)	360	0	0
	8	RYU Sol Song	Naegohyang Women's FC (PRK)	1	0	0
	9	PANG Un Sim	Naegoyhyang SC (PRK)	0	0	0
	11	O Si Nae	Naegohyang Women's FC (PRK)	17	0	0
	12	CHOE Kum Ok	Naegoyhyang SC (PRK)	231	0	0
	13	KO Kyong Hui	Ryomyong SC (PRK)	198	1	0
	15	YUN Ji Hwa	Sobaeksu SC (PRK)	174	1	0
	16	AN Kuk Hyang	April 25 SC (PRK)	270	0	2
FORWARDS	10	KIM Ryu Song	Naegohyang Women's FC (PRK)	157	0	1
	14	KIM Yun Ok	Naegohyang Women's FC (PRK)	302	1	0
	17	KIM Kyong Yong	Naegoyhyang SC (PRK)	321	2	1
	19	PAK Il Gyong	Naegohyang Women's FC (PRK)	39	0	1

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Average possession

46%

Goal location

86% Inside the penalty area

14% Outside the penalty area

Shots

4.0 Shots on target per goal

7.0 Shots on target per match

16.0 Shots per match

9.1 Shots per goal

Goals scored (including own goals)

Total goals
7
.... 2 Open-play goals
.... 5 Set-piece goals

From corners 5
From free kicks 0
From penalties 0
From throw-ins 0
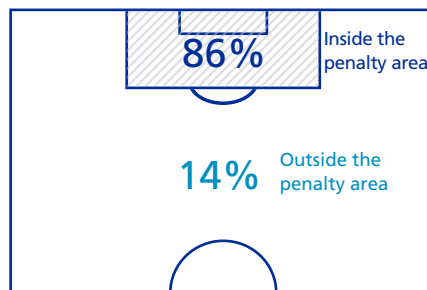
KOREA DPR / AFC

Team shape data explanation ▶

Team positional insights

Team compactness
- In possession
- Out of possession

665m²
538m²

Team shape
- In possession
- Deepest defender

32m
28m
37m
13m

- Out of possession
- Deepest defender

29m
26m
37m
13m

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

Team passes and accuracy

70%
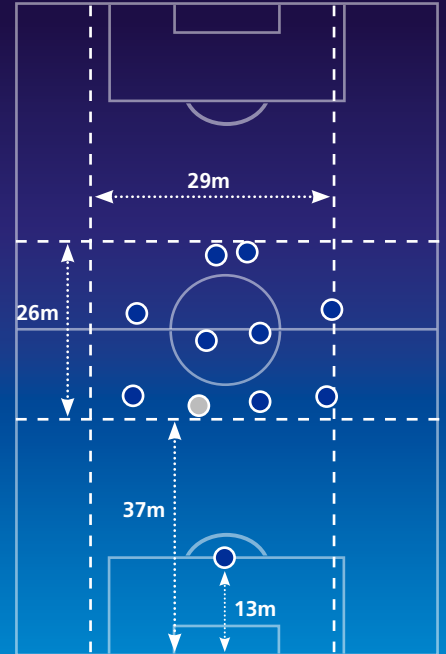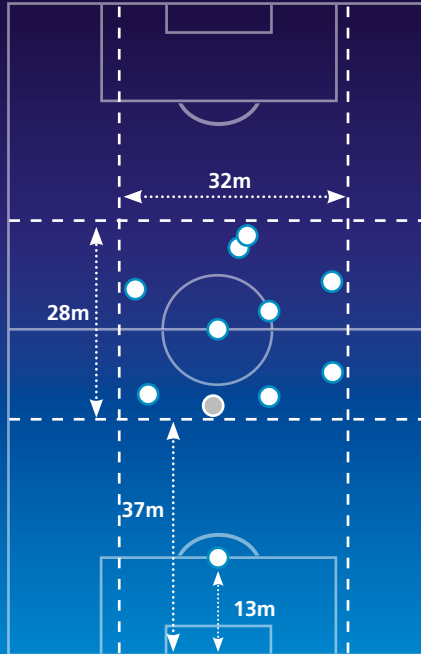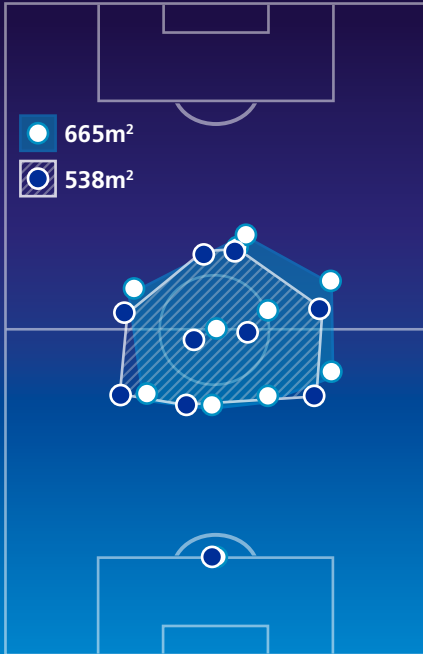
Passing accuracy
Tournament average 68% ▲

414
Average number of passes
Tournament average 419 ▼

Goalkeeper passes, length and success %

1 | 4 | 12

■ Short (<17m) ■ Medium (17-34m) ■ Long (>34m)

17
Average number of passes Tournament average 30 ▼

49% Passing success Tournament average 72% ▼

Opponents bypassed
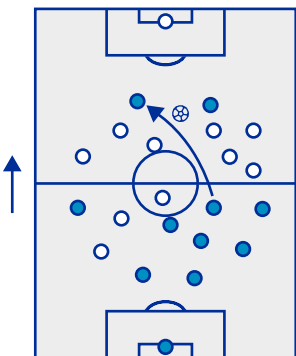
190
Average opponents bypassed
Tournament average 161 ▲

184
Average bypasses against
Tournament average 161 ▲

Final-third and penalty-area entries

Final third

Middle third

Defensive third

35
Penalty-area entries
Tournament average 31 ▲

71
Final-third entries
Tournament average 56 ▲

Total distance covered

104.6km

Tournament average 103.8km ▲

Number of activities above 23km/h

 # 72

Tournament average 76 ▼

Distance covered above 19km/h

5,162m

Tournament average 5,113m ▲

Distance covered above 23km/h

1,179m

Tournament average 1,253m ▼

KOREA REPUBLIC / AFC

Last FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2010 - champions

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018

GROUP STAGE
14.11.2018
Korea Republic 0-4 Spain
17.11.2018
Korea Republic 0-2 Canada
21.11.2018
Colombia 1-1 Korea Republic

QUARTER-FINAL
-

SEMI-FINAL
-

FINAL
-

Head coach
HUR Jungjae (KOR)

Technical staff
CHOI Hyowon (assistant coach)
HWANG Insun (assistant coach)
YANG Youngmin (goalkeeping coach)
KIM Minji (fitness coach)
SONG Junseob (fitness coach)

Starting line-up:
12 G R CHUN
9 M J CHO
10 R Y GWAK
17 B N KIM
20 H Y NOH
8 Y E KIM
4 M J KO
16 E Y LEE
5 S I LEE
13 J M KIM
1 S J KIM

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018 squad

	NO.	NAME	CLUB (COUNTRY)	MINS	G	A
GOALKEEPERS	1	KIM Sujeong	Hyundai HS (KOR)	90	0	0
	18	JEON Soeun	Chungju Yesung Girls' HS (KOR)	0	0	0
	21	KANG Jiyeon	Hwacheon Information Industry HS (KOR)	180	0	0
DEFENDERS	2	KIM Minji	Oju Middle School (KOR)	180	0	0
	3	LEE Jin	Hyundai HS (KOR)	53	0	0
	4	KO Minjung	Hyundai HS (KOR)	225	0	0
	5	LEE Suin	Hyundai HS (KOR)	270	0	0
	13	KIM Jimi	Dongsan Information Industry HS (KOR)	82	0	0
	15	MUN Hayeon	Hwacheon Information Industry HS (KOR)	90	0	0
	20	NOH Hyeyeon	Ohsan HS (KOR)	260	0	0
MIDFIELDERS	6	AN Sebin	Hwacheon Information Industry HS (KOR)	62	0	0
	7	HWANG Ahhyeon	Pohang Girls' Electronic HS (KOR)	67	0	0
	8	KIM Ye Eun	Hyundai Chungwoon GHS (KOR)	62	0	0
	12	CHUN Garam	Chungju Yesung Girls' HS (KOR)	270	0	0
	14	KIM Bomin	Hwacheon Information Industry HS (KOR)	46	0	0
	16	LEE Eunyoung	Hyundai HS (KOR)	269	0	0
	17	KIM Bitna	Chungju Yesung Girls' HS (KOR)	190	0	0
	19	JO Yesong	Ohsan HS (KOR)	0	0	0
FORWARDS	9	CHO Mijin (C)	Hyundai HS (KOR)	270	1	0
	10	GWAK Royeong	Hyundai Chungwoon GHS (KOR)	222	0	0
	11	JANG Youbeen	Dongsan Information Industry HS (KOR)	81	0	0

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Goal location

100% Inside the penalty area

0% Outside the penalty area

Shots

12.0 Shots on target per goal

4.0 Shots on target per match

10.7 Shots per match

32.0 Shots per goal

Goals scored (including own goals)

Total goals
1
0 Open-play goals
1 Set-piece goals

From corners 0
From free kicks 0
From penalties 1
From throw-ins 0
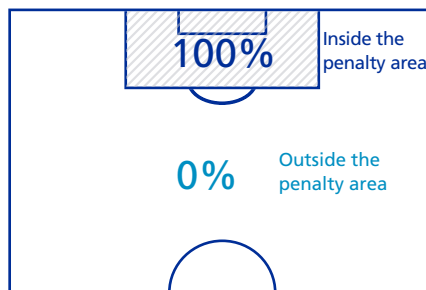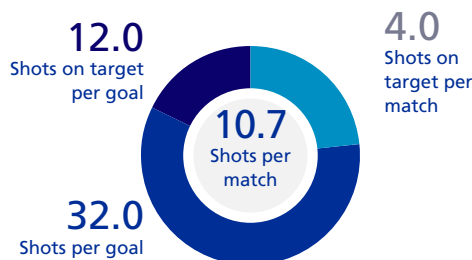
Average possession

45%

KOREA REPUBLIC / AFC

▶ Team shape data explanation

Team positional insights

Team compactness
- ○ In possession
- ● Out of possession

○ 755m²
◉ 510m²

Team shape
- ○ In possession
- ● Deepest defender

37m
27m
35m
15m

- ○ Out of possession
- ● Deepest defender

28m
24m
40m
15m

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Team passes and accuracy

🎯 **71%**
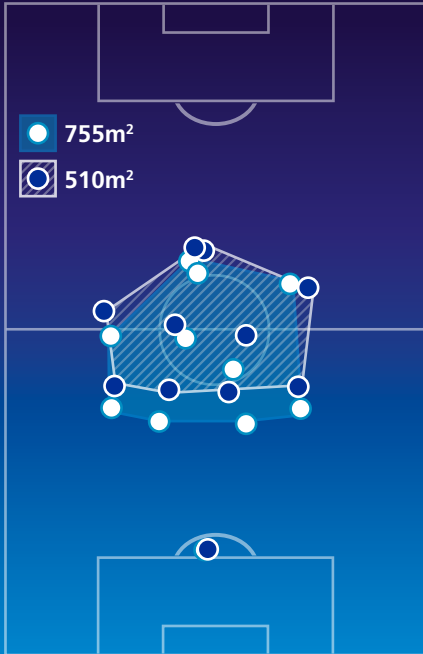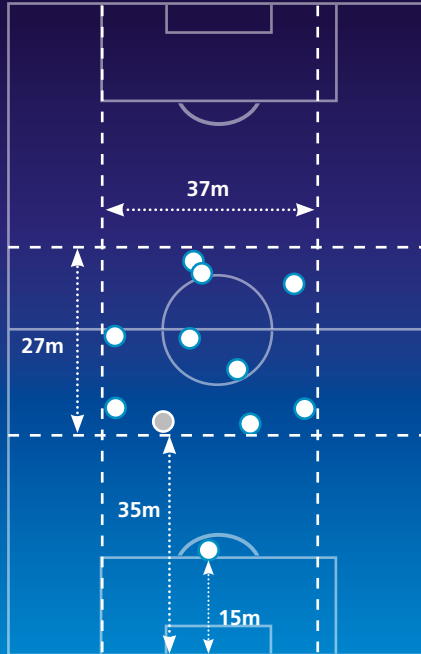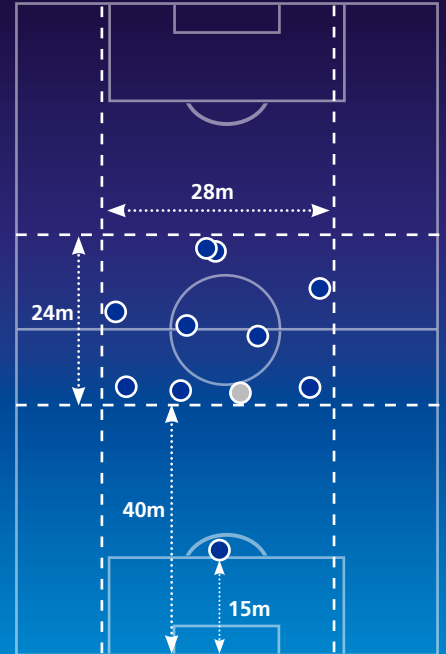
Passing accuracy
Tournament average 68% ▲

358
Average number of passes
Tournament average 419 ▼

Goalkeeper passes, length and success %

38
Average number of passes Tournament average 30 ▲

| 8 | 20 | 10 |

■ Short (<17m) ■ Medium (17-34m) ■ Long (>34m)

86% Passing success
Tournament average 72% ▲

Opponents bypassed

○ **141**
Average opponents bypassed
Tournament average 161 ▼

132
Average bypasses against
Tournament average 161 ▼

Final-third and penalty-area entries

Final third
Middle third
Defensive third

28
Penalty-area entries
Tournament average 31 ▼

50
Final-third entries
Tournament average 56 ▼

Total distance covered

📍 **104.8**km

Tournament average 103.8km ▲

Number of activities above 23km/h

80

Tournament average 76 ▲

Distance covered above 19km/h

📍 **5,624**m

Tournament average 5,113m ▲

Distance covered above 23km/h

📍 **1,335**m

Tournament average 1,253m ▲

MEXICO / Concacaf

Last FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2016 - quarter-finals

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018

GROUP STAGE
13.11.2018
Mexico 0-0 South Africa
16.11.2018
Mexico 1-0 Brazil
20.11.2018
Japan 1-1 Mexico

QUARTER-FINAL
25.11.2018
Ghana 2-2 Mexico
(Mexico win on penalties 2-4)

SEMI-FINAL
28.11.2018
Mexico 1-0 Canada

FINAL
01.12.2018
Spain 2-1 Mexico

Head coach
Monica VERGARA (MEX)

Technical staff
Miguel GAMERO (assistant coach)
Lauro MUNOZ (assistant coach)
Mario DOMINGUEZ (fitness coach)

10 A. GONZÁLEZ
19 D. CASTRO
11 A. VÁZQUEZ
8 N. PÉREZ
18 S. FLORES
17 N. MAULEON
6 N. GRANADOS
14 N. SOTO
3 T. SÁNCHEZ
2 R. REYES
1 J. GUTIÉRREZ

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018 squad

	NO.	NAME	CLUB (COUNTRY)	MINS	G	A
GOALKEEPERS	1	GUTIERREZ Jaidy 🧤🧤🧤	Club América (MEX)	540	0	0
	12	MELANY Villeda	Pumas UNAM (MEX)	0	0	0
	20	ALVAREZ Azul	N/A (Free Agent)	0	0	0
DEFENDERS	2	REYES Reyna	FC Dallas (USA)	443	0	1
	3	SANCHEZ Tanna	ITESEM Puebla (MEX)	526	0	0
	4	GOMEZ Karen	CF Pachuca (MEX)	22	0	0
	5	RIOS Ximena	Club América (MEX)	540	0	0
	13	ARELLANO Fatima	CF Pachuca (MEX)	127	0	0
	14	SOTO Nicole	So Cal Blues SC (USA)	448	0	0
	15	PERALTA Julieta	Club América (MEX)	2	0	0
	16	ESCOBAR Felicia	Kopparbergs/Göteborg FC (SWE)	82	0	0
MIDFIELDERS	6	GRANADOS Noemi	CD Tiburones Rojos de Veracruz (MEX)	37	0	0
	8	PEREZ Nicole (C)	CD Guadalajara (MEX)	540	3	1
	11	VAZQUEZ Anette	CD Guadalajara (MEX)	457	0	1
	18	FLORES Silvana	Arsenal FC (ENG)	508	0	0
FORWARDS	7	DIAZ Nayeli	Arsenal (USA)	231	0	0
	9	BUSO Vanessa	Legends FC (USA)	195	1	0
	10	GONZALEZ Alison	Tigres UANL (MEX)	498	1	0
	17	MAULEON Natalia	Deportivo Toluca FC (MEX)	540	0	0
	19	CASTRO Denise	Albion Hurricanes FC (USA)	146	1	0
	21	AVILEZ Aylin	CF Monterrey (MEX)	58	0	0

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Goal location

83% Inside the penalty area

17% Outside the penalty area

Shots

3.3 Shots on target per goal

3.3 Shots on target per match

12.8 Shots per match

12.8 Shots per goal

Goals scored (including own goals)

Total goals
6
2 Open-play goals
4 Set-piece goals

From corners 1
From free kicks 1
From penalties 2
From throw-ins 0
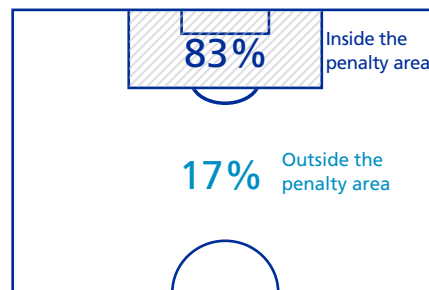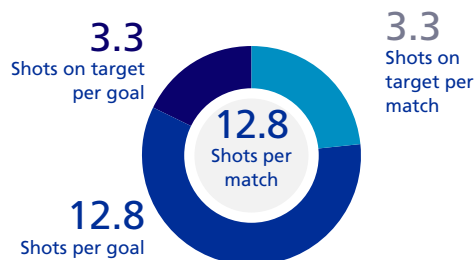
Average possession

50%

MEXICO / Concacaf

▶ Team shape data explanation

Team positional insights

Team compactness
- ○ In possession
- ○ Out of possession

- ● 755m²
- ◎ 512m²

Team shape
- ○ In possession
- ● Deepest defender

- ○ Out of possession
- ● Deepest defender

In possession: 36m · 30m · 34m · 16m

Out of possession: 31m · 26m · 38m · 16m

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Team passes and accuracy

🎯 **69%**
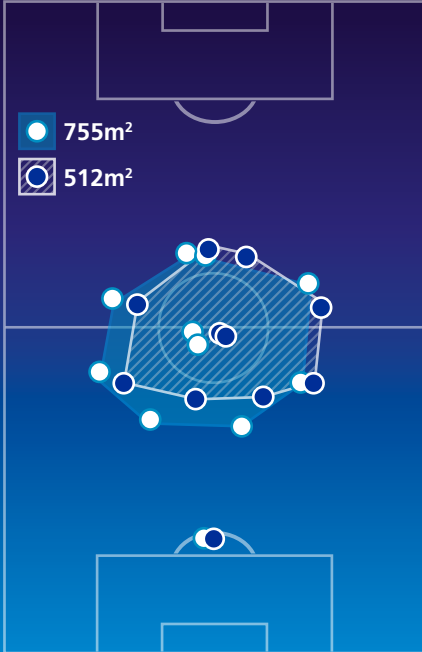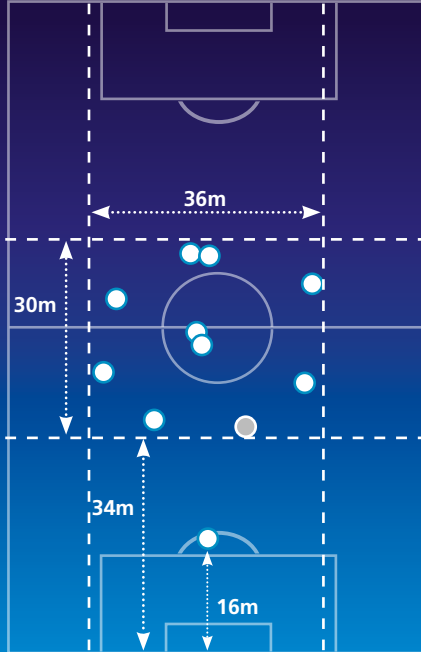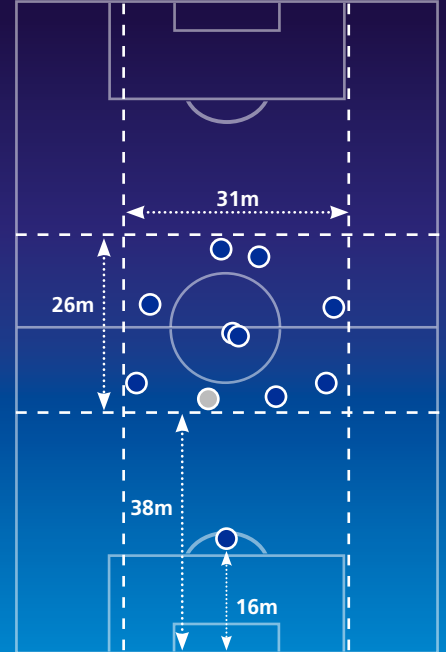
Passing accuracy
Tournament average 68% ▲

423
Average number of passes
Tournament average 419 ▲

Goalkeeper passes, length and success %

| 6 | 15 | 10 |

■ Short (<17m) ■ Medium (17-34m) ■ Long (>34m)

31 Average number of passes Tournament average 30 ▲

76% Passing success Tournament average 72% ▲

Opponents bypassed

○ **145**
Average opponents bypassed
Tournament average 161 ▼

158
Average bypasses against
Tournament average 161 ▼

Final-third and penalty-area entries

Final third

Middle third

Defensive third
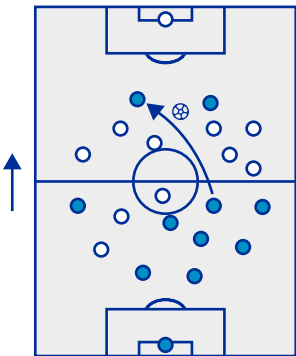
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Penalty-area entries
Tournament average 31 ▼

56
Final-third entries
Tournament average 56 —

Total distance covered

📍 **107.2**km

Tournament average 103.8km ▲

Number of activities above 23km/h

 # 73

Tournament average 76 ▼

Distance covered above 19km/h

📍 **4,965**m

Tournament average 5,113m ▼

Distance covered above 23km/h

📍

Tournament average 1,253m ▼

NEW ZEALAND / OFC

Last FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2016 - group stage

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018

GROUP STAGE
13.11.2018
New Zealand 1-0 Finland
16.11.2018
Uruguay 1-2 New Zealand
20.11.2018
Ghana 2-0 New Zealand

QUARTER-FINAL
24.11.2018
Japan 1-1 New Zealand
(New Zealand win on penalties 3-4)

SEMI-FINAL
28.11.2018
New Zealand 0-2 Spain

MATCH FOR THIRD PLACE
01.12.2018
New Zealand 2-1 Canada

10 WISNEWSKI
9 JENKINS
11 BROWN
8 ABBOTT
6 FRASER
7 RENNIE
5 VAN DER MEER
4 MITTENDORFF
3 MACKAY-WRIGHT
2 BARRY
1 LEAT

Head coach
Leon BIRNIE (NZL)

Technical staff
Gemma LEWIS (assistant coach)
Max TOMMY (goalkeeping coach)
Rachel BADCOCK (fitness coach)

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018 squad

	NO.	NAME	CLUB (COUNTRY)	MINS	G	A
GOALKEEPERS	1	LEAT Anna	🧤 East Coast Bays AFC (NZL)	540	0	0
	20	CANDY Georgia	Hamilton Wanderers (NZL)	0	0	0
	21	CURRIE Blair	Cashmere Technical FC (NZL)	0	0	0
DEFENDERS	2	BARRY Mackenzie	New Plymouth Girls HS (NZL)	450	0	0
	3	MACKAY-WRIGHT Hannah	Forrest Hill Milford United AFC (NZL)	450	0	0
	4	MITTENDORFF Aneka (C)	Forrest Hill Milford United AFC (NZL)	495	0	1
	5	VAN DER MEER Marisa	FC Twenty 11 (NZL)	495	0	0
	14	STRACHAN Laney	Glenfield Rovers AFC (NZL)	90	0	0
	15	RYAN Genevieve	Western Springs AFC (NZL)	90	0	0
MIDFIELDERS	6	FRASER Macey	Waimakariri United (NZL)	296	0	1
	8	ABBOTT Amelia	Nelson Suburbs FC (NZL)	499	1	0
	16	HAHN Maya	Western Suburbs FC (NZL)	229	0	0
	18	LUXTON Rose	Forrest Hill Milford United AFC (NZL)	113	0	0
FORWARDS	7	RENNIE Gabi	Waimakariri United (NZL)	421	0	0
	9	JENKINS Maggie	Glenfield Rovers AFC (NZL)	434	0	1
	10	WISNEWSKI Grace	Hamilton Wanderers (NZL)	484	3	0
	11	BROWN Kelli	Hamilton Wanderers (NZL)	430	2	0
	12	STEWART Jayda	Waimakariri United (NZL)	91	0	0
	13	CUNNINGHAM-LEE Britney	Papakura City FC (NZL)	137	0	0
	17	PRATT Ayla	Three Kings United SC (NZL)	100	0	0
	19	MAYNARD Arabella	Forrest Hill Milford United AFC (NZL)	96	0	0

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Average possession

37%

Goal location

83% Inside the penalty area

17% Outside the penalty area

Shots

4.2 Shots on target per goal

4.2 Shots on target per match

12.8 Shots per match

10.3 Shots per goal

Goals scored (including own goals)

Total goals
6
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2 Set-piece goals

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From penalties 0
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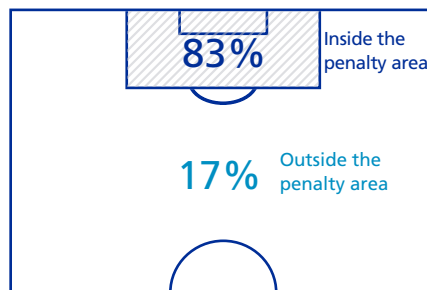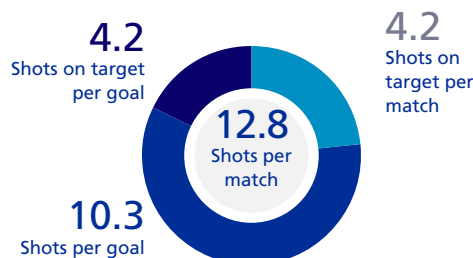
NEW ZEALAND / OFC

▶ Team shape data explanation

Team positional insights

Team compactness
○ In possession
○ Out of possession

○ 567m²
◉ 557m²

Team shape
○ In possession
○ Deepest defender

○ Out of possession
○ Deepest defender

27m

27m

36m

16m

29m

26m

37m

17m

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Team passes and accuracy

49%
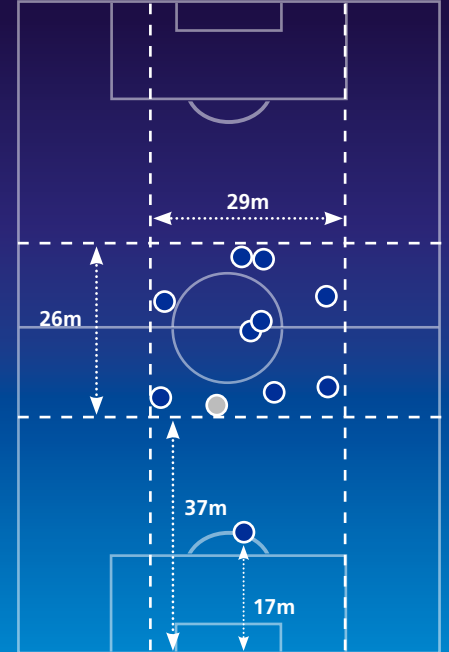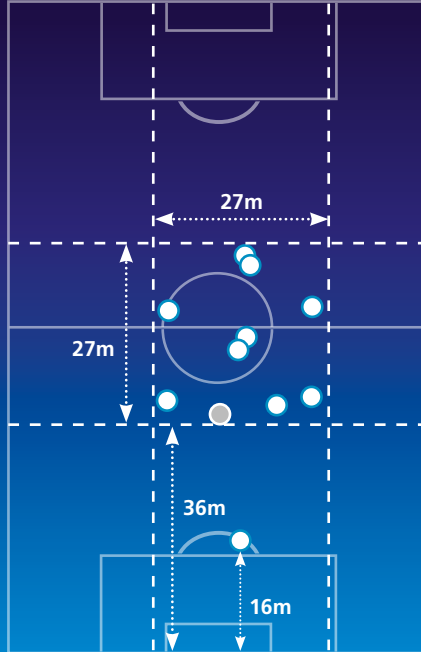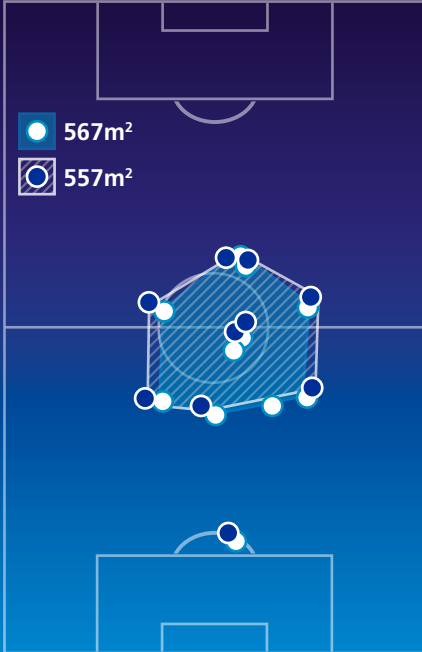
Passing accuracy
Tournament average 68% ▼

271
Average number of passes
Tournament average 419 ▼

Goalkeeper passes, length and success %

1 | 2 | 26

■ Short (<17m) ■ Medium (17-34m) ■ Long (>34m)

28
Average number of passes Tournament average 30 ▼

31% Passing success Tournament average 72% ▼

Opponents bypassed
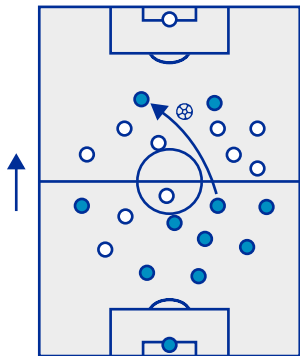
121
Average opponents bypassed
Tournament average 161 ▼

229
Average bypasses against
Tournament average 161 ▲

Final-third and penalty-area entries

Final third

Middle third

Defensive third

32
Penalty-area entries
Tournament average 31 ▲

49
Final-third entries
Tournament average 56 ▼

Total distance covered

📍 **111.5**km

Tournament average 103.8km ▲

Number of activities above 23km/h

 # 92

Tournament average 76 ▲

Distance covered above 19km/h

📍 **6,067**m

Tournament average 5,113m ▲

Distance covered above 23km/h

📍 **1,545**m

Tournament average 1,253m ▲

SOUTH AFRICA / CAF

Last FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2010 - group stage

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018

GROUP STAGE
13.11.2018
Mexico 0-0 South Africa
16.11.2018
Japan 6-0 South Africa
20.11.2018
South Africa 1-4 Brazil

QUARTER-FINAL
-

SEMI-FINAL
-

FINAL
-

9 DANIELS
18 MINNIES
19 WARNER
6 HOLWENI
13 S. SHAMASE
12 MOKWENA
2 NDULI
3 MHLONGO
8 WADE
20 MAGAMA
1 WINDVOGEL

Head coach
Simphiwe DLUDLU (RSA)

Technical staff
Nombuso KHUMALO (assistant coach)
Nkami TSHABALALA (fitness coach)

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018 squad

	NO.	NAME	CLUB (COUNTRY)	MINS	G	A
GOALKEEPERS	1	WINDVOGEL Kay-Dee ✎	High Performance Centre (RSA)	270	0	0
	16	BROPHY Leigh	Cape Town Roses FC (RSA)	0	0	0
	21	MAKHOANA Mananki	Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies FC (RSA)	0	0	0
DEFENDERS	2	NDULI Yolanda	Durban Ladies FC (RSA)	90	0	0
	3	MHLONGO Lonathemba	Soweto Ladies FC (RSA)	241	0	0
	5	NKHUNA Nkateko	Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies FC (RSA)	0	0	0
	20	MAGAMA Fikile	High Performance Centre (RSA)	90	0	0
MIDFIELDERS	6	HOLWENI Sibulele (C)	Durban Ladies FC (RSA)	270	0	0
	7	MALI Khunjolwa	Soweto Ladies FC (RSA)	52	0	0
	8	WADE Jessica	JVW FC (RSA)	270	0	0
	9	DANIELS Chelsea	University of Western Cape (RSA)	270	0	0
	10	DHLAMINI Karabo	Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies FC (RSA)	180	0	0
	11	VILAKAZI Zethembiso	Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies FC (RSA)	192	1	0
	12	MOKWENA Oratile	Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies FC (RSA)	270	0	0
	13	SHAMASE Sphumelele	Durban Ladies FC (RSA)	145	0	0
	14	SHAMASE Thubelihle	Durban Ladies FC (RSA)	167	0	0
	17	EDWARDS Ember	Cape Town Roses FC (RSA)	29	0	0
	18	MINNIES Miche	Cape Town Spurs FC (RSA)	123	0	0
	19	WARNER Serenity	Santos FC Cape Town (RSA)	163	0	0
FORWARDS	4	NGUBANE Yenzokuhle	Durban Ladies FC (RSA)	90	0	0
	15	NOGQALA Zikhona	SuperSport United FC (RSA)	19	0	0

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Goal location

100% Inside the penalty area

0% Outside the penalty area

Shots

7.0 Shots on target per goal

2.3 Shots on target per match

31.0 Shots per goal

10.3 Shots per match

Goals scored (including own goals)

Total goals
1
········· 1 Open-play goals
········· 0 Set-piece goals

From corners 0
From free kicks 0
From penalties 0
From throw-ins 0
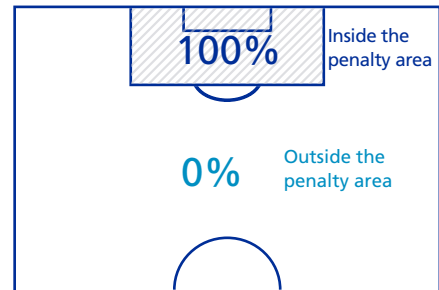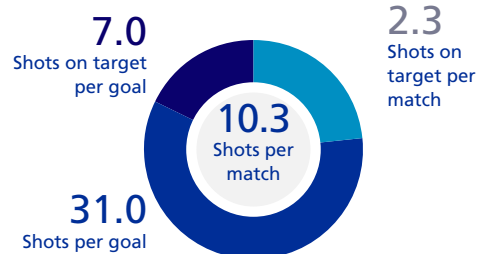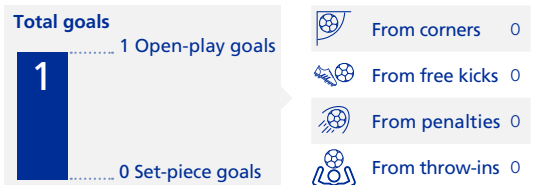
Average possession

37%

SOUTH AFRICA / CAF

▶ Team shape data explanation

Team positional insights

Team compactness
- ○ In possession
- ● Out of possession

- ● 477m²
- ◉ 441m²

Team shape
- ○ In possession
- ● Deepest defender

27m
29m
33m
9m

- ○ Out of possession
- ● Deepest defender

25m
30m
34m
9m

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

Team passes and accuracy

56%
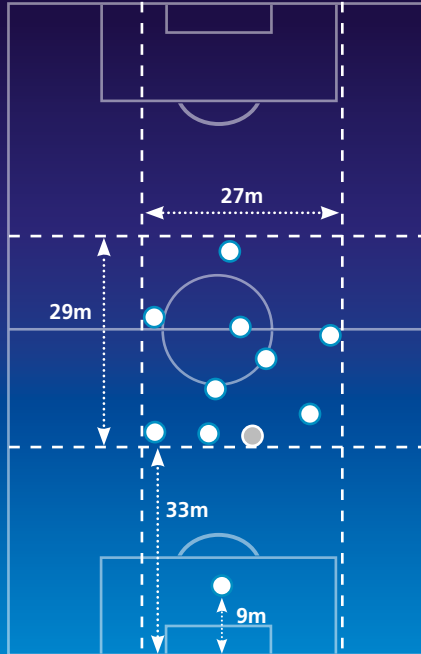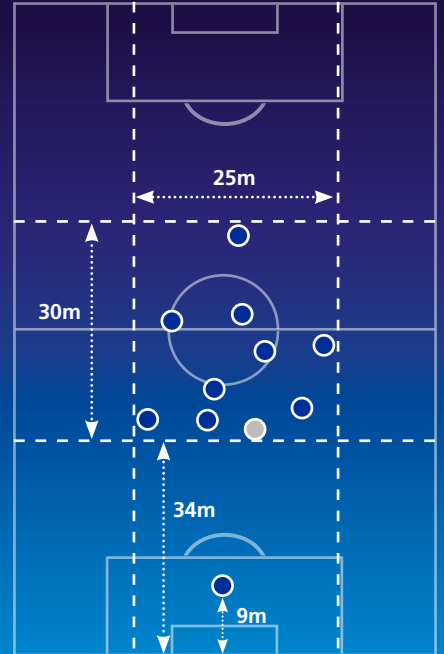
Passing accuracy
Tournament average 68% ▼

333
Average number of passes
Tournament average 419 ▼

Goalkeeper passes, length and success %

1 | **8** | **17**

■ Short (<17m) ■ Medium (17-34m) ■ Long (>34m)

25 Average number of passes Tournament average 30 ▼

29% Passing success Tournament average 72% ▼

Opponents bypassed
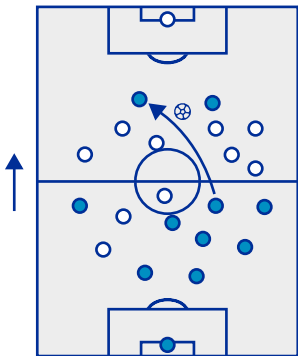
○ **83**
Average opponents bypassed
Tournament average 161 ▼

249
Average bypasses against
Tournament average 161 ▲

Final-third and penalty-area entries

Final third
Middle third
Defensive third
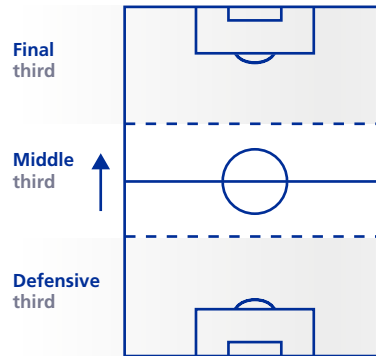
25
Penalty-area entries
Tournament average 31 ▼

46
Final-third entries
Tournament average 56 ▼

Total distance covered

📍 **95**km
Tournament average 103.8km ▼

Number of activities above 23km/h

 # 55
Tournament average 76 ▼

Distance covered above 19km/h

📍 **4,182**m
Tournament average 5,113m ▼

Distance covered above 23km/h

📍 **918**m
Tournament average 1,253m ▼

SPAIN / UEFA

Last FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2016 - match for third place

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018

GROUP STAGE
14.11.2018
Korea Republic 0-4 Spain
17.11.2018
Colombia 1-1 Spain
21.11.2018
Spain 5-0 Canada

QUARTER-FINAL
24.11.2018
Spain 1-1 Korea DPR
(Spain win on penalties 3-1)

SEMI-FINAL
28.11.2018
New Zealand 0-2 Spain

FINAL
01.12.2018
Spain 2-1 Mexico

Head coach
Maria IS (ESP)

Technical staff
Pedro LOPEZ (assistant coach)
Javier LOPEZ (goalkeeping coach)
Javier VELAZQUEZ (fitness coach)

6 IRENE
11 SALMA
18 EVA NAVARRO
10 PINA
19 EVA ALONSO
7 PAOLA H.D
2 NEREA NEVADO
3 TEJADA
17 M. MENDEZ
5 JANA
13 CATA

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018 squad

	NO.	NAME		CLUB (COUNTRY)	MINS	G	A
GOALKEEPERS	1	SUAREZ Paula		Real Sporting de Gijón Femenino (ESP)	0	0	0
	13	COLL Catalina (C)	🧤🧤🧤	UD Collerense (ESP)	540	0	0
	20	LOPEZ Maria		Granada CF (ESP)	0	0	0
DEFENDERS	3	TEJADA Ana		CDEF Logrono (ESP)	532	0	0
	4	MERIDA Teresa		Cadiz CF (ESP)	8	0	0
	5	FERNANDEZ Jana		FC Barcelona (ESP)	540	0	0
	15	URIARTE Naroa		Athletic Bilbao (ESP)	26	0	0
	17	MENDEZ Maria		Oviedo Moderno CF (ESP)	540	0	0
	21	SALVADOR Aixa		Villarreal CF (ESP)	115	0	0
MIDFIELDERS	2	NEVADO Nerea		Athletic Bilbao (ESP)	436	0	0
	6	LOPEZ Irene		Madrid CFF (ESP)	509	3	2
	7	HERNANDEZ Paola		UDG Granadilla Tenerife Sur (ESP)	469	1	0
	8	PALA Isabel		Madrid CFF (ESP)	45	0	0
	9	OKOYE Maria Isabel		CD Tacón (ESP)	71	1	0
	12	PENA Leire		Atletico Madrid Feminas (ESP)	213	0	0
	19	ALONSO Eva		Rayo Vallecano (ESP)	309	0	0
FORWARDS	10	PINA Claudia (C)		FC Barcelona (ESP)	540	7	1
	11	PARALLUELO Salma		Real Zaragoza (ESP)	488	1	2
	14	MARIN Ainhoa		RCD Espanyol (ESP)	20	0	0
	16	ARANA Paula		Athletic Bilbao (ESP)	20	0	0
	18	NAVARRO Eva (C)		Levante UD (ESP)	519	2	3

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Goal location

80% Inside the penalty area

20% Outside the penalty area

Shots

2.3 Shots on target per goal

5.7 Shots on target per match

18.8 Shots per match

7.5 Shots per goal

Goals scored (including own goals)

Total goals

15

15 Open-play goals

0 Set-piece goals

From corners 0
From free kicks 0
From penalties 0
From throw-ins 0
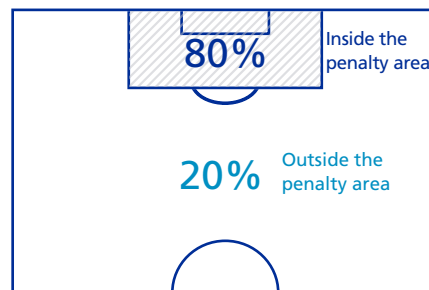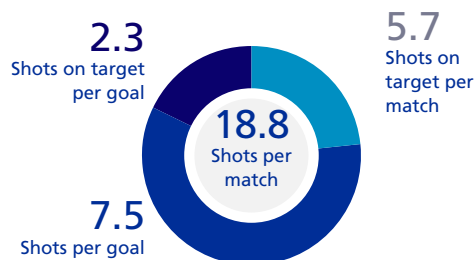
Average possession

65%

SPAIN / UEFA

▶ Team shape data explanation

Team positional insights

Team compactness
- ○ In possession
- ◉ Out of possession

■ 960m²
▣ 559m²

Team shape
- ○ In possession
- ● Deepest defender

42m
30m
38m
17m

- ○ Out of possession
- ● Deepest defender

28m
28m
42m
16m

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

Team passes and accuracy

79%
Passing accuracy
Tournament average 68% ▲

532
Average number of passes
Tournament average 419 ▲

Goalkeeper passes, length and success %

| 10 | 17 | 8 |

■ Short (<17m) ■ Medium (17-34m) ■ Long (>34m)
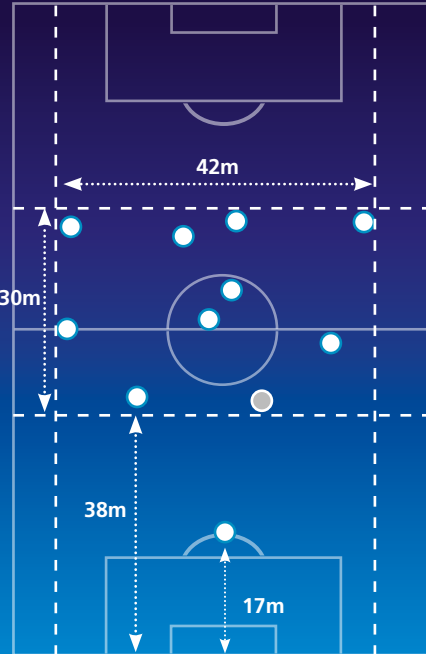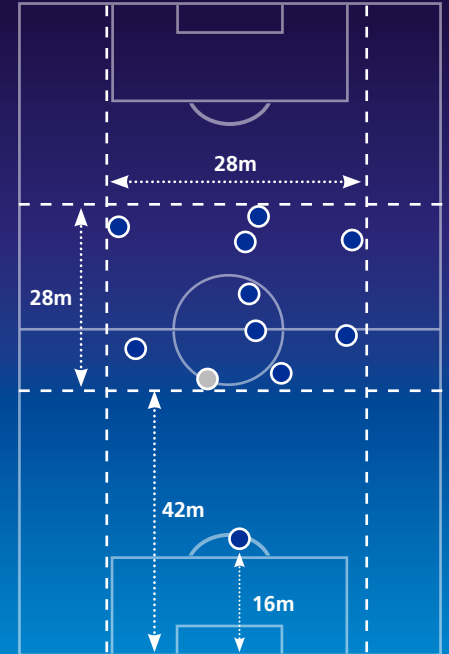
35
Average number of passes Tournament average 30 ▲

87% Passing success Tournament average 72% ▲

Opponents bypassed
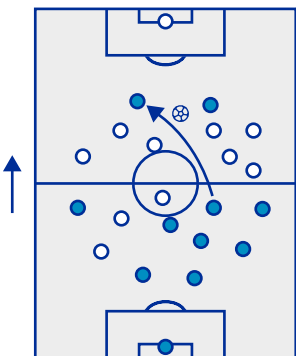
191
Average opponents bypassed
Tournament average 161 ▲

92
Average bypasses against
Tournament average 161 ▼

Final-third and penalty-area entries

Final third

Middle third

Defensive third
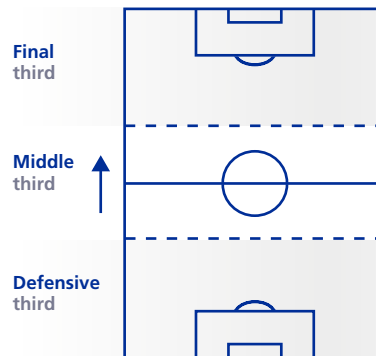
40
Penalty-area entries
Tournament average 31 ▲

61
Final-third entries
Tournament average 56 ▲

Total distance covered

101.4km
Tournament average 103.8km ▼

Number of activities above 23km/h

 # 78
Tournament average 76 ▲

Distance covered above 19km/h

5,135m
Tournament average 5,113m ▲

Distance covered above 23km/h

1,359m
Tournament average 1,253m ▲

URUGUAY / CONMEBOL

Last FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2012 - group stage

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018

GROUP STAGE
13.11.2018
Uruguay 0-5 Ghana
16.11.2018
Uruguay 1-2 New Zealand
20.11.2018
Finland 1-1 Uruguay

QUARTER-FINAL
-

SEMI-FINAL
-

FINAL
-

11 E. PIZARRO
21 B. AQUINO

19 M. DOMINGUEZ
15 K. BERMUDEZ
8 S. LARREA
9 C. GOMEZ

16 J. VIERA
2 D. OLIVERA
3 S. RAMONDEGUI
17 S. PAZOS

1 J. SOSA

Head coach
Ariel LONGO (URU)

Technical staff
Graciela BARBOZA (assistant coach)
Carlos PINASCO (goalkeeping coach)
Daniel CASTRO (fitness coach)

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018 squad

	NO.	NAME	CLUB (COUNTRY)	MINS	G	A
GOALKEEPERS	1	SOSA Jennifer	New York City FC (USA)	36	0	0
	12	RODRIGUEZ Inailien	Atletico Rentistas (URU)	0	0	0
	13	CARABALLO Agustina	CA Penarol (URU)	234	0	0
DEFENDERS	2	OLIVERA Daniela (C)	Liverpool Montevideo FC (URU)	270	0	0
	3	RAMONDEGUI Sofia	National Nueva Helvecia (URU)	270	0	0
	6	LOPEZ Sharon	Colon (URU)	180	0	0
	14	FERRADANS Antonella	CA Progreso (URU)	180	0	0
	19	DOMINGUEZ Micaela	Liverpool Montevideo FC (URU)	241	0	0
	20	COSTA Maytel	Colon (URU)	61	0	0
MIDFIELDERS	4	GONZALEZ Pilar	SAC Canelones (URU)	38	0	0
	5	MORALES Deyna	Atletico Rentistas (URU)	185	0	0
	8	LARREA Sasha	CA Penarol (URU)	55	0	0
	9	GOMEZ Cecilia	Colon (URU)	227	0	0
	10	MORALES Valentina	CA Penarol (URU)	45	0	0
	15	BERMUDEZ Karol	Liverpool Montevideo FC (URU)	270	0	0
	16	VIERA Juliana	Liverpool Montevideo FC (URU)	90	0	0
	18	LAURNAGA Nikol	Liverpool Montevideo FC (URU)	30	0	0
FORWARDS	7	GOMEZ Angela	Liverpool Montevideo FC (URU)	13	0	0
	11	PIZARRO Esperanza	National Nueva Helvecia (URU)	270	1	0
	17	PAZOS Solcire	Liverpool Montevideo FC (URU)	29	0	0
	21	AQUINO Belen	Colon (URU)	246	1	0

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Average possession

55%

Goal location

100% Inside the penalty area

0% Outside the penalty area

Shots

5.0 Shots on target per goal

3.3 Shots on target per match

11.3 Shots per match

15.0 Shots per goal

Goals scored (including own goals)

Total goals
2
2 Open-play goals
0 Set-piece goals

From corners 0
From free kicks 0
From penalties 0
From throw-ins 0
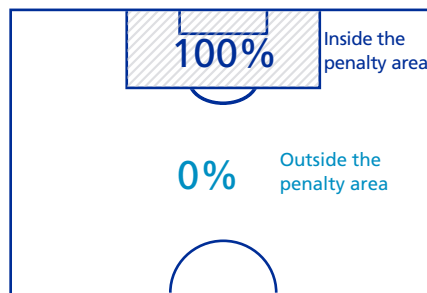
URUGUAY / CONMEBOL

▶ Team shape data explanation

Team positional insights

Team compactness
○ In possession
◉ Out of possession

○ 548m²
◉ 566m²

Team shape
○ In possession
⬤ Deepest defender

29m
30m
35m
11m

○ Out of possession
⬤ Deepest defender

30m
31m
36m
11m

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Team passes and accuracy

57%

Passing accuracy
Tournament average 68% ▲
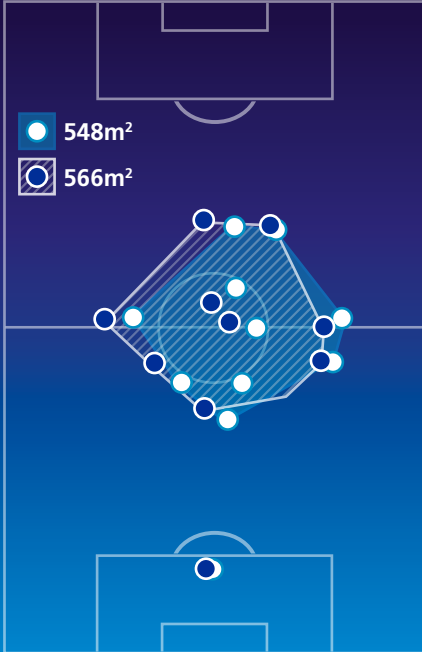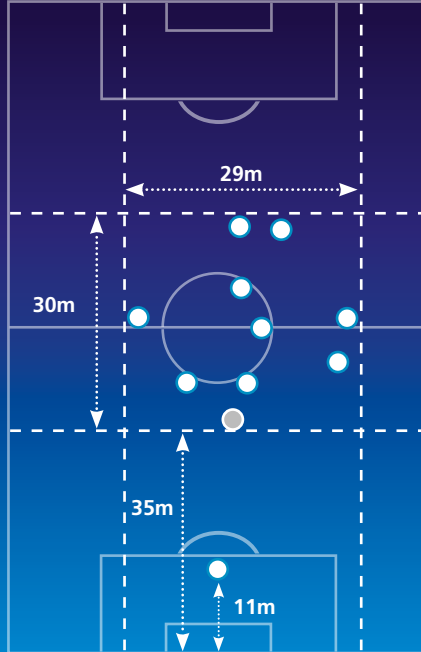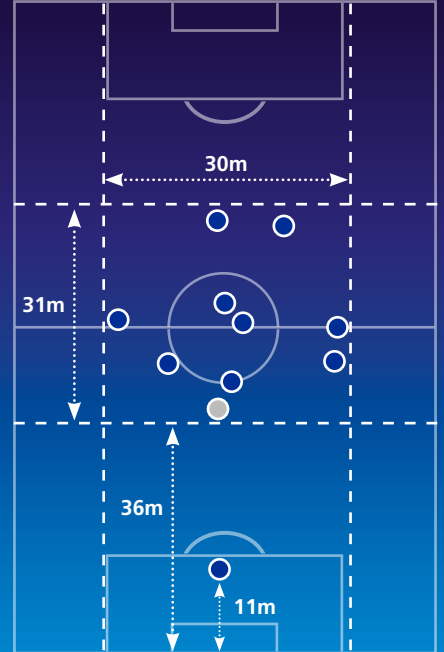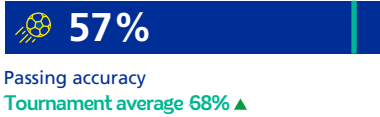
307
Average number of passes
Tournament average 419 ▼

Goalkeeper passes, length and success %

0 **5** **6**

■ Short (<17m) ■ Medium (17-34m) ■ Long (>34m)

11
Average number of passes Tournament average 30 ▼

49% Passing success Tournament average 72% ▼

Opponents bypassed

○ **86**
Average opponents bypassed
Tournament average 161 ▼

158
Average bypasses against
Tournament average 161 ▼

Final-third and penalty-area entries

Final third

Middle third

Defensive third

27
Penalty-area entries
Tournament average 31 ▼

48
Final-third entries
Tournament average 56 ▼

Total distance covered

📍 **91.3**km

Tournament average 103,8 km ▼

Number of activities above 23km/h

 # 64

Tournament average 76 ▼

Distance covered above 19km/h

📍 **4,271**m

Tournament average 5,113 m ▼

Distance covered above 23km/h

📍 **1,003**m

Tournament average 1,253m ▼
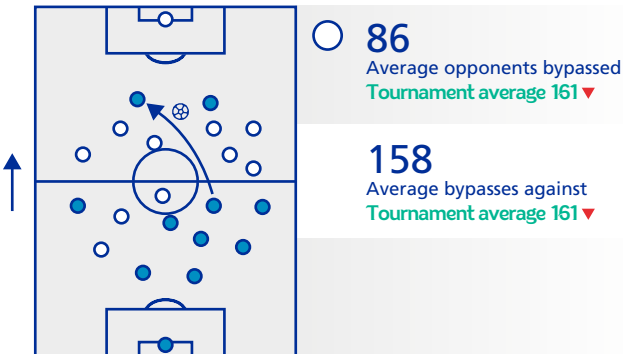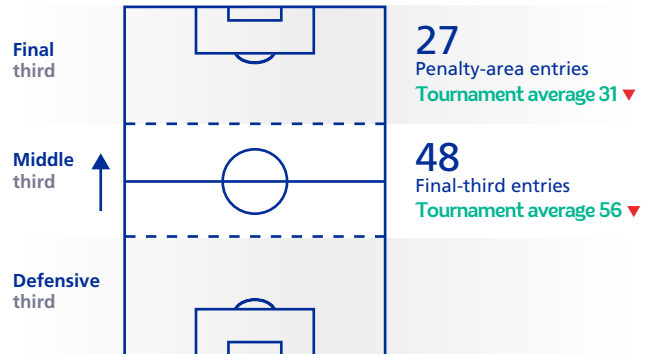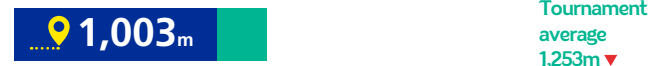
USA / Concacaf

Last FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup campaign:
FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2016 - group stage

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018

GROUP STAGE
14.11.2018
USA 3-0 Cameroon
17.11.2018
USA 0-3 Korea DPR
21.11.2018
Germany 4-0 USA

QUARTER-FINAL
-

SEMI-FINAL
-

FINAL
-

Head coach
Mark CARR (ENG)

Technical staff
David CLARKE (assistant coach)
Tracey KEVINS (assistant coach)
Jill LOYDEN (goalkeeping coach)
Nicole COLLINS (fitness coach)
Emily FORTUNATO (fitness coach)

9 CANNIFF
18 FONTES
16 LINNEHAN
8 DOMS
10 FISHEL
20 JONES
2 MORRIS
15 STAUDE
19 AGRESTI
4 HUNTER
1 ANDERSON

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2018 squad

	NO.	NAME		CLUB (COUNTRY)	MINS	G	A
GOALKEEPERS	1	ANDERSON Angelina (C)	🧤	Mustang Academy (USA)	270	0	0
	12	DOHLE Julia		New York City FC (USA)	0	0	0
	21	ROMIG Lindsey		IMG Soccer Academy (USA)	0	0	0
DEFENDERS	2	MORRIS Makenna		Bethesda SC (USA)	270	0	0
	3	DELLAPERUTA Talia		Tophat SC (USA)	82	0	0
	4	HUNTER Smith		Seattle Reign FC (USA)	180	0	0
	15	STAUDE Natalia		Tophat SC (USA)	270	0	0
	17	GUIDRY Samar		FC Dallas (USA)	0	0	0
	19	AGRESTI Michela		Stars of Massachusetts (USA)	270	0	0
MIDFIELDERS	6	WHEELER Astrid		Concorde Fire (USA)	0	0	0
	8	DOMS Maya		Davis Legacy SC (USA)	172	0	0
	10	FISHEL Mia		San Diego Surf SC (USA)	172	1	0
	14	BEBAR Hannah		Eclipse Select (USA)	196	0	0
	20	JONES Sophia		San Jose Earthquakes (USA)	270	0	0
FORWARDS	5	BYARS Trinity		Solar SC (USA)	90	0	0
	7	MEZA Samantha		Solar SC (USA)	0	0	0
	9	CANNIFF Jordan		Washington Spirit (USA)	156	0	0
	11	RODMAN Trinity		So Cal Blues SC (USA)	165	0	1
	13	DAQUILA Isabella		So Cal Blues SC (USA)	62	0	0
	16	LINNEHAN Payton		Stars of Massachusetts (USA)	157	0	0
	18	FONTES Sunshine		Hawaii Rush SC (USA)	180	2	0

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Goal location

67% Inside the penalty area

33% Outside the penalty area

Shots

6.0 Shots on target per goal

6.0 Shots on target per match

15.0 Shots per match

17.0 Shots per goal

Goals scored (including own goals)

Total goals
3
2 Open-play goals
1 Set-piece goals

From corners 0
From free kicks 0
From penalties 1
From throw-ins 0
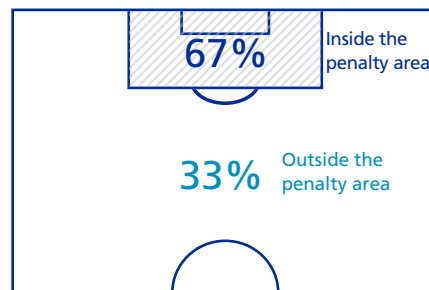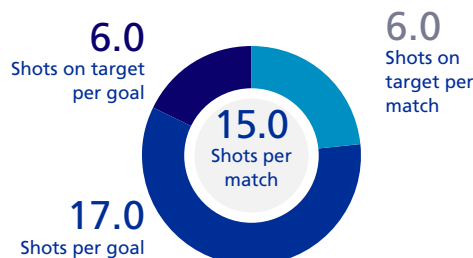
Average possession

43%

USA / Concacaf

▶ Team shape data explanation

Team positional insights

Team compactness
- ○ In possession
- ○ Out of possession

- ● 555m²
- ◎ 381m²

Team shape
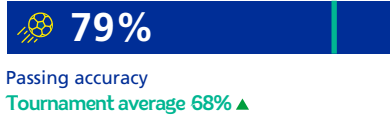- ○ In possession
- ● Deepest defender

33m
28m
37m
13m

- ○ Out of possession
- ● Deepest defender

25m
27m
39m
12m

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

Team passes and accuracy

⚽ **68%**

Passing accuracy
Tournament average 68% —

452
Average number of passes
Tournament average 419 ▲

Goalkeeper passes, length and success %

7 **16** **12**

■ Short (<17m) ■ Medium (17-34m) ■ Long (>34m)
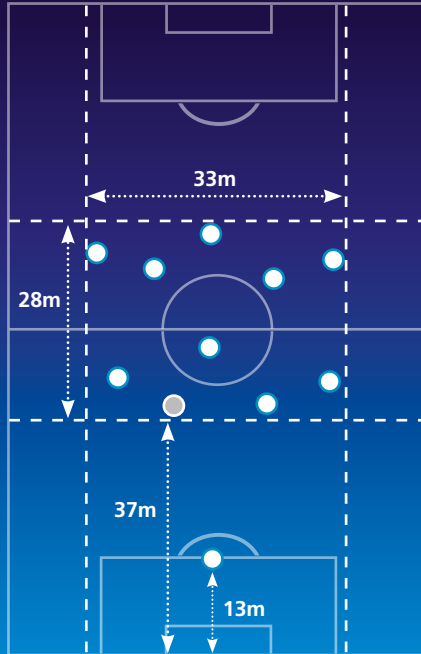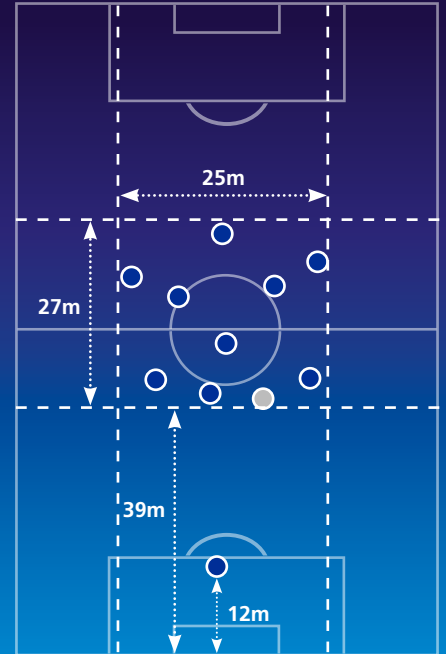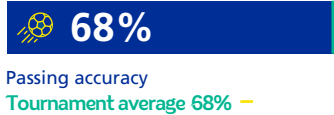
35 Average number of passes Tournament average 30 ▲

75% Passing success Tournament average 72% ▲
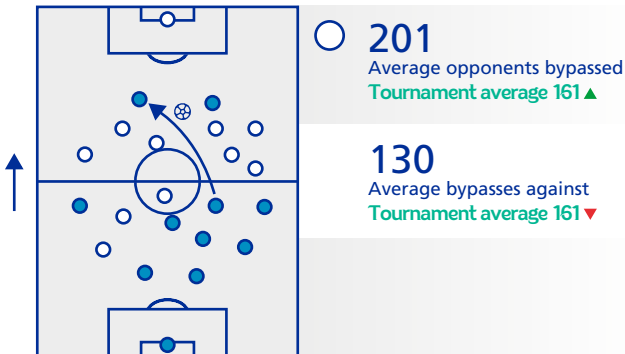
Opponents bypassed

○ **201**
Average opponents bypassed
Tournament average 161 ▲

130
Average bypasses against
Tournament average 161 ▼

Final-third and penalty-area entries

Final third
Middle third
Defensive third

28
Penalty-area entries
Tournament average 31 ▼

65
Final-third entries
Tournament average 56 ▲

Total distance covered

📍 **107.1**km

Tournament average 103.8km ▲

Number of activities above 23km/h

 # 108

Tournament average 76 ▲

Distance covered above 19km/h

📍 **6,083**m

Tournament average 5,113m ▲

Distance covered above 23km/h

📍 **1,755**m

Tournament average 1,253m ▲

PERFORMANCE INSIGHTS

Possession %

Spain	Finland	Japan	Canada	USA	Brazil	Germany	Ghana	Mexico	Korea DPR	Korea Republic	Cameroon	Uruguay	South Africa	Colombia	New Zealand
65%	64%	58%	55%	55%	52%	52%	51%	50%	46%	45%	44%	43%	37%	37%	37%
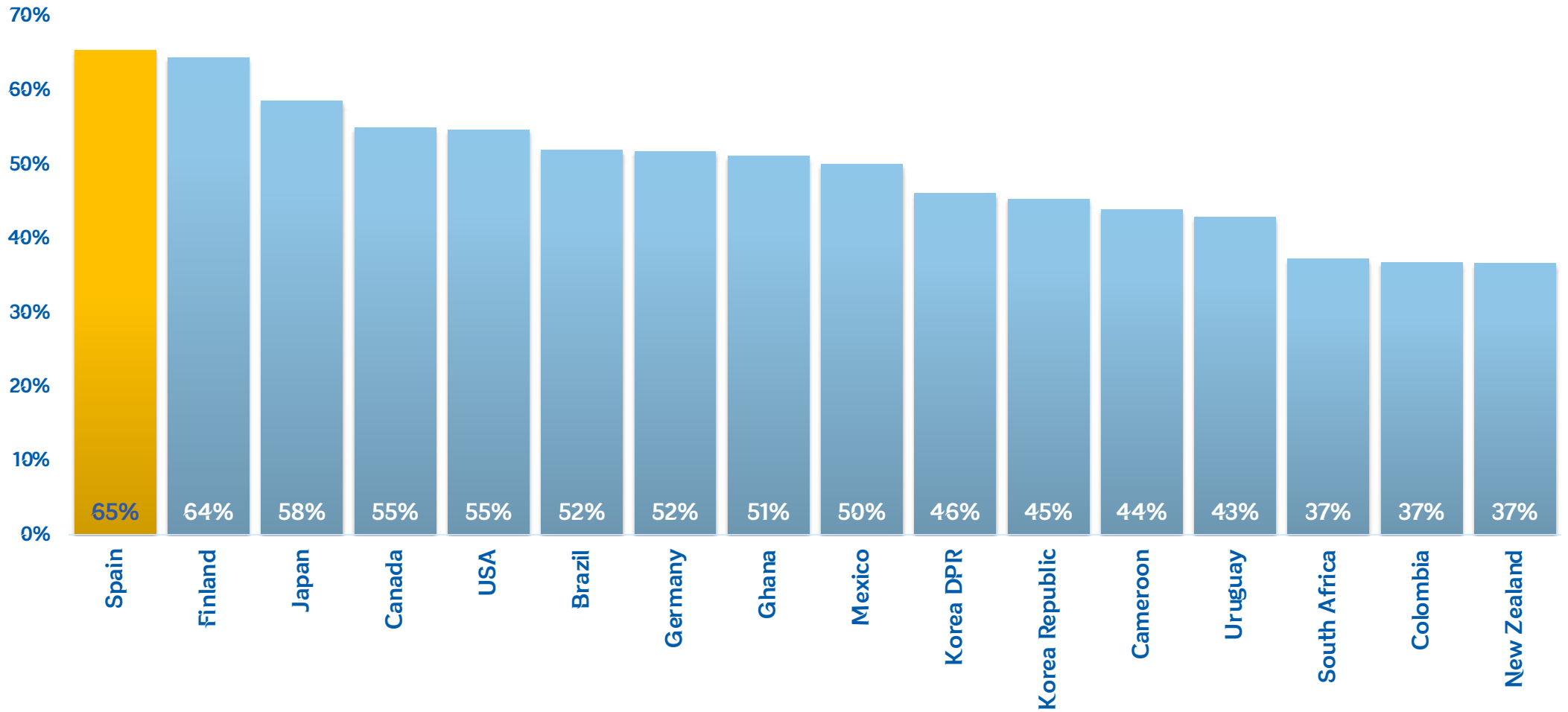
Passes

Tournament average 419

■ FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup winners

Team	Passes
Japan	618
Finland	552
Spain	532
Brazil	516
Canada	456
USA	452
Ghana	431
Mexico	423
Korea DPR	414
Germany	400
Korea Republic	358
South Africa	333
Uruguay	307
Cameroon	293
Colombia	285
New Zealand	271
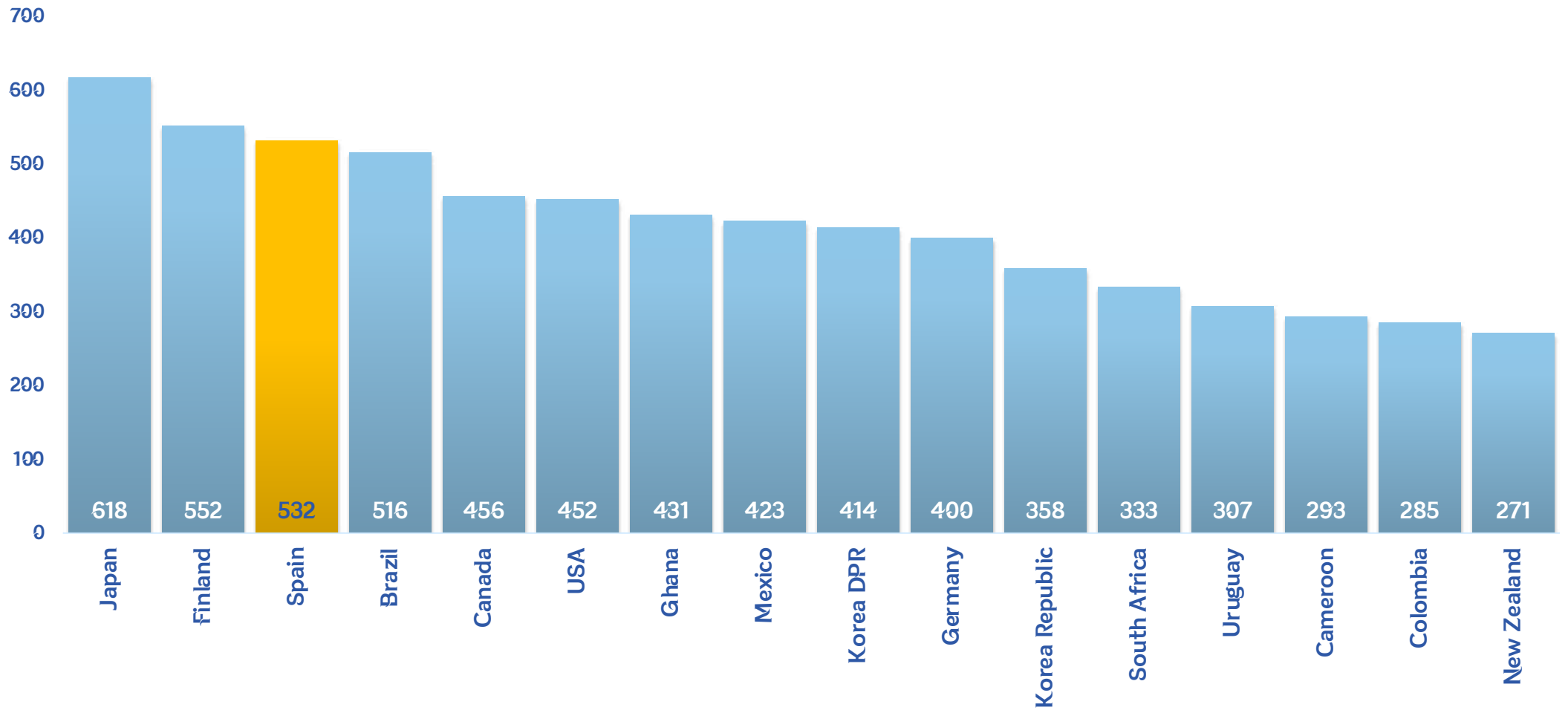
Passing success %

Tournament average 68%

🟨 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup winners

Country	Passing success %
Finland	83%
Spain	79%
Japan	77%
Canada	77%
Brazil	75%
Germany	73%
Korea Republic	71%
Korea DPR	70%
Ghana	70%
Mexico	69%
USA	68%
Colombia	61%
Uruguay	57%
South Africa	56%
Cameroon	53%
New Zealand	49%
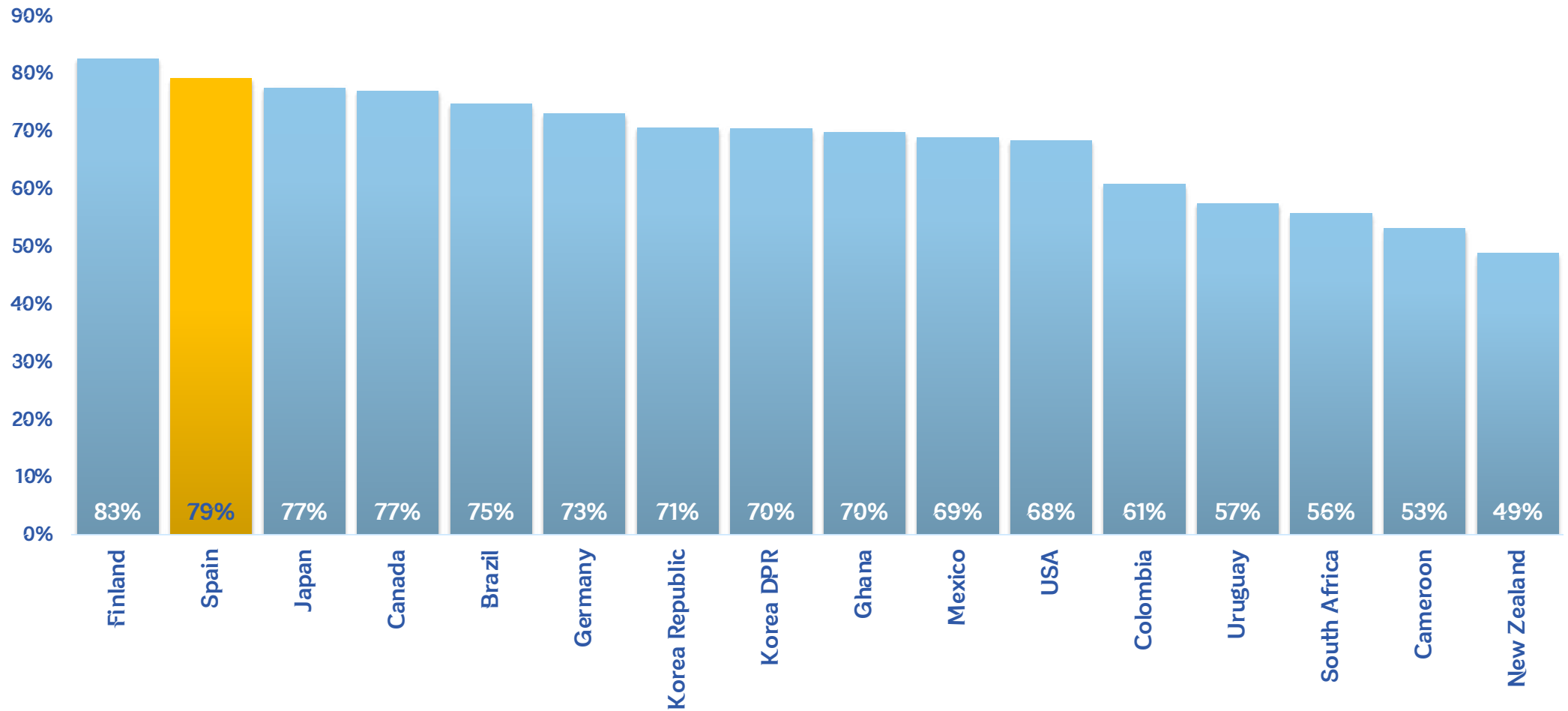
Opponents bypassed / Bypasses against

Tournament average 161

■ FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup winners

■ Opponents bypassed ■ Bypasses against

Team	Opponents bypassed	Bypasses against
Japan	234	166
Ghana	211	223
Brazil	207	131
USA	201	187
Spain	191	126
Korea DPR	190	186
Finland	185	135
Germany	166	121
Canada	162	184
Mexico	145	132
Cameroon	141	158
Korea Republic	141	229
New Zealand	121	249
Uruguay	86	92
South Africa	83	130
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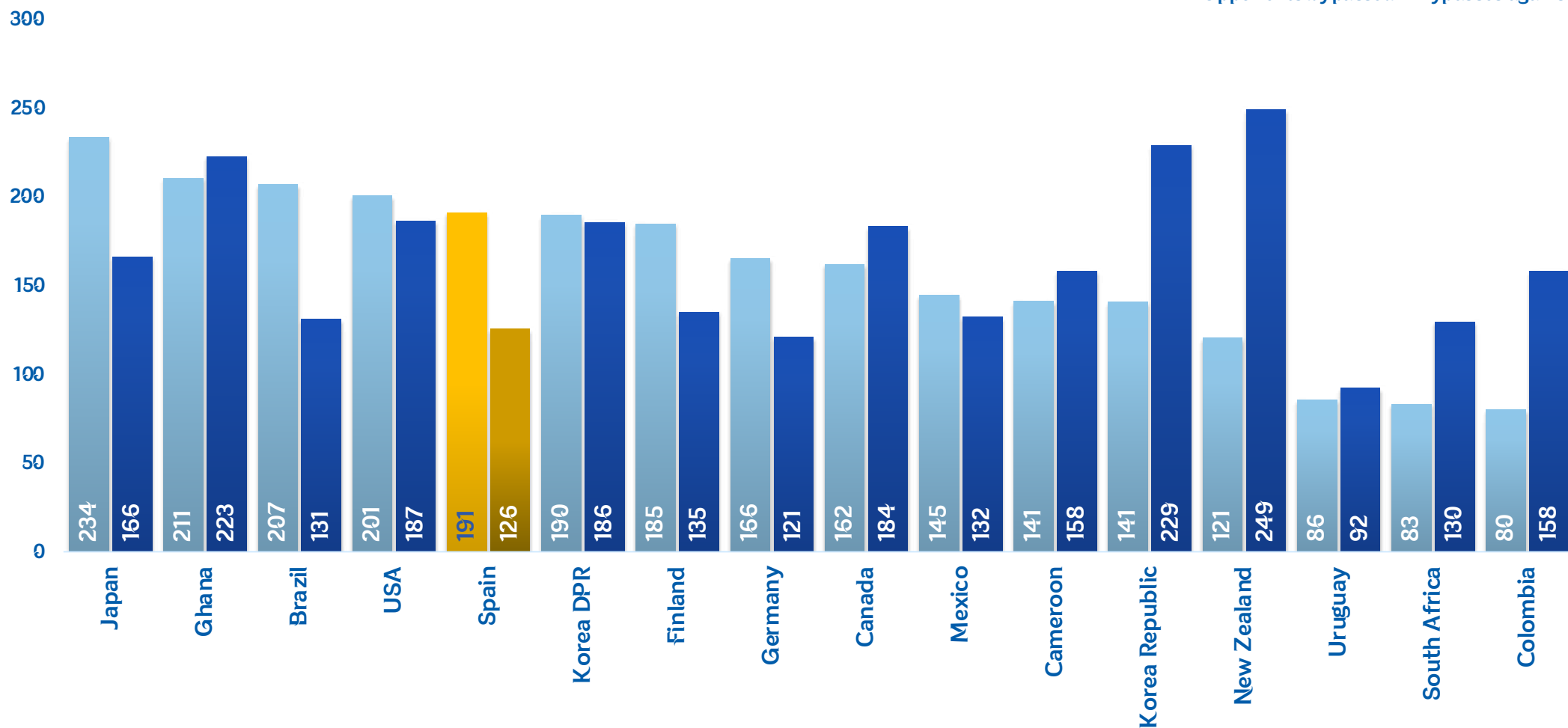
Crosses

Tournament average 18

🟨 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup winners

Country	Crosses
Ghana	27
Spain	26
Japan	24
Korea DPR	24
Cameroon	20
Mexico	20
New Zealand	19
Brazil	18
Canada	17
Korea Republic	16
Germany	16
USA	15
Uruguay	14
Finland	10
South Africa	9
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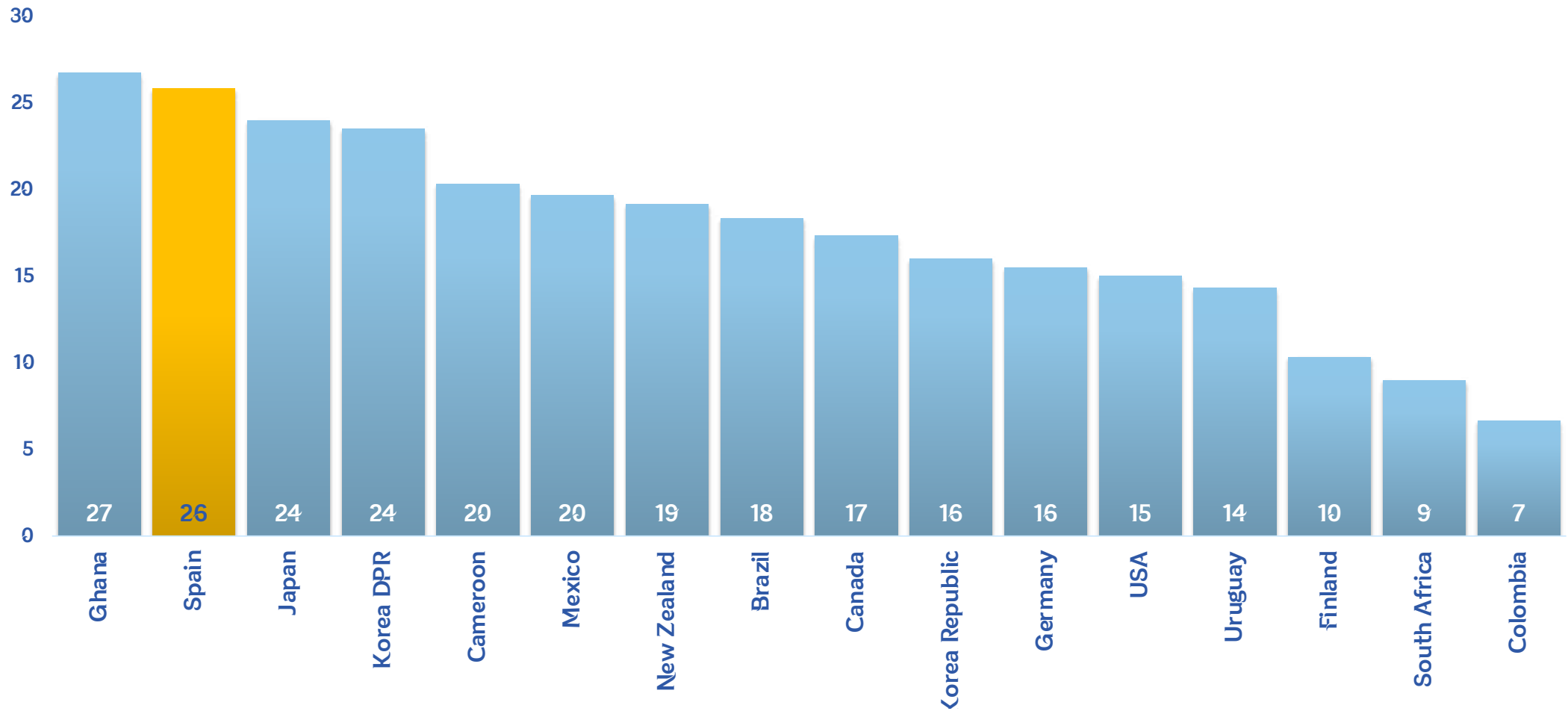
Crossing success %

Tournament average 22%

🟨 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup winners

Team	%
Ghana	36%
South Africa	30%
Brazil	29%
Korea Republic	25%
USA	24%
New Zealand	24%
Mexico	23%
Korea DPR	22%
Canada	21%
Uruguay	21%
Spain	21%
Colombia	20%
Germany	19%
Cameroon	16%
Finland	13%
Japan	13%
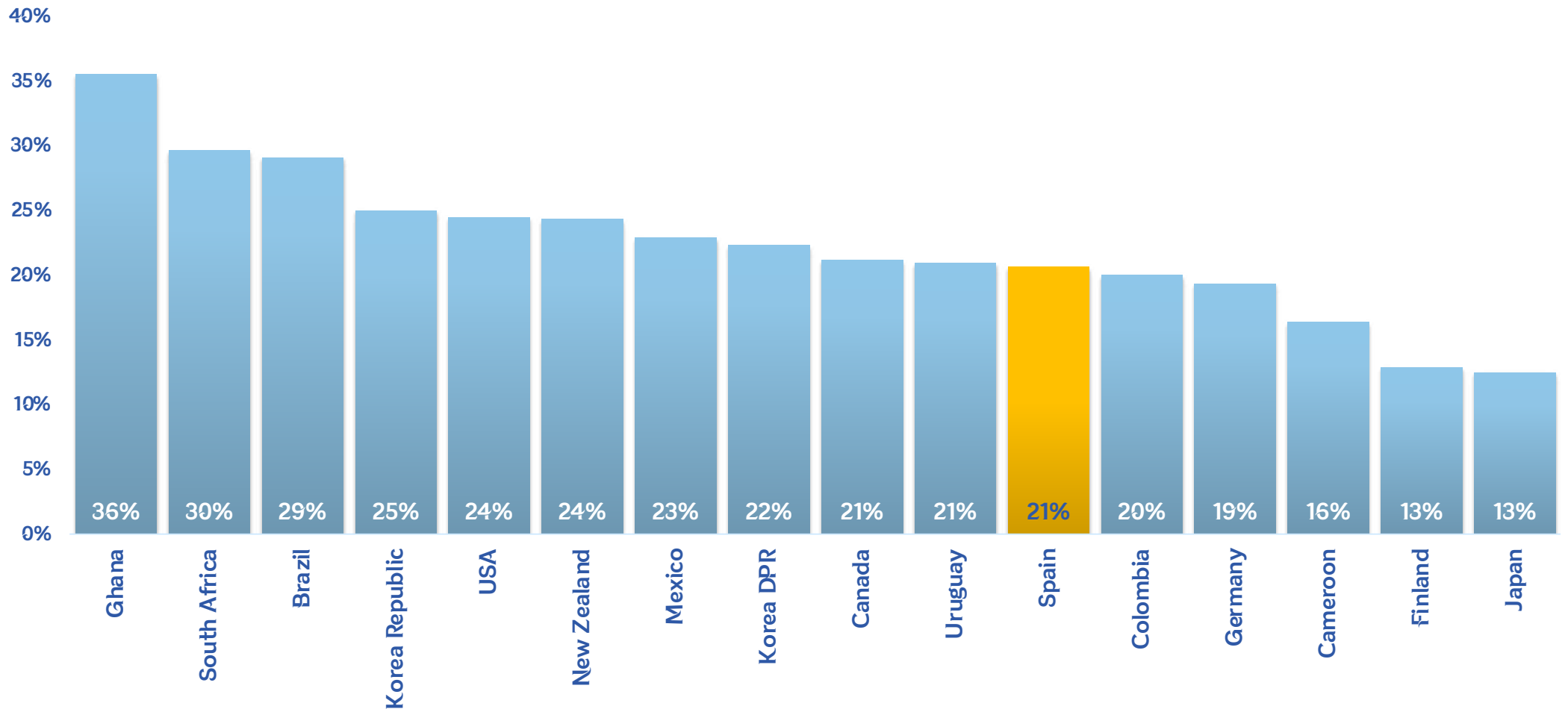
Final-third entries

Tournament average 56

■ FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup winners

Korea DPR	Japan	USA	Ghana	Spain	Cameroon	Mexico	Germany	Brazil	Finland	Korea Republic	New Zealand	Colombia	Uruguay	Canada	South Africa
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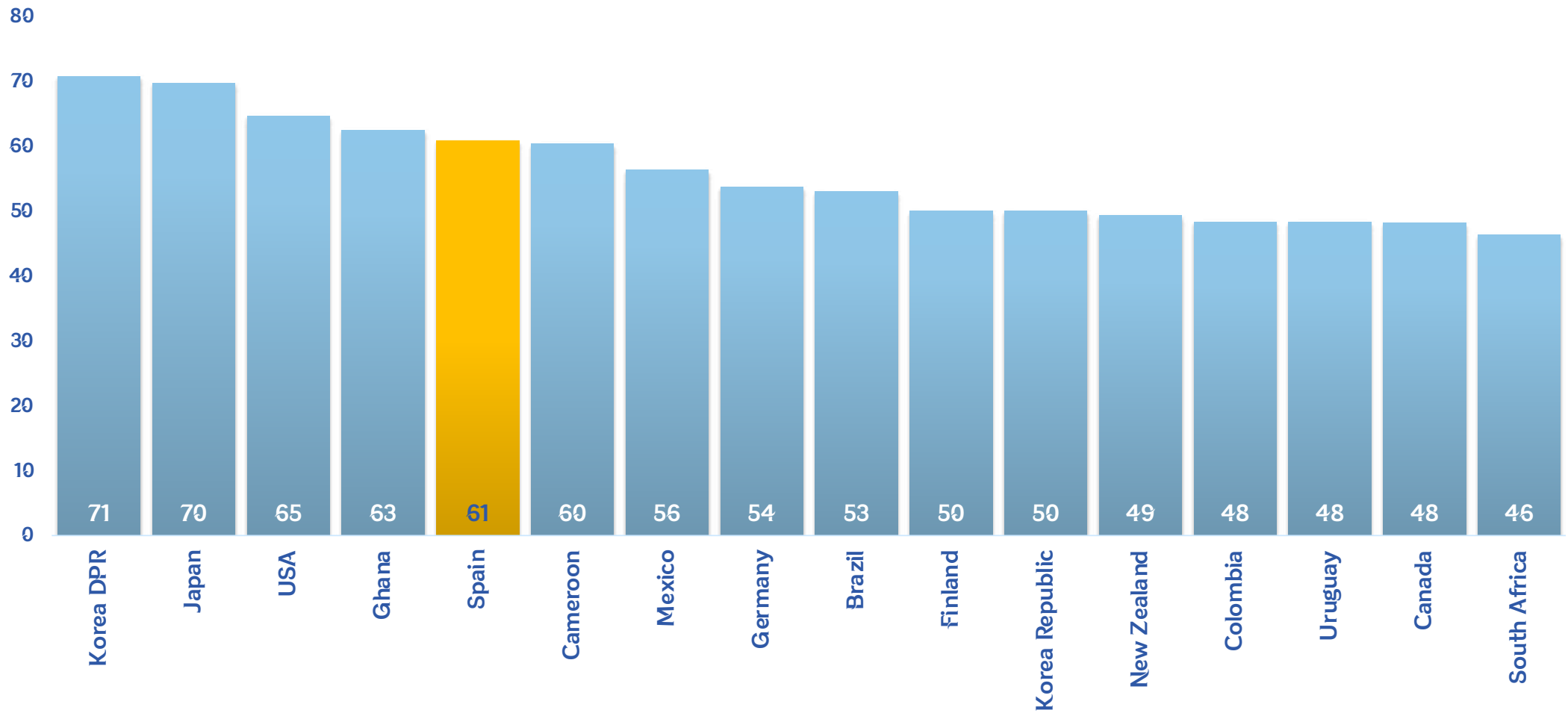
Penalty-area entries

Tournament average 31

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup winners

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Ghana	Spain	Japan	Cameroon	Korea DPR	New Zealand	USA	Korea Republic	Canada	Mexico	Uruguay	Germany	Brazil	South Africa	Finland	Colombia
41	40	37	37	35	32	28	28	28	28	27	27	26	25	20	20
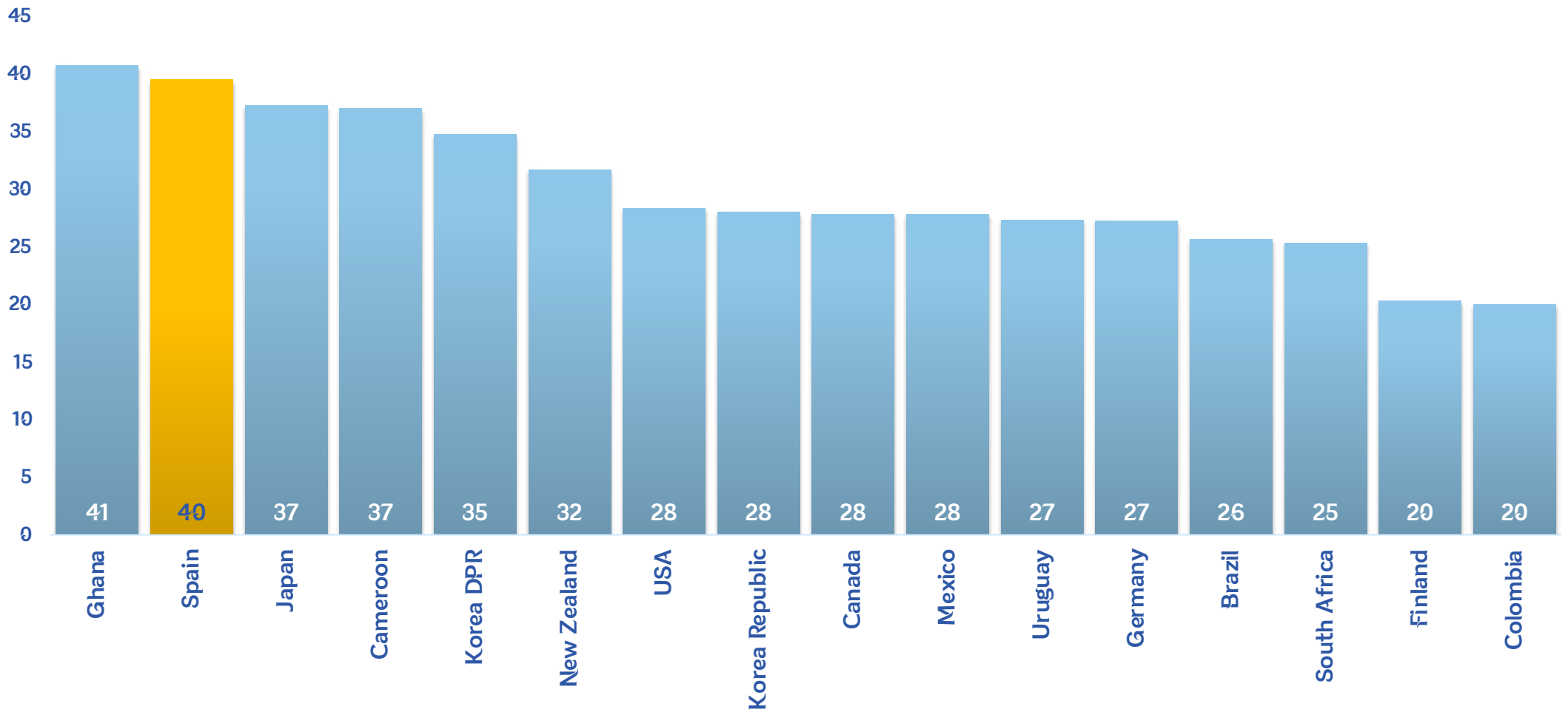
Shots per match

Tournament average 13

🟧 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup winners

Team	Shots per match
Ghana	22.8
Spain	18.8
Korea DPR	16.0
USA	15.0
Mexico	12.8
Brazil	12.7
Germany	12.3
Uruguay	11.3
Cameroon	11.0
Japan	11.0
Canada	10.7
Korea Republic	10.7
New Zealand	10.3
South Africa	10.3
Colombia	8.7
Finland	8.7
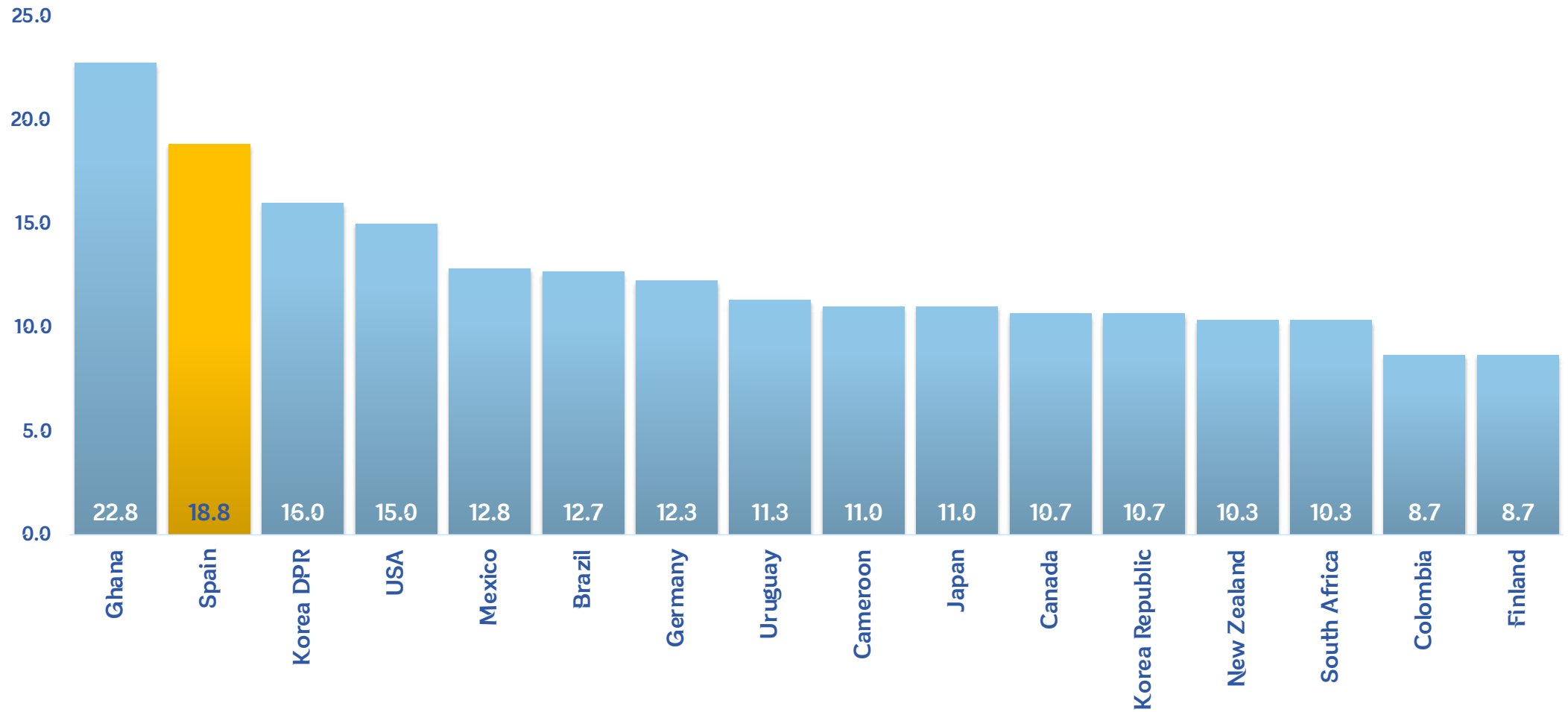
Shots on target per match

Tournament average 4.7

■ FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup winners

Ghana	Brazil	Korea DPR	USA	Spain	Japan	Germany	New Zealand	Cameroon	Colombia	Korea Republic	Canada	Finland	Mexico	Uruguay	South Africa
7.8	7.0	7.0	6.0	5.7	5.3	5.0	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.3
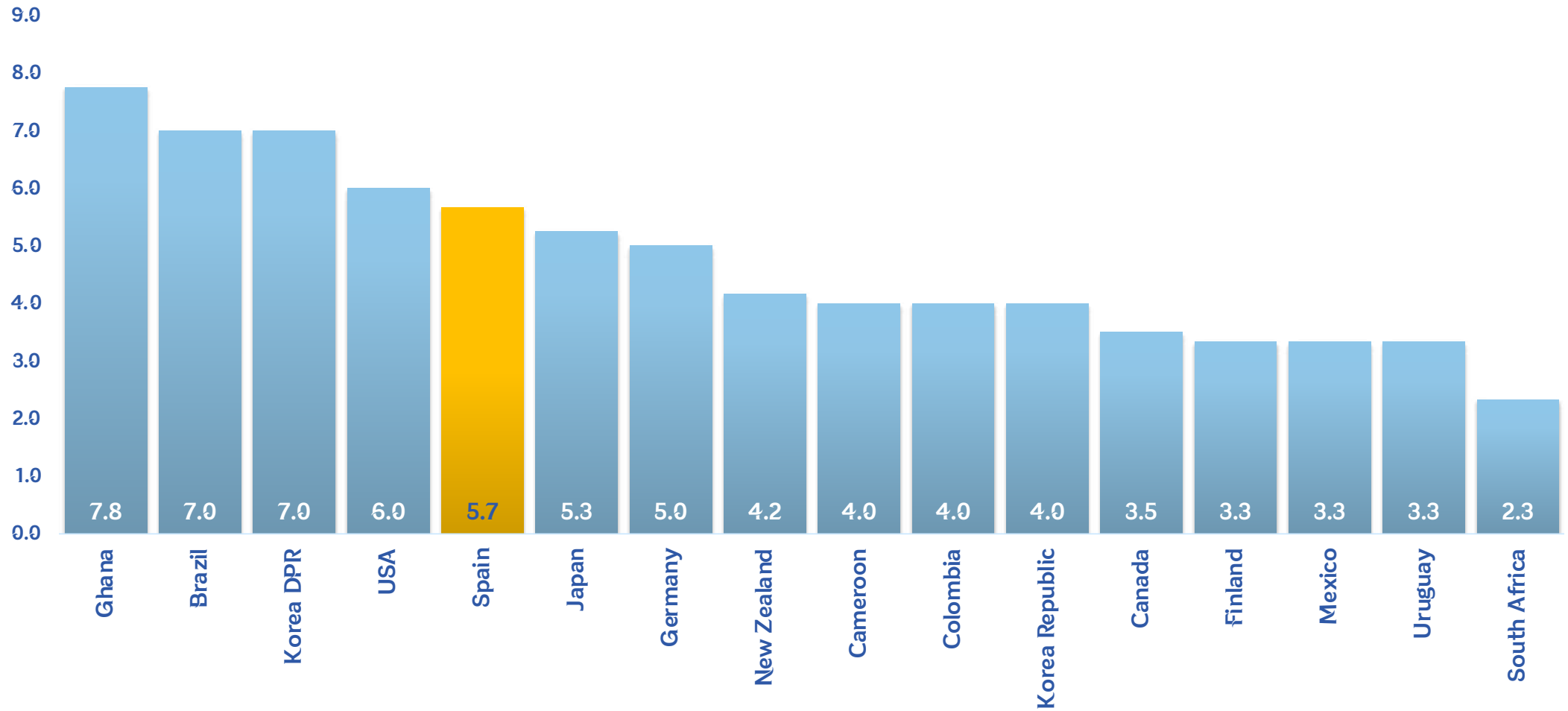
Shots inside/outside penalty area

Tournament average outside 5.9

Tournament average inside 6.8

■ FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup winners

■ Inside ■ Outside

	Inside	Outside
Ghana	11.5	11.3
Spain	9.8	9.0
Korea DPR	8.8	7.3
USA	10.3	4.7
Mexico	6.7	6.2
Brazil	8.3	4.3
Germany	6.0	6.3
Uruguay	4.7	6.7
Cameroon	6.3	4.7
Japan	5.8	5.3
Korea Republic	5.7	5.0
Canada	4.8	5.8
New Zealand	5.7	4.7
South Africa	5.0	5.3
Colombia	4.3	4.3
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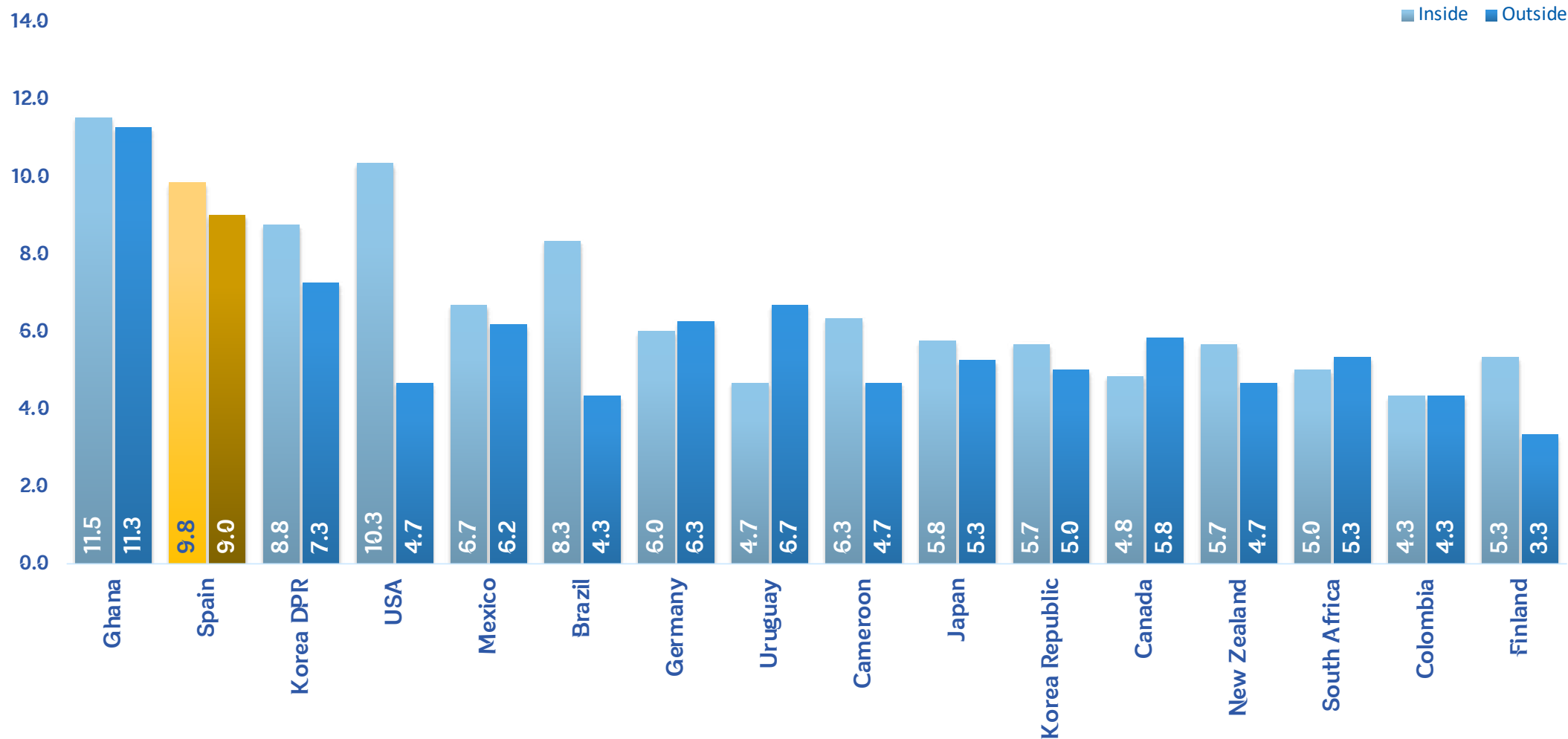
Shots per goal

Tournament average 13.4

🟨 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup winners

Japan	Germany	Spain	Ghana	Canada	Korea DPR	Brazil	New Zealand	Mexico	Colombia	Finland	USA	Cameroon	Uruguay	South Africa	Korea Republic
5.5	6.1	7.5	7.6	9.1	9.1	9.5	10.3	12.8	13.0	13.0	15.0	16.5	17.0	31.0	32.0
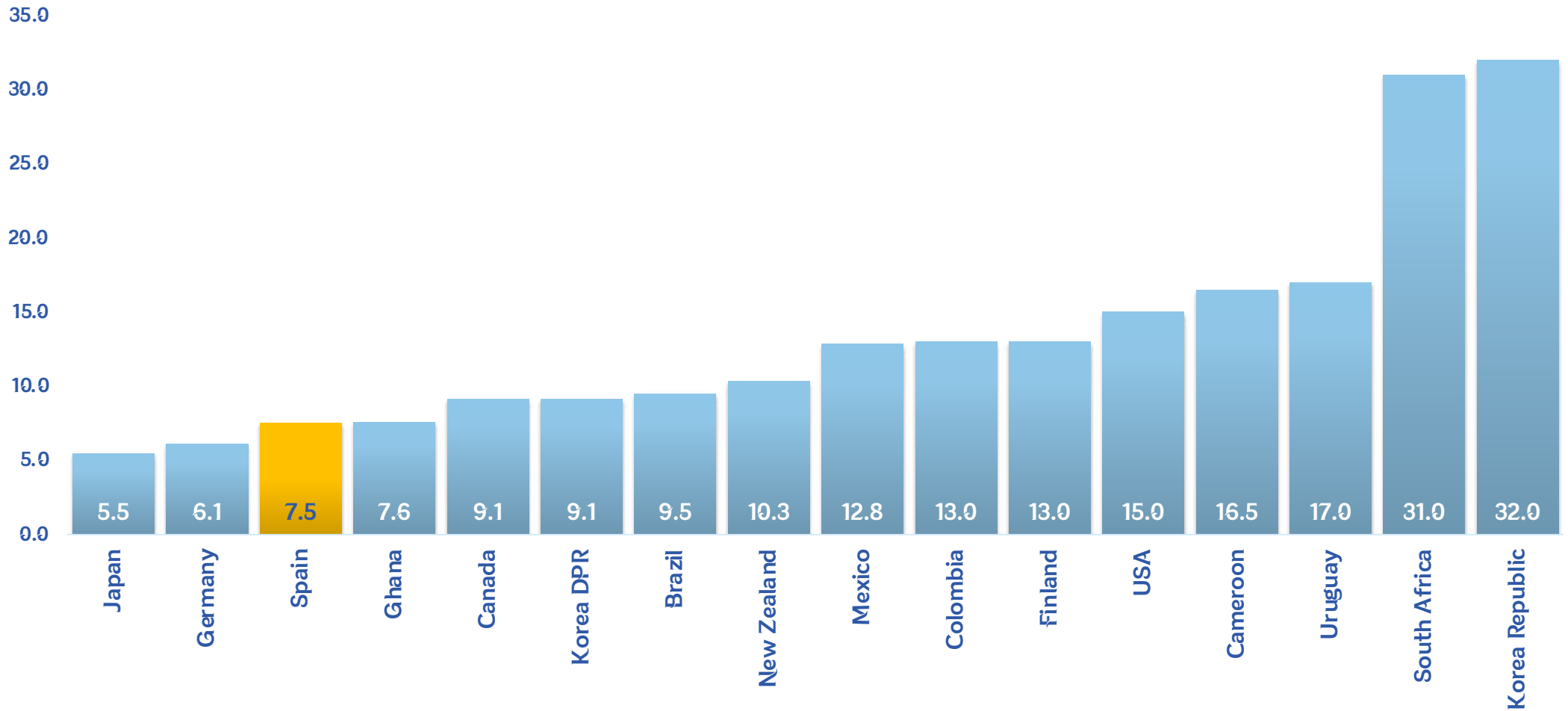
Shots on target per goal

Tournament average 4.8

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Spain	Germany	Ghana	Japan	Canada	Mexico	Korea DPR	New Zealand	Finland	Uruguay	Brazil	Cameroon	Colombia	USA	South Africa	Korea Republic
2.3	2.5	2.6	2.6	3.0	3.3	4.0	4.2	5.0	5.0	5.3	6.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	12.0

Goals scored (including own goals)

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Set piece goals ■ Open play goals

Team	Set piece goals	Open play goals
Spain	15	
Ghana	1	11
Germany	2	6
Japan	4	4
Canada	2	5
Korea DPR	5	2
Mexico	4	2
New Zealand	2	4
Brazil	1	3
USA	1	2
Cameroon		2
Colombia	1	1
Finland		2
Uruguay		2
Korea Republic	1	
South Africa		1

Goals inside penalty area %

Tournament average 84%

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Cameroon	Colombia	Finland	Korea Republic	South Africa	Uruguay	Ghana	Germany	Japan	Korea DPR	Mexico	New Zealand	Spain	Canada	USA	Brazil
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	92%	88%	88%	86%	83%	83%	80%	71%	67%	50%
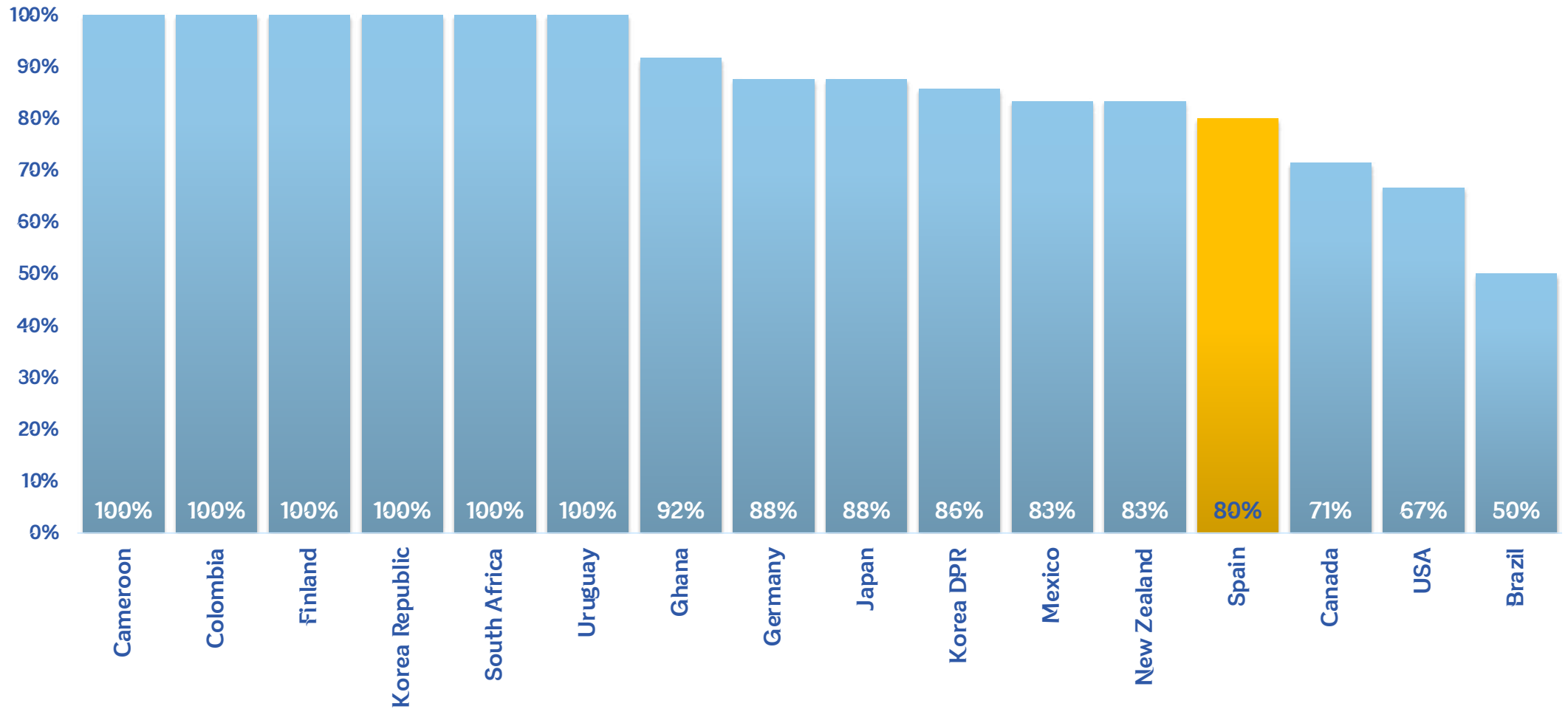
Goals outside penalty area %

Tournament average 16%

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Brazil	50%
USA	33%
Canada	29%
Spain	20%
Mexico	17%
New Zealand	17%
Korea DPR	14%
Germany	12%
Japan	12%
Ghana	8%
Cameroon	
Colombia	
Finland	
Korea Republic	
South Africa	
Uruguay	
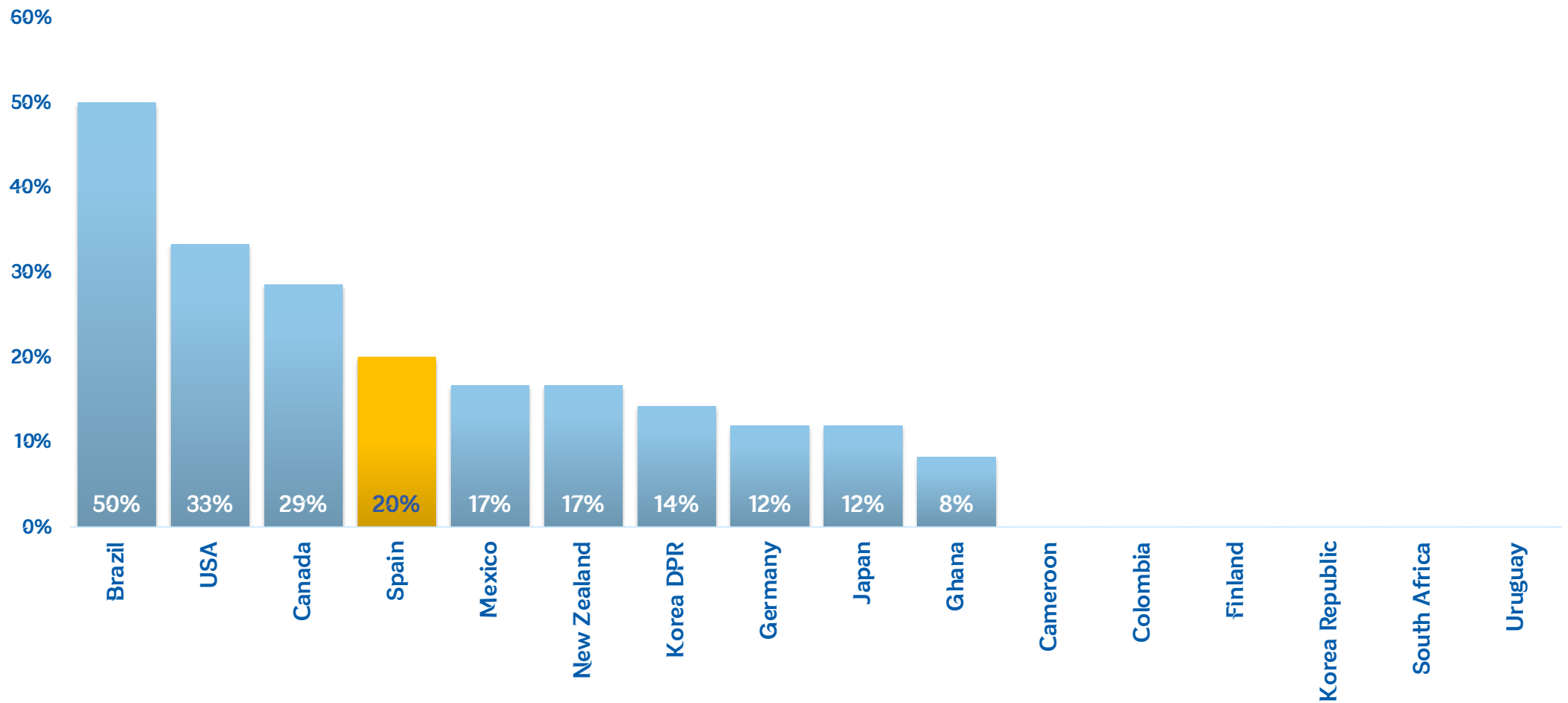
Compactness (m²) in/out of possession

Tournament average out of possession 529
Tournament average in possession 725

■ FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup winners

■ In possession compactness ■ Out of possession compactness

	Spain	Finland	Ghana	Canada	Brazil	Germany	Japan	Mexico	Korea Republic	Korea DPR	Colombia	New Zealand	USA	Uruguay	Cameroon	South Africa
In possession	960	948	940	879	848	768	758	755	755	665	643	567	555	548	538	477
Out of possession	559	525	723	541	524	491	508	512	510	538	601	557	381	566	492	441
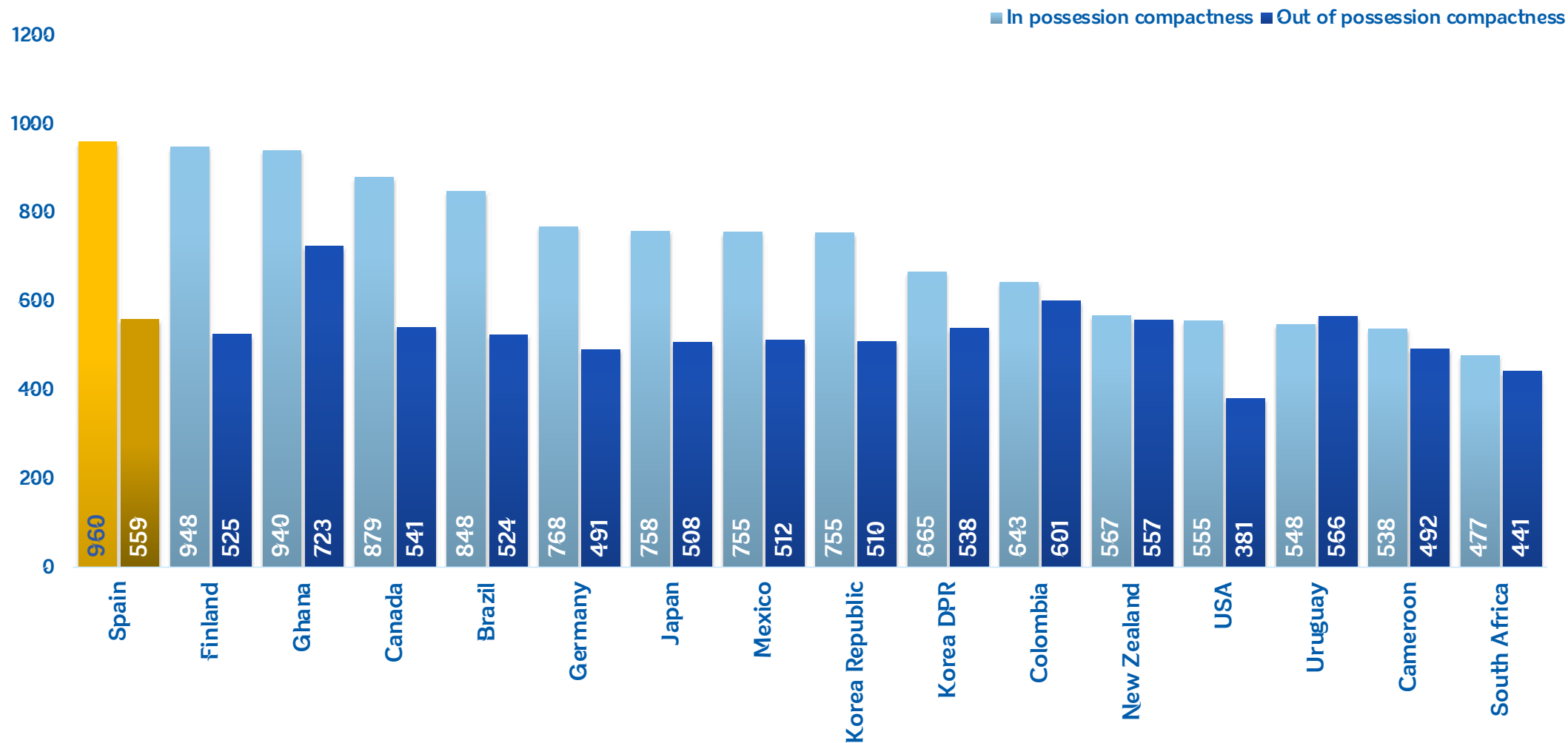
Team width (m) in/out of possession

Tournament average out of possession 29
Tournament average in possession 35

■ FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup winners

■ In possession ■ Out of possession

	Finland	Spain	Ghana	Germany	Canada	Japan	Brazil	Korea Republic	Mexico	USA	Korea DPR	Colombia	Cameroon	Uruguay	South Africa	New Zealand
In possession	44	42	41	40	39	38	38	37	36	33	32	31	29	29	27	27
Out of possession	28	28	34	30	30	30	30	28	31	25	29	30	30	30	25	29
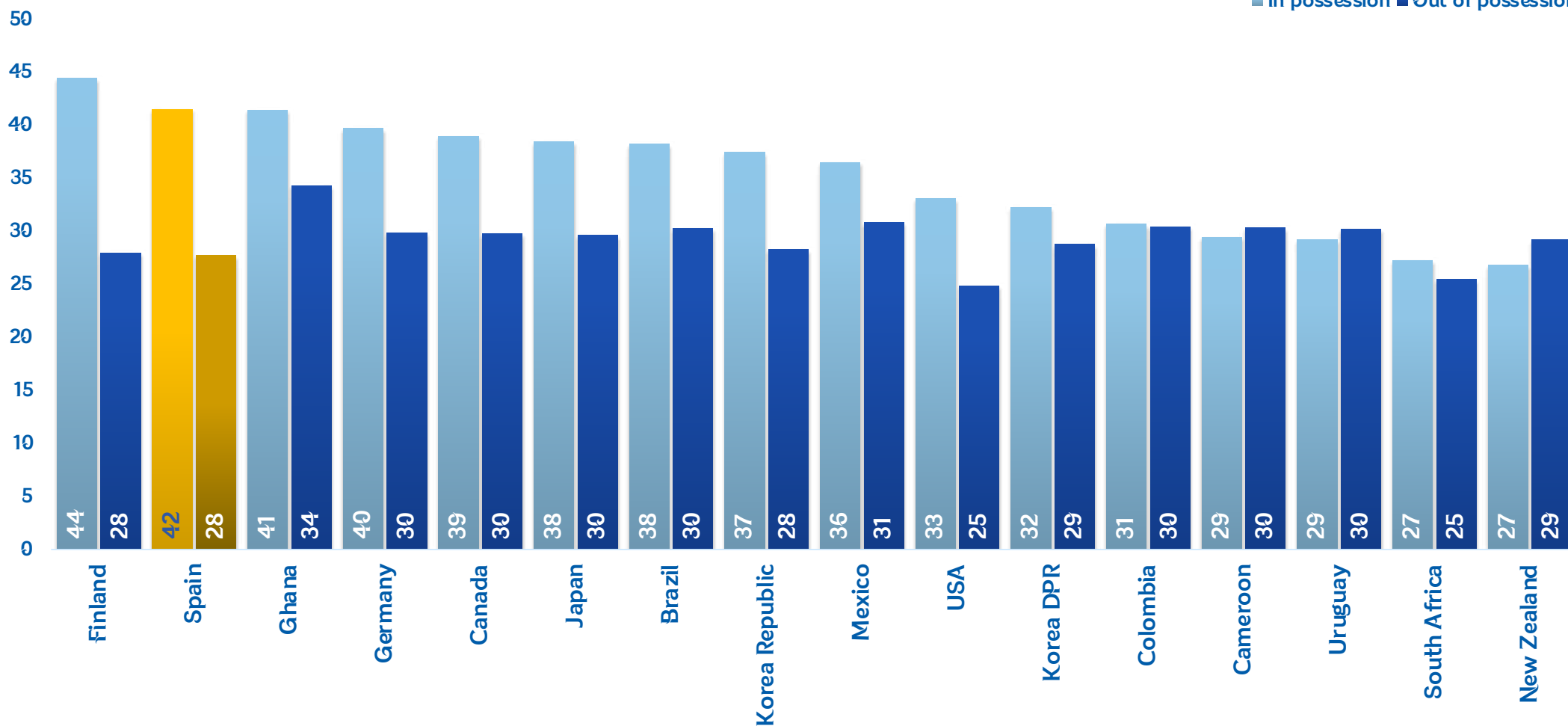
Team length (m) in/out of possession

Tournament average out of possession 28
Tournament average in possession 30

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup winners

In possession ■ Out of possession

Team	In possession	Out of possession
Finland	35	30
Colombia	34	33
Canada	31	26
Ghana	31	31
Brazil	31	26
Uruguay	30	31
Mexico	30	26
Spain	30	28
Cameroon	30	28
South Africa	29	30
Germany	29	26
Japan	28	25
Korea DPR	28	26
USA	28	27
Korea Republic	27	24
New Zealand	27	26
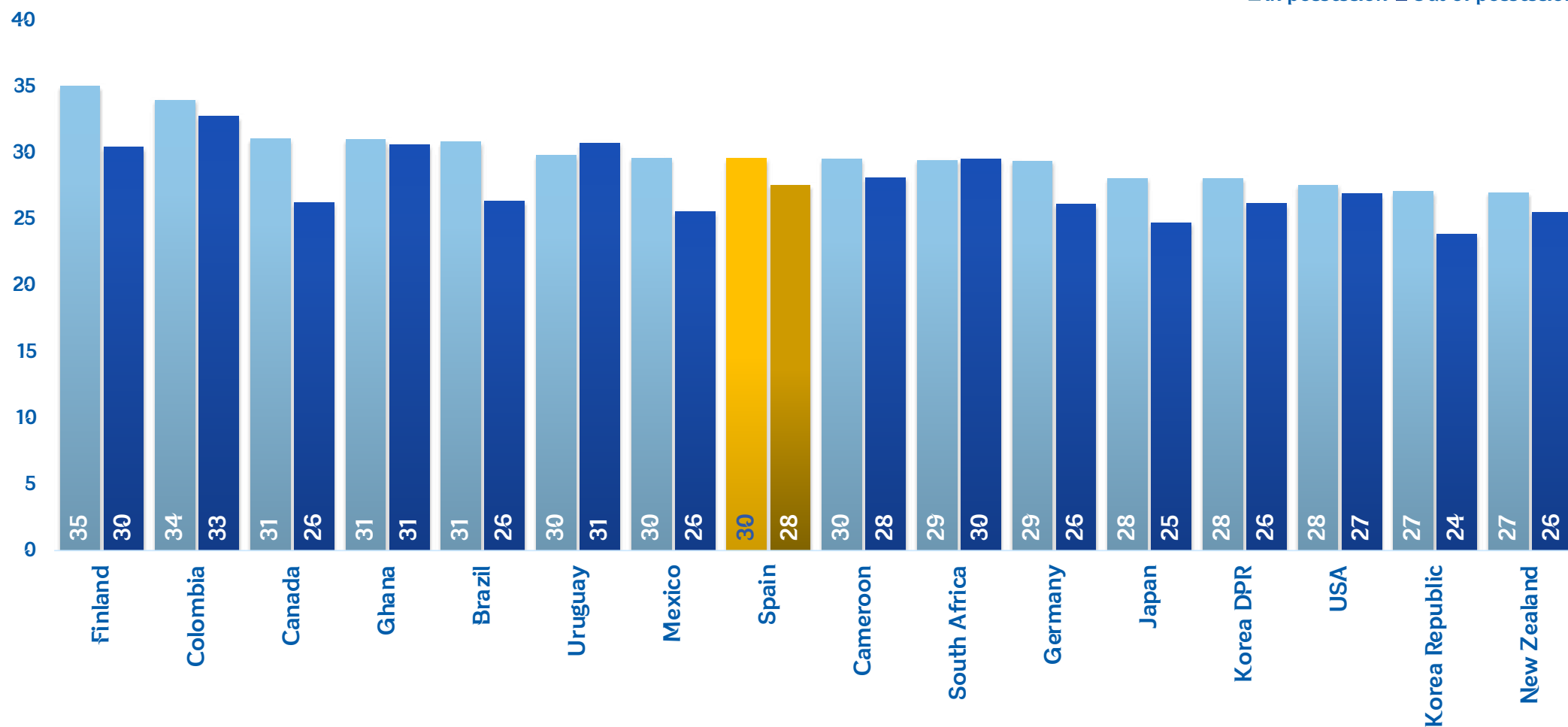
Depth of last defender (m) in/out of possession

Tournament average out of possession 37

Tournament average in possession 35

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup winners

Legend: In possession · Out of possession

	Japan	Spain	Ghana	Korea DPR	Cameroon	USA	New Zealand	Korea Republic	Uruguay	Mexico	Brazil	Germany	South Africa	Canada	Colombia	Finland
In possession	41	38	38	37	37	37	36	35	35	34	34	33	33	32	31	31
Out of possession	42	42	38	37	39	39	37	40	36	38	35	36	34	38	32	34

Total distance covered (km)

Tournament average 103.8

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Country	Distance
New Zealand	111.5
Canada	108.1
Mexico	107.2
USA	107.1
Japan	106.7
Ghana	106.6
Finland	106.4
Korea Republic	104.8
Korea DPR	104.6
Germany	104.2
Brazil	102.2
Spain	101.4
South Africa	95.0
Colombia	94.5
Cameroon	93.7
Uruguay	91.3

Distance covered (m) above 19km/h

Tournament average 5,113

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Country	Distance
USA	6,083
New Zealand	6,067
Ghana	5,846
Korea Republic	5,624
Cameroon	5,233
Finland	5,209
Korea DPR	5,162
Spain	5,135
Mexico	4,965
Canada	4,939
Germany	4,883
Colombia	4,723
Brazil	4,599
Japan	4,321
Uruguay	4,271
South Africa	4,182

Distance covered (m) above 23km/h

Tournament average 1,253

🟨 **FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup winners**
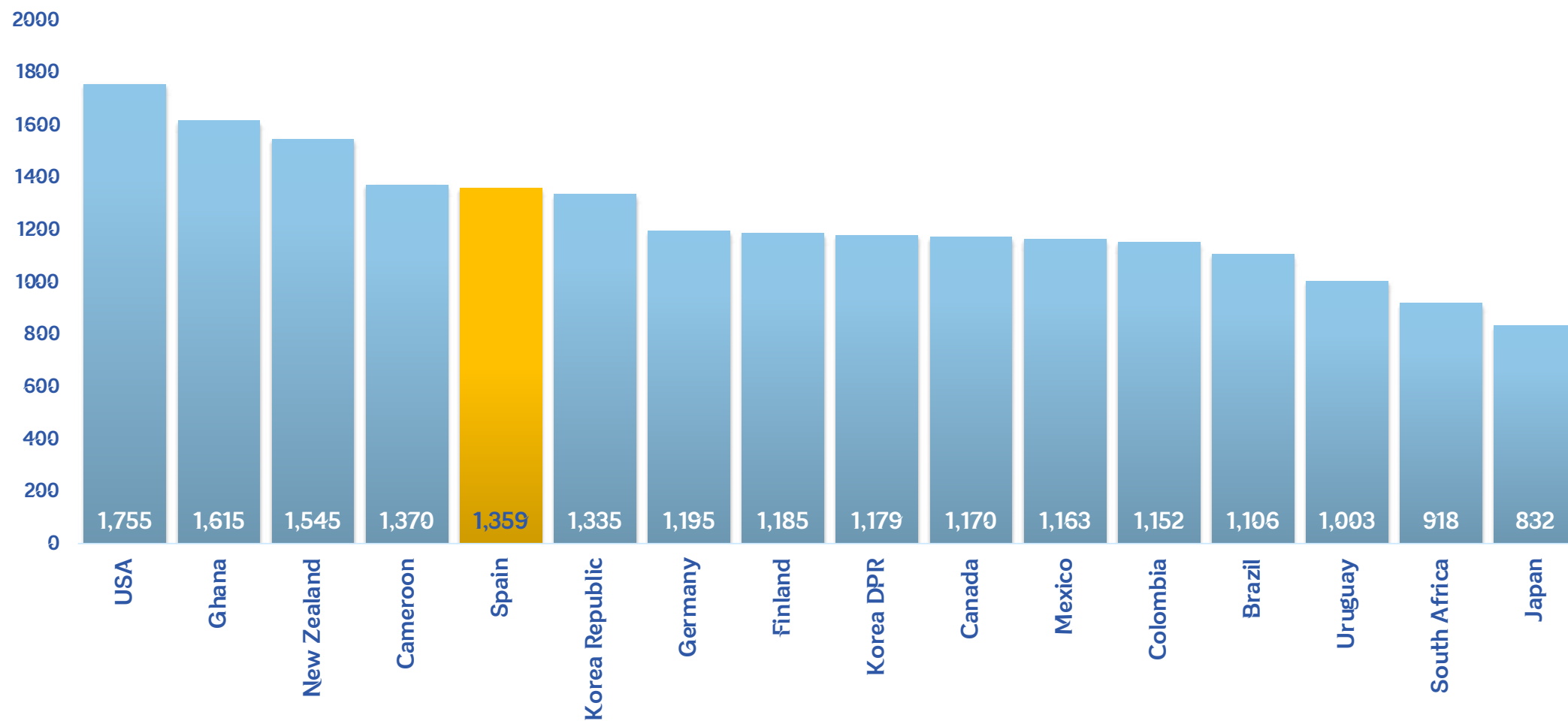
Country	Value
USA	1,755
Ghana	1,615
New Zealand	1,545
Cameroon	1,370
Spain	1,359
Korea Republic	1,335
Germany	1,195
Finland	1,185
Korea DPR	1,179
Canada	1,170
Mexico	1,163
Colombia	1,152
Brazil	1,106
Uruguay	1,003
South Africa	918
Japan	832

Number of activities above 23km/h

Tournament average 76

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USA	Ghana	New Zealand	Cameroon	Korea Republic	Spain	Colombia	Finland	Mexico	Germany	Korea DPR	Canada	Brazil	Uruguay	South Africa	Japan
108	99	92	82	80	78	73	73	73	73	72	71	64	64	55	52
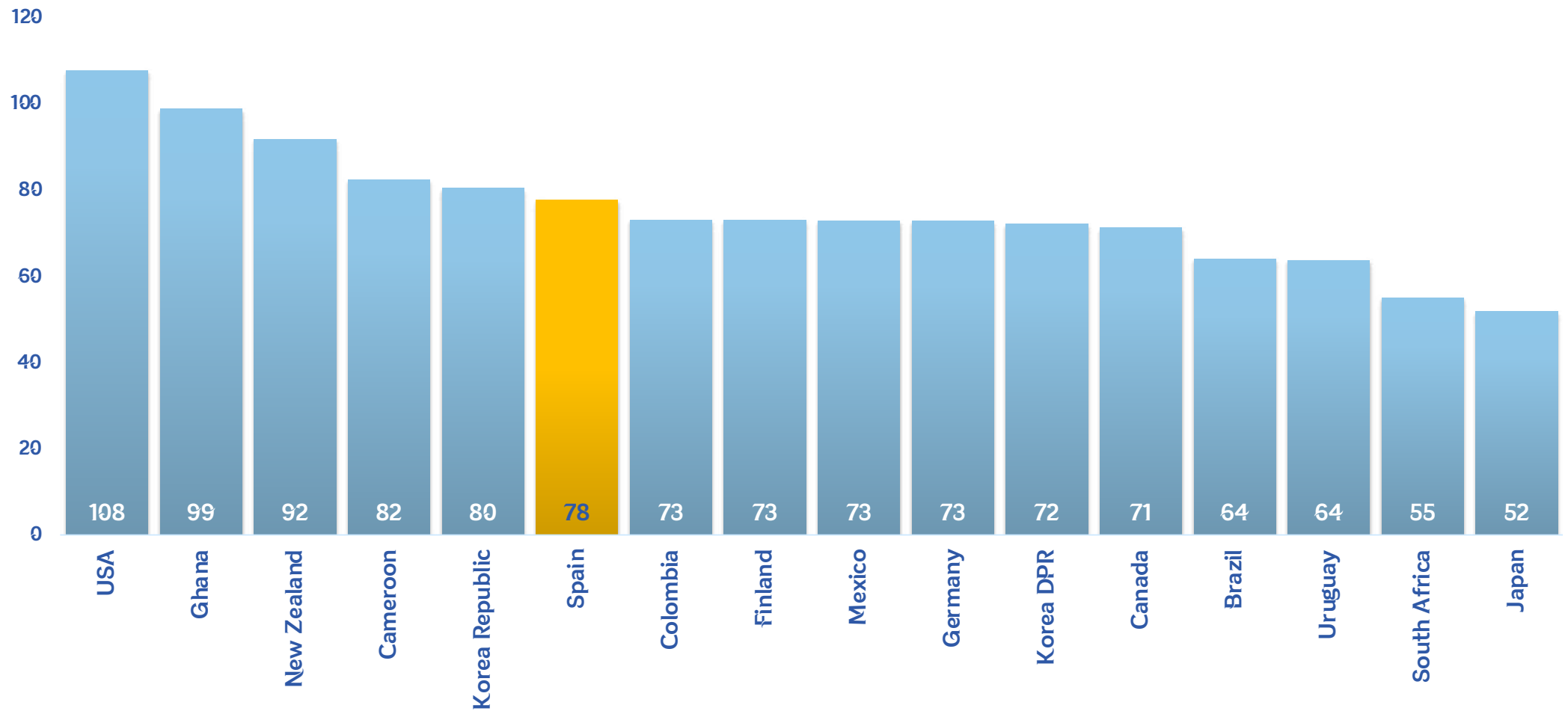
Goalkeeper passes

Tournament average 30

■ FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup winners

Player	Passes
Emma Immonen (FIN)	63
Anna Koivunen (FIN)	59
Wiebke Willebrandt (GER)	52
Kim Sujeong (KOR)	45
Kayza Massey (CAN)	40
Angelina Anderson (USA)	35
Catalina Coll (ESP)	35
Kang Jiyeon (KOR)	34
Mayara (BRA)	32
Jaidy Gutiérrez (MEX)	31
Anna Karpenko (CAN)	29
Anna Leat (NZL)	28
Grace Buoadu (GHA)	26
Kay-Dee Windvogel (RSA)	25
Shu Ohba (JPN)	23
Olga Ngo Esse (CMR)	21
Yu Son Gum (PRK)	17
Michell Lugo (COL)	14
Agustina Caraballo (URU)	12
Christemilie Onomo (CMR)	10
Jennifer Sosa (URU)	10

Goalkeeper pass length

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup winners

■ Short (<17m) ■ Medium (17-34m) ■ Long (>34m)

Player	Short	Medium	Long
Emma Immonen (FIN)	18	35	10
Anna Koivunen (FIN)	23	30	7
Wiebke Willebrandt (GER)	12	25	15
Kim Sujeong (KOR)	8	24	13
Kayza Massey (CAN)	15	14	11
Angelina Anderson (USA)	7	16	12
Catalina Coll (ESP)	10	17	8
Kang Jiyeon (KOR)	8	18	9
Mayara (BRA)	10	16	6
Jaidy Gutierrez (MEX)	6	15	10
Anna Karpenko (CAN)	8	11	10
Anna Leat (NZL)	1	2	26
Grace Buoadu (GHA)	7	10	10
Kay-Dee Windvogel (RSA)	1	8	17
Shu Ohba (JPN)	5	10	8
Olga Ngo Esse (CMR)	1	7	14
Yu Son Gum (PRK)	1	4	12
Michell Lugo (COL)	0	2	12
Agustina Caraballo (URU)	1	6	6
Christemilie Onomo (CMR)	1	2	7
Jennifer Sosa (URU)	0	3	7

Goalkeeper saves

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■ Shots on target against ■ Saves ■ Goals conceded

Player	Shots on target against	Saves	Goals conceded
Kay-Dee Windvogel (RSA)	31	20	10
Anna Leat (NZL)	27	20	7
Angelina Anderson (USA)	22	12	7
Yu Son Gum (PRK)	21	13	6
Wiebke Willebrandt (GER)	20	15	3
Catalina Coll (ESP)	15	12	3
Jaidy Gutierrez (MEX)	15	9	5
Michell Lugo (COL)	15	8	5
Olga Ngo Esse (CMR)	15	12	2
Anna Karpenko (CAN)	14	11	3
Anna Koivunen (FIN)	14	9	4
Grace Buoadu (GHA)	13	9	3
Mayara (BRA)	12	9	2
Kang Jiyeon (KOR)	10	3	6
Shu Ohba (JPN)	10	5	2
Agustina Caraballo (URU)	9	6	3
Kayza Massey (CAN)	7	2	5
Kim Sujeong (KOR)	7	6	1
Emma Immonen (FIN)	5	4	1
Jennifer Sosa (URU)	4	2	2
Christemilie Onomo (CMR)	3	2	1

FIFA AWARDS

ADIDAS GOLDEN BALL

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.

ADIDAS SILVER BALL:
Nicole Perez (MEX, 8)

ADIDAS GOLDEN BALL:
Claudia Pina (ESP, 10)

ADIDAS BRONZE BALL:
Mukarama Abdulai (GHA, 8)

ADIDAS GOLDEN BOOT

Mukarama Abdulai (GHA, 8)

ADIDAS SILVER BOOT:
Claudia Pina (ESP, 10)

ADIDAS BRONZE BOOT:
Irene Lopez (ESP, 6)

This award is given to the top goalscorer of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup Uruguay 2018. Assists are included if two or more players are equal on goals scored. The FIFA Technical Study Group decides whether an assist is to be counted. If two or more players remain equal, the player who played fewer minutes in the final competition is ranked first.

ADIDAS GOLDEN GLOVE

The top goalkeeper award at the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup Uruguay 2018 is given by the FIFA Technical Study Group based on performances throughout the final competition.

Catalina Coll (ESP, 13)

FIFA FAIR PLAY TROPHY

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

Data provided by FIFA.

Uruguay v. Ghana ▶ 0-5 (0-2)

1   13.11.2018   19:00   MONTEVIDEO   9,657

URU: 1 SOSA; 2 OLIVERA (C), 3 RAMONDEGUI, 8 LARREA, 9 GOMEZ Cecilia, 11 PIZARRO, 15 BERMUDEZ, 16 VIERA, 17 PAZOS, 19 DOMINGUEZ, 21 AQUINO

GHA: 1 BUOADU; 4 TWENEBOAA, 5 OPPONG, 6 OWUSU, 8 ABDULAI (C), 10 MUMUNI, 12 NORSHIE, 13 BUGRE, 14 OWUSU, 17 SEKYERE, 19 ANIMAH

Player of the Match: Mukarama Abdulai (GHA)

Scorers:	0-1 20' MUMUNI (10), 0-2 25' ABDULAI (8), 0-3 66' POKUAA (3), 0-4 78' ABDULAI (8), 0-5 90'+1 ABDULAI (8)
Referee:	Lucila VENEGAS (MEX)
Assistant referees:	Mayte CHAVEZ (MEX), Enedina CAUDILLO (MEX)
4th official:	Marie-Soleil BEAUDOIN (CAN)
Substitutions:	*URU:* 29' out PAZOS (17), in COSTA (20), 36' out SOSA (1), in CARABALLO (13), 55' out LARREA (8), in MORALES (5)
	GHA: 39' out MUMUNI (10), in POKUAA (3), 65' out OWUSU (14), in TEYE (7)
Cautions:	*GHA:* 27' SEKYERE (17)
Expulsions:	–

New Zealand v. Finland ▶ 1-0 (1-0)

2   13.11.2018   16:00   MONTEVIDEO   1,385

NZL: 1 LEAT; 2 BARRY, 3 MACKAY-WRIGHT, 4 MITTENDORFF (C), 5 VAN DER MEER, 6 FRASER, 7 RENNIE, 8 ABBOTT, 9 JENKINS, 10 WISNEWSKI, 11 BROWN

FIN: 12 KOIVUNEN; 2 TYNNILA, 3 TOPRA, 4 JUVONEN, 6 YANG, 8 SIREN, 10 ENKKILA (C), 13 SIREN, 14 VUORINEN, 15 HUHTA, 18 KOSOLA

Player of the Match: Aneka Mittendorff (NZL)

Scorers:	1-0 41' BROWN (11)
Referee:	Yoshimi YAMASHITA (JPN)
Assistant referees:	Naomi TESHIROGI (JPN), Makoto BOZONO (JPN)
4th official:	Marie-Soleil BEAUDOIN (CAN)
Substitutions:	*NZL:* 64' out FRASER (6), in HAHN (16), 78' out RENNIE (7), in CUNNINGHAM-LEE (13), 84' out BROWN (11), in MAYNARD (19)
	FIN: 46' HT out TOPRA (3), in KANTANEN (11), 64' out SIREN (8), in KOIVISTO (17), 77' out VUORINEN (14), in LESKINEN (20)
Cautions:	*NZL:* 75' JENKINS (9)
Expulsions:	–

Uruguay v. New Zealand ▶ 1-2 (1-2)

9 16.11.2018   19:00   MONTEVIDEO   4,619

URU: 13 CARABALLO; 2 OLIVERA (C), 3 RAMONDEGUI, 5 MORALES, 6 LOPEZ, 9 GOMEZ Cecilia, 11 PIZARRO, 14 FERRADANS, 15 BERMUDEZ, 19 DOMINGUEZ, 21 AQUINO

NZL: 1 LEAT; 2 BARRY, 3 MACKAY-WRIGHT, 4 MITTENDORFF (C), 5 VAN DER MEER, 6 FRASER, 7 RENNIE, 8 ABBOTT, 9 JENKINS, 10 WISNEWSKI, 11 BROWN

Player of the Match: Grace Wisnewski (NZL)

Scorers:	1-0 8' AQUINO (21), 1-1 26' WISNEWSKI (10), 1-2 36' BROWN (11)
Referee:	Salima MUKANSANGA (RWA)
Assistant referees:	Fanta KONE (MLI), Bielignin SOME (BFA)
4th official:	Yoshimi YAMASHITA (JPN)
Substitutions:	*URU:* 66' out AQUINO (21), in MORALES (10), 77' out GOMEZ Cecilia (9), in GOMEZ Angela (7), 82' out DOMINGUEZ (19), in GONZALEZ (4)
	NZL: 74' out FRASER (6), in LUXTON (18), 83' out RENNIE (7), in PRATT (17), 90'+2 out JENKINS (9), in HAHN (16)
Cautions:	*URU:* 73' OLIVERA (2)
	NZL: 34' MACKAY-WRIGHT (3), 48' FRASER (6)
Expulsions:	–

Finland v. Ghana ▶ 1-3 (0-2)

10   16.11.2018   16:00   MONTEVIDEO   858

FIN: 12 KOIVUNEN; 2 TYNNILA, 4 JUVONEN, 6 YANG, 8 SIREN, 10 ENKKILA (C), 13 SIREN, 14 VUORINEN, 15 HUHTA, 18 KOSOLA, 20 LESKINEN

GHA: 1 BUOADU; 3 POKUAA, 4 TWENEBOAA, 5 OPPONG, 6 OWUSU, 8 ABDULAI (C), 12 NORSHIE, 13 BUGRE, 14 OWUSU, 17 SEKYERE, 19 ANIMAH

Player of the Match: Mukarama Abdulai (GHA)

Scorers:	0-1 6' POKUAA (3), 0-2 13' ABDULAI (8), 1-2 75' KANTANEN (11), 1-3 86' ANIMAH (19)
Referee:	Laura FORTUNATO (ARG)
Assistant referees:	Mariana DE ALMEIDA (ARG), Mary BLANCO (COL)
4th official:	Yoshimi YAMASHITA (JPN)
Substitutions:	*FIN:* 51' out LESKINEN (20), in KANTANEN (11), 73' out SIREN (13), in KOIVISTO (17), 83' out VUORINEN (14), in TOPRA (3)
	GHA: 65' out OWUSU (14), in TEYE (7), 79' out OWUSU (6), in AIDOO (18), 90'+2 out POKUAA (3), in TUTUWAA (11)
Cautions:	*FIN:* 63' YANG (6)
Expulsions:	–

Finland v. Uruguay ▶ 1-1 (0-0)

17 20.11.2018 17:00 MALDONADO 2,093

FIN:	1 IMMONEN (C); 2 TYNNILA, 4 JUVONEN, 6 YANG, 8 SIREN, 10 ENKKILA, 11 KANTANEN, 14 VUORINEN, 15 HUHTA, 17 KOIVISTO, 18 KOSOLA
URU:	13 CARABALLO; 2 OLIVERA (C), 3 RAMONDEGUI, 5 MORALES, 6 LOPEZ, 9 GOMEZ Cecilia, 11 PIZARRO, 14 FERRADANS, 15 BERMUDEZ, 19 DOMINGUEZ, 21 AQUINO

Player of the Match: Belen Aquino (URU)

Scorers:	1-0 51' VUORINEN (14), 1-1 79' PIZARRO (11)
Referee:	Ekaterina KOROLEVA (USA)
Assistant referees:	LEE Seul Gi (KOR), Sarah JONES (NZL)
4th official:	Katalin KULCSAR (HUN)
Substitutions:	FIN: 31' out JUVONEN (4), in SILVOLA (7), 63' out KANTANEN (11), in LESKINEN (20), 80' out HUHTA (15), in SIREN (13)
	URU: 60' out GOMEZ Cecilia (9), in LAURNAGA (18), 60' out MORALES (5), in GONZALEZ (4), 69' out DOMINGUEZ (19), in MORALES (10)
Cautions:	FIN: 32' KANTANEN (11), 37' SILVOLA (7), 83' KOIVISTO (17)
	URU: 47' LOPEZ (6)
Expulsions:	–

Ghana v. New Zealand ▶ 2-0 (0-0)

18 20.11.2018 17:00 MONTEVIDEO 359

GHA:	1 BUOADU; 3 POKUAA, 4 TWENEBOAA, 5 OPPONG, 6 OWUSU, 8 ABDULAI (C), 12 NORSHIE, 13 BUGRE, 14 OWUSU, 17 SEKYERE, 19 ANIMAH
NZL:	1 LEAT; 4 MITTENDORFF (C), 8 ABBOTT, 12 STEWART, 13 CUNNINGHAM-LEE, 14 STRACHAN, 15 RYAN, 16 HAHN, 17 PRATT, 18 LUXTON, 19 MAYNARD

Player of the Match: Grace Animah (GHA)

Scorers:	1-0 61' ABDULAI (8), 2-0 89' ABDULAI (8)
Referee:	Sara PERSSON (SWE)
Assistant referees:	Julia MAGNUSSON (SWE), Lisa RASHID (ENG)
4th official:	Yoshimi YAMASHITA (JPN)
Substitutions:	GHA: 54' out OWUSU (14), in TEYE (7), 55' out OWUSU (6), in MUMUNI (10), 90' out BUGRE (13), in ALHASSAN (20)
	NZL: 46' HT out MITTENDORFF (4), in VAN DER MEER (5), 56' out ABBOTT (8), in WISNEWSKI (10), 79' out PRATT (17), in RENNIE (7)
Cautions:	NZL: 75' HAHN (16)
Expulsions:	–

Newcomers Finland were welcomed onto the World Cup stage by tournament ever-presents New Zealand, who triumphed 1-0 thanks to the first goal of Uruguay 2018 from Kelli Brown. A further defeat was to follow in the Finns' second game, where they went down 3-1 to a Ghana side who had already put five past the hosts without reply – their physicality proving too much for both their opening opponents. With New Zealand also beating the host nation, their 2-0 final group defeat to Ghana was purely cosmetic, with both sides already through to the quarter-finals. Meanwhile, Finland and Uruguay both picked up their first-ever U-17 Women's World Cup point with a consolatory 1-1 draw.

Group A								
Rank	Team	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
1	**Ghana**	3	3	0	0	10	1	+9	9
2	**New Zealand**	3	2	0	1	3	3	+0	6
3	Finland	3	0	1	2	2	5	-3	1
4	Uruguay	3	0	1	2	2	8	-6	1

GROUP B

Mexico v. South Africa ▶ 0-0

3   13.11.2018   17:00   MALDONADO   592

MEX: 1 GUTIERREZ; 2 REYES, 3 SANCHEZ, 5 RIOS, 7 DIAZ, 8 PEREZ (C), 10 GONZALEZ, 11 VAZQUEZ, 14 SOTO, 17 MAULEON, 18 FLORES

RSA: 1 Kay-Dee WINDVOGEL; 2 NDULI, 3 MHLONGO, 6 HOLWENI (C), 8 WADE, 9 DANIELS, 12 MOKWENA, 13 SHAMASE Sphumelele, 18 MINNIES, 19 WARNER, 20 MAGAMA

Player of the Match: Alison Gonzalez (MEX)

Scorers:	–
Referee:	Maria CARVAJAL (CHI)
Assistant referees:	Leslie VASQUEZ (CHI), Loreto TOLOZA (CHI)
4th official:	Laura FORTUNATO (ARG)
Substitutions:	*MEX:* 66' out DIAZ (7), in ARELLANO (13), 76' out SANCHEZ (3), in ESCOBAR (16), 83' out REYES (2), in AVILEZ (21)
	RSA: 59' out MINNIES (18), in VILAKAZI (11), 83' out SHAMASE (13), in MALI (7)
Cautions:	*MEX:* 61' DIAZ (7), 67' REYES (2)
	RSA: 74' HOLWENI (6), 79' WADE (8)
Expulsions:	–

Brazil v. Japan ▶ 0-0

4   13.11.2018   14:00   MALDONADO   412

BRA: 1 MAYARA; 3 ISADORA (C), 4 VITORIA BRUNA, 6 GISSELI, 7 ISABELA, 8 VITORIA, 9 JHENIFFER, 10 AMANDA, 11 EMILY, 15 MIRIAM CRISTINA, 18 JULIA

JPN: 1 OHBA; 4 GOTO, 5 OKUMA, 6 ITO, 7 MATSUDA (C), 8 TAKIZAWA, 9 KAMIYA, 12 OSAWA, 14 YOSHIZUMI, 16 KINOSHITA, 19 MORITA

Player of the Match: Misaki Morita (JPN)

Scorers:	–
Referee:	Katalin KULCSAR (HUN)
Assistant referees:	Katalin TOROK (HUN), Lucie RATAJOVA (CZE)
4th official:	Laura FORTUNATO (ARG)
Substitutions:	*BRA:* 46' HT out JHENIFFER (9), in BRUNA (2), 61' out VITORIA (8), in MARIA LUIZA (19), 78' out VITORIA BRUNA (4), in YASMIN (13)
	JPN: 63' out OSAWA (12), in YAMAMOTO (13), 80' out KAMIYA (9), in TANAKA (11)
Cautions:	*JPN:* 9' GOTO (4)
Expulsions:	–

Mexico v. Brazil ▶ 1-0 (1-0)

11   16.11.2018   17:00   MALDONADO   677

MEX: 1 GUTIERREZ; 2 REYES, 3 SANCHEZ, 5 RIOS, 8 PEREZ (C), 9 BUSO, 10 GONZALEZ, 11 VAZQUEZ, 14 SOTO, 17 MAULEON, 18 FLORES

BRA: 1 MAYARA; 2 BRUNA, 3 ISADORA (C), 4 VITORIA BRUNA, 6 GISSELI, 7 ISABELA, 9 JHENIFFER, 11 EMILY, 15 MIRIAM CRISTINA, 18 JULIA, 19 MARIA LUIZA

Player of the Match: Nicole Perez (MEX)

Scorers:	1-0 43' BUSO (9)
Referee:	Sara PERSSON (SWE)
Assistant referees:	Julia MAGNUSSON (SWE), Lisa RASHID (ENG)
4th official:	Maria CARVAJAL (CHI)
Substitutions:	*MEX:* 69' out GONZALEZ (10), in DIAZ (7), 77' out BUSO (9), in AVILEZ (21), 90' out VAZQUEZ (11), in GRANADOS (6)
	BRA: 46' HT out EMILY (11), in JULIA BEATRIZ (17), 63' out MARIA LUIZA (19), in AMANDA (10), 83' out ISABELA (7), in THAICYANE (16)
Cautions:	*MEX:* 17' BUSO (9), 89' SOTO (14)
	BRA: 90'+2 AMANDA (10)
Expulsions:	–

Japan v. South Africa ▶ 6-0 (4-0)

12   16.11.2018   14:00   MALDONADO   392

JPN: 1 OHBA; 2 TOMIOKA, 3 NAGAE, 6 ITO (C), 10 NAKAO, 11 TANAKA, 12 OSAWA, 13 YAMAMOTO, 14 YOSHIZUMI, 15 NISHINO, 16 KINOSHITA

RSA: 1 Kay-Dee WINDVOGEL; 3 MHLONGO, 4 NGUBANE, 6 HOLWENI (C), 8 WADE, 9 DANIELS, 10 DHLAMINI, 11 VILAKAZI, 12 MOKWENA, 13 SHAMASE Sphumelele, 14 SHAMASE Thubelihle

Player of the Match: Haruka Osawa (JPN)

Scorers:	1-0 4' OSAWA (12), 2-0 23' OSAWA (12), 3-0 37' TANAKA (11, pen.), 4-0 41' ITO (6), 5-0 55' ITO (6, pen.), 6-0 90'+1 YAMAMOTO (13)
Referee:	Marie-Soleil BEAUDOIN (CAN)
Assistant referees:	Princess BROWN (JAM), Stephanie-Dale YEE SING (JAM)
4th official:	Maria CARVAJAL (CHI)
Substitutions:	*JPN:* 46' HT out OSAWA (12), in ISHIDA (20), 61' out ITO (6), in IWAI (17), 76' out OHBA (1), in ITO (21)
	RSA: 62' out SHAMASE Sphumelele (13), in WARNER (19), 77' out SHAMASE Thubelihle (14), in MINNIES (18)
Cautions:	–
Expulsions:	–

Japan v. Mexico ▶ 1-1 (1-0)

19 20.11.2018 14:00 **MALDONADO** 572

JPN: 1 OHBA; 3 NAGAE, 4 GOTO, 6 ITO, 7 MATSUDA (C), 9 KAMIYA, 10 NAKAO, 11 TANAKA, 14 YOSHIZUMI, 16 KINOSHITA, 19 MORITA

MEX: 1 GUTIERREZ; 2 REYES, 3 SANCHEZ, 5 RIOS, 8 PEREZ (C), 9 BUSO, 10 GONZALEZ, 11 VAZQUEZ, 14 SOTO, 17 MAULEON, 18 FLORES

Player of the Match: Momoka Kinoshita (JPN)

Scorers:	1-0 40' KINOSHITA (16), 1-1 63' GONZALEZ (10)
Referee:	Salima MUKANSANGA (RWA)
Assistant referees:	Fanta KONE (MLI), Bielignin SOME (BFA)
4th official:	Katalin KULCSAR (HUN)
Substitutions:	JPN: 46' HT out MATSUDA (7), in TAKIZAWA (8), 61' out ITO (6), in TOMIOKA (2), 90' out KAMIYA (9), in OSAWA (12)
	MEX: 58' out FLORES (18), in GRANADOS (6), 62' out BUSO (9), in DIAZ (7), 86' out GONZALEZ (10), in AVILEZ (21)
Cautions:	MEX: 28' FLORES (18), 42' REYES (2)
Expulsions:	–

South Africa v. Brazil ▶ 1-4 (0-0)

20 20.11.2018 14:00 **MONTEVIDEO** 188

RSA: 1 Kay-Dee WINDVOGEL; 3 MHLONGO, 6 HOLWENI (C), 7 MALI, 8 WADE, 9 DANIELS, 10 DHLAMINI, 11 VILAKAZI, 12 MOKWENA, 14 SHAMASE Thubelihle, 18 MINNIES

BRA: 1 MAYARA; 2 BRUNA, 3 ISADORA (C), 4 VITORIA BRUNA, 5 MARIA EDUARDA, 6 GISSELI, 7 ISABELA, 9 JHENIFFER, 15 MIRIAM CRISTINA, 17 JULIA BEATRIZ, 18 JULIA

Player of the Match: Maria Eduarda (BRA)

Scorers:	0-1 50' JHENIFFER (9), 0-2 51' JULIA (18, pen.), 1-2 53' VILAKAZI (11), 1-3 54' AMANDA (10), 1-4 60' MARIA EDUARDA (5)
Referee:	Riem HUSSEIN (GER)
Assistant referees:	Kylie COCKBURN (SCO), Mihaela TEPUSA (ROU)
4th official:	Yoshimi YAMASHITA (JPN)
Substitutions:	RSA: 46' HT out MALI (7), in WARNER (19), 61' out MHLONGO (3), in EDWARDS (17), 71' out VILAKAZI (11), in NOGQALA (15)
	BRA: 46' HT out JULIA BEATRIZ (17), in AMANDA (10), 72' out BRUNA (2), in EMILY (11), 83' out JHENIFFER (9), in THAICYANE (16)
Cautions:	RSA: 10' SHAMASE (14), 45'+1 HOLWENI (6), 77' MOKWENA (12)
	BRA: 13' BRUNA (2)
Expulsions:	RSA: 51' MINNIES (18)

A stern defensive display earned South Africa a point against Mexico, who were unable to make any of their 23 shots count in one of two stalemates that opened Group B, Brazil and Japan also drawing blanks. The latter found the key to unlock the South African defence in their second game, however, taking the lead through Haruka Osawa and not looking back in a convincing 6-0 win. Vanessa Buso scored Mexico's first goal of the tournament, and that proved to be enough to defeat Brazil, who headed into their final group game against South Africa still without a goal and with their destiny out of their own hands. Mexico and Japan needed just a draw to reach the last eight together, and with Alison González cancelling out Momoka Kinoshita's opener, they duly got it. That rendered Brazil's 4-1 win over South Africa no more than a consolation for Luizão's South Americans, who exited at the end of the group stage for the third time.

Group B

Rank	Team	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
1	**Japan**	3	1	2	0	7	1	+6	7
2	**Mexico**	3	1	2	0	2	1	+1	6
3	Brazil	3	1	1	1	4	2	+2	3
4	South Africa	3	0	1	2	1	10	-9	1

GROUP C

USA v. Cameroon ▶ 3-0 (2-0)

5   14.11.2018   14:00   COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO   593

USA:	1 ANDERSON (C); 2 MORRIS, 4 HUNTER, 8 DOMS, 9 CANNIFF, 10 FISHEL, 15 STAUDE, 16 LINNEHAN, 18 FONTES, 19 AGRESTI, 20 JONES
CMR:	16 ONOMO; 2 FANTA, 3 TCHANKO, 4 DABDA, 5 MONKAM, 6 MEFIRE (C), 7 KAMENI, 9 NDOME, 10 ARETOUYAP, 11 NGAH MANGA, 20 MOUMAZIM

Player of the Match: Sunshine Fontes (USA)

Scorers:	1-0 22' FISHEL (10), 2-0 45'+5 FONTES (18, pen.), 3-0 81' FONTES (18)
Referee:	Casey REIBELT (AUS)
Assistant referees:	LEE Seul Gi (KOR), Thi Le Trinh TRUONG (VIE)
4th official:	Sara PERSSON (SWE)
Substitutions:	*USA:* 60' out CANNIFF (9), in RODMAN (11), 74' out DOMS (8), in BEBAR (14), 82' out FONTES (18), in DAQUILA (13)
	CMR: 48' out ARETOUYAP (10), in NKOUMOU (19), 45'+4 out TCHANKO (3), in NGO ESSE (1)
Cautions:	*USA:* 80' HUNTER (4)
	CMR: 31' TCHANKO (3), 41' DABDA (4), 45'+1 MEFIRE (6)
Expulsions:	*CMR:* 45'+1 ONOMO (16), 82' (2YR) DABDA (4)

USA v. Korea DPR ▶ 0-3 (0-2)

13   17.11.2018   14:00   COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO   573

USA:	1 ANDERSON (C); 2 MORRIS, 4 HUNTER, 5 BYARS, 8 DOMS, 14 BEBAR, 15 STAUDE, 16 LINNEHAN, 18 FONTES, 19 AGRESTI, 20 JONES
PRK:	18 YU; 3 RI Sin Ok, 5 RI Kum Hyang, 6 RI Su Jong, 7 RI Su Gyong (C), 12 CHOE, 13 KO, 14 KIM Yun Ok, 16 AN, 17 KIM Kyong Yong, 20 PAK Hye Gyong

Player of the Match: Kim Kyong-Yong (PRK)

Scorers:	0-1 25' RI Kum Hyang (5), 0-2 32' KIM Yun Ok (14), 0-3 52' KIM Kyong Yong (17)
Referee:	Katalin KULCSAR (HUN)
Assistant referees:	Katalin TOROK (HUN), Lucie RATAJOVA (CZE)
4th official:	Anastasia PUSTOVOYTOVA (RUS)
Substitutions:	*USA:* 46' HT out LINNEHAN (16), in RODMAN (11), 62' out FONTES (18), in CANNIFF (9), 74' out DOMS (8), in FISHEL (10)
	PRK: 55' out CHOE (12), in YUN Ji Hwa (15), 73' out KO (13), in O (11), 78' out KIM Yun Ok (14), in KIM Ryu Song (10)
Cautions:	*PRK:* 71' PAK Hye Gyong (20)
Expulsions:	–

Korea DPR v. Germany ▶ 1-4 (0-2)

6   14.11.2018   17:00   COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO   743

PRK:	18 YU; 3 RI Sin Ok, 4 PONG, 5 RI Kum Hyang, 6 RI Su Jong, 7 RI Su Gyong (C), 10 KIM Ryu Song, 14 KIM Yun Ok, 15 YUN Ji Hwa, 17 KIM Kyong Yong, 20 PAK Hye Gyong
GER:	1 WILLEBRANDT; 2 DONHAUSER, 3 POLLAK, 4 BERNHARDT, 5 STEGEMANN, 7 CORLEY, 8 KOESTER, 9 MARTINEZ, 10 FUSO (C), 11 FUDALLA, 18 BLUEMEL

Player of the Match: Gia Corley (GER)

Scorers:	0-1 14' BLUEMEL (18), 0-2 35' CORLEY (7), 1-2 69' YUN Ji Hwa (15), 1-3 70' CORLEY (7), 1-4 84' WEIDAUER (20)
Referee:	Anastasia PUSTOVOYTOVA (RUS)
Assistant referees:	Ekaterina KUROCHKINA (RUS), Maria SUKENIKOVA (SVK)
4th official:	Sara PERSSON (SWE)
Substitutions:	*PRK:* 46' HT out KIM Yun Ok (14), in CHOE (12), 55' out KIM Kyong Yong (17), in PAK Il Gyong (19), 69' out KIM Ryu Song (10), in KO (13)
	GER: 54' out POLLAK (3), in BERNING (19), 62' out MARTINEZ (9), in WEIDAUER (20), 82' out KOESTER (8), in DIAGNE (13)
Cautions:	–
Expulsions:	–

Germany v. Cameroon ▶ 0-1 (0-0)

14   17.11.2018   17:00   COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO   1,227

GER:	1 WILLEBRANDT; 2 DONHAUSER, 3 POLLAK, 4 BERNHARDT, 5 STEGEMANN, 8 KOESTER, 9 MARTINEZ, 11 FUDALLA, 18 BLUEMEL, 19 BERNING, 20 WEIDAUER
CMR:	1 NGO ESSE; 2 FANTA, 3 TCHANKO, 5 MONKAM, 6 MEFIRE (C), 7 KAMENI, 9 NDOME, 10 ARETOUYAP, 11 NGAH MANGA, 14 EKOSSO, 20 MOUMAZIM

Player of the Match: Alice Kameni (CMR)

Scorers:	0-1 54' KAMENI (7)
Referee:	Lucila VENEGAS (MEX)
Assistant referees:	Mayte CHAVEZ (MEX), Enedina CAUDILLO (MEX)
4th official:	Anastasia PUSTOVOYTOVA (RUS)
Substitutions:	*GER:* 57' out BLUEMEL (18), in AEHLING (6), 77' out WEIDAUER (20), in DIAGNE (13)
	CMR: 59' out NDOME (9), in TABE (8), 75' out ARETOUYAP (10), in ZOUWAIRATOU (17), 87' out TABE (8), in NKOUMOU (19)
Cautions:	*CMR:* 27' NDOME (9), 33' MONKAM (5), 67' MEFIRE (6)
Expulsions:	–

Holders Korea DPR suffered an early setback in their bid for a third title as they went down 4-1 to an extremely efficient German side. Goalkeeper Wiebke Willebrandt redeemed herself after a fumble had helped the North Koreans reduce the arrears to 2-1, making several fine saves in a game which saw Gia Corley strike twice. The reigning champions bounced back in style, however, with a 3-0 win over a USA side that had won their opener against Cameroon by the same scoreline, but Germany discovered that the Central African side were no pushovers as Alice Kameni's goal earned them their first-ever FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup win. Heading into the final group of matches, all was still to play for, but it was the experience of Germany and Korea DPR which prevailed. The USA struck the woodwork three times, and Willebrandt

was at her best again in a game which saw the lively Shekiera Martinez – who had accounted for nine of Germany's 20 goals in the UEFA Women's U-17 Championship – bag a brace in a 4-0 win for Ulrike Ballweg's team. Kameni gave the Lioness Cubs a deserved early lead, but Korea DPR's constructive play was rewarded with two goals, which earned them a place in the quarter-finals.

Group C

Rank	Team	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
1	**Germany**	3	2	0	1	8	2	+6	6
2	**Korea DPR**	3	2	0	1	6	5	+1	6
3	Cameroon	3	1	0	2	2	5	-3	3
4	USA	3	1	0	2	3	7	-4	3

Germany v. USA ▶ 4-0 (2-0)

21   21.11.2018   17:00   **MONTEVIDEO**   518

GER: 1 WILLEBRANDT; 2 DONHAUSER, 3 POLLAK, 4 BERNHARDT, 6 AEHLING, 7 CORLEY, 8 KOESTER, 9 MARTINEZ, 10 FUSO (C), 11 FUDALLA, 18 BLUEMEL

USA: 1 ANDERSON (C); 2 MORRIS, 3 DELLAPERUTA, 9 CANNIFF, 10 FISHEL, 11 RODMAN, 13 DAQUILA, 14 BEBAR, 15 STAUDE, 19 AGRESTI, 20 JONES

Player of the Match: Wiebke Willebrandt (GER)

Scorers: 1-0 4' FUDALLA (11), 2-0 32' MARTINEZ (9), 3-0 65' MARTINEZ (9), 4-0 89' DONHAUSER (2)

Referee: Laura FORTUNATO (ARG)

Assistant referees: Mariana DE ALMEIDA (ARG), Nilda GAMARRA (PAR)

4th official: Maria CARVAJAL (CHI)

Substitutions: GER: 63' out CORLEY (7), in WEIDAUER (20), 72' out MARTINEZ (9), in FETAJ (16), 86' out POLLAK (3), in JUBEL (15)

                 USA: 54' out DAQUILA (13), in FONTES (18), 66' out FISHEL (10), in DOMS (8), 68' out CANNIFF (9), in LINNEHAN (16)

Cautions: GER: 50' KOESTER (8), 59' POLLAK (3)

          USA: 52' DELLAPERUTA (3), 59' AGRESTI (19)

Expulsions: USA: 82' (2YR) DELLAPERUTA (3)

Cameroon v. Korea DPR ▶ 1-2 (1-1)

22   21.11.2018   17:00   **COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO**   527

CMR: 1 NGO ESSE; 2 FANTA, 3 TCHANKO, 4 DABDA (C), 5 MONKAM, 7 KAMENI, 9 NDOME, 10 ARETOUYAP, 11 NGAH MANGA, 14 EKOSSO, 20 MOUMAZIM

PRK: 18 YU; 3 RI Sin Ok, 5 RI Kum Hyang, 6 RI Su Jong, 7 RI Su Gyong (C), 12 CHOE, 13 KO, 14 KIM Yun Ok, 16 AN, 17 KIM Kyong Yong, 20 PAK Hye Gyong

Player of the Match: Ri Su-Jong (PRK)

Scorers: 1-0 6' KAMENI (7), 1-1 45' KO (13), 1-2 75' RI Su Jong (6)

Referee: Marie-Soleil BEAUDOIN (CAN)

Assistant referees: Princess BROWN (JAM), Stephanie-Dale YEE SING (JAM)

4th official: Lucila VENEGAS (MEX)

Substitutions: CMR: 47' out FANTA (2), in NKOUMOU (19), 62' out NGAH MANGA (11), in ZOUWAIRATOU (17), 83' out MONKAM (5), in ABOUDI (13)

            PRK: 41' out CHOE (12), in YUN Ji Hwa (15), 54' out KO (13), in KIM Ryu Song (10), 90'+2 out KIM Yun Ok (14), in RYU (8)

Cautions: CMR: 40' FANTA (2), 60' MONKAM (5), 77' TCHANKO (3), 85' NKOUMOU (19)

          PRK: 53' KIM Yun Ok (14), 87' AN (16)

Expulsions: –

GROUP D

Korea Republic v. Spain ▶ 0-4 (0-1)

7	14.11.2018	16:00	MONTEVIDEO	259

KOR: 21 KANG; 2 KIM Minji, 3 LEE Jin, 5 LEE Suin, 6 AN, 7 HWANG, 9 CHO (C), 10 GWAK, 12 CHUN, 16 LEE Eunyoung, 20 NOH

ESP: 13 COLL; 2 NEVADO, 3 TEJADA, 5 FERNANDEZ, 6 LOPEZ, 7 HERNANDEZ, 10 PINA, 11 PARALLUELO, 12 PENA, 17 MENDEZ, 18 NAVARRO (C)

Player of the Match: Claudia Pina (ESP)

Scorers: 0-1 17' NAVARRO (18), 0-2 51' PINA (10), 0-3 59' HERNANDEZ (7), 0-4 65' PINA (10)

Referee: Ekaterina KOROLEVA (USA)

Assistant referees: Felisha MARISCAL (USA), Deleana QUAN (USA)

4th official: Salima MUKANSANGA (RWA)

Substitutions: KOR: 46' HT out LEE Jin (3), in KO (4), 54' out HWANG (7), in JANG (11), 62' out AN (6), in KIM Bitna (17)

ESP: 66' out PENA (12), in ALONSO (19), 70' out NAVARRO (18), in MARIN (14), 82' out TEJADA (3), in MERIDA (4)

Cautions: KOR: 55' JANG (11), 79' NOH (20)

ESP: 42' PENA (12)

Expulsions: –

Canada v. Colombia ▶ 3-0 (0-0)

8	14.11.2018	19:00	MONTEVIDEO	249

CAN: 1 KARPENKO; 2 RIVIERE, 3 VALLERAND, 5 ANTOINE, 8 SHAW, 9 HUITEMA (C), 10 AKINDOJU, 12 KAZANDJIAN, 14 BALATA, 16 ROSE, 17 WILLIAMS

COL: 1 LUGO (C); 3 RAMIREZ Sharon, 5 PEREZ Andrea, 6 CAICEDO, 8 MARTINEZ, 10 PEREZ Maireth, 14 MARCELO, 15 BOHORQUEZ, 18 REYES, 19 JAIME, 20 VERTEL

Player of the Match: Jordyn Huitema (CAN)

Scorers: 1-0 77' HUITEMA (9), 2-0 88' WILLIAMS (17), 3-0 90'+4 DE FILIPPO (20)

Referee: Riem HUSSEIN (GER)

Assistant referees: Kylie COCKBURN (SCO), Mihaela TEPUSA (ROU)

4th official: Salima MUKANSANGA (RWA)

Substitutions: CAN: 59' out AKINDOJU (10), in NOVAK (11), 75' out BALATA (14), in WALK (4), 90'+2 out WILLIAMS (17), in DE FILIPPO (20)

COL: 57' out JAIME (19), in ROBLEDO (7), 68' out VERTEL (20), in RAMIREZ Natalia (11), 73' out REYES (18), in CARABALÍ (13)

Cautions: CAN: 29' VALLERAND (3), 60' BALATA (14), 65' ANTOINE (5), 72' RIVIERE (2)

COL: 61' PEREZ Andrea (5)

Expulsions: COL: 69' (2YR) PEREZ (5)

Korea Republic v. Canada ▶ 0-2 (0-0)

15	17.11.2018	16:00	MONTEVIDEO	329

KOR: 21 KANG; 2 KIM Minji, 4 KO, 5 LEE Suin, 9 CHO (C), 10 GWAK, 12 CHUN, 15 MUN, 16 LEE Eunyoung, 17 KIM Bitna, 20 NOH

CAN: 1 KARPENKO; 2 RIVIERE, 4 WALK, 5 ANTOINE, 7 THURTON, 8 SHAW, 9 HUITEMA (C), 11 NOVAK, 12 KAZANDJIAN, 13 PORTELANCE, 16 ROSE

Player of the Match: Lara Kazandjian (CAN)

Scorers: 0-1 59' HUITEMA (9), 0-2 74' KAZANDJIAN (12)

Referee: Maria CARVAJAL (CHI)

Assistant referees: Leslie VASQUEZ (CHI), Loreto TOLOZA (CHI)

4th official: Casey REIBELT (AUS)

Substitutions: KOR: 46' HT out GWAK (10), in JANG (11), 72' out KIM Bitna (17), in KIM Bomin (14), 80' out NOH (20), in HWANG (7)

CAN: 46' HT out THURTON (7), in WILLIAMS (17), 46' HT out WALK (4), in BALATA (14), 83' out KAZANDJIAN (12), in DE FILIPPO (20)

Cautions: KOR: 55' KIM Bitna (17), 85' JANG (11)

Expulsions: CAN: 67' HUITEMA (9)

Colombia v. Spain ▶ 1-1 (0-0)

16	17.11.2018	19:00	MONTEVIDEO	448

COL: 1 LUGO (C); 2 OROZCO, 3 RAMIREZ Sharon, 4 GOMEZ, 6 CAICEDO, 7 ROBLEDO, 8 MARTINEZ, 11 RAMIREZ Natalia, 14 MARCELO, 18 REYES, 19 JAIME

ESP: 13 COLL; 3 TEJADA, 5 FERNANDEZ, 6 LOPEZ, 9 OKOYE, 10 PINA (C), 11 PARALLUELO, 12 PENA, 17 MENDEZ, 18 NAVARRO, 21 SALVADOR

Player of the Match: Gisela Robledo (COL)

Scorers: 0-1 52' OKOYE (9), 1-1 53' ROBLEDO (7)

Referee: Yoshimi YAMASHITA (JPN)

Assistant referees: Makoto BOZONO (JPN), Naomi TESHIROGI (JPN)

4th official: Casey REIBELT (AUS)

Substitutions: COL: 56' out RAMIREZ Natalia (11), in BONILLA (9), 90'+1 out ROBLEDO (7), in JARAMILLO (17), 90'+3 out JAIME (19), in IZQUIERDO (16)

ESP: 70' out OKOYE (9), in HERNANDEZ (7), 78' out SALVADOR (21), in NEVADO (2), 88' out PENA (12), in ARANA (16)

Cautions: –

Expulsions: –

Spain and Canada hit the ground running in Group D with a 4-0 win over Korea Republic and a 3-0 victory over Colombia respectively. Spain were then brought back down to earth by a Colombia side that made changes in six positions following their opening defeat. One of these – Gisela Robledo – took her chance to shine in a 1-1 draw which kept Colombia's slim hopes of reaching the last eight alive. They were reliant on Spain slipping up against Canada, though, and Toña Is's side put on an exhibition performance to crush the North Americans 5-0. "That was probably a defining moment for this team," said Canada coach Rhian Wilkinson, whose team finished second in the group, but with a precious lesson learnt. Finally, Colombia denied Korea Republic a win, Robledo's stoppage-time equaliser grabbing them a second straight 1-1 draw to conclude the group stage.

Group D

Rank	Team	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
1	Spain	3	2	1	0	10	1	+9	7
2	Canada	3	2	0	1	5	5	0	6
3	Colombia	3	0	2	1	2	5	-3	2
4	Korea Republic	3	0	1	2	1	7	-6	1

Colombia v. Korea Republic ▶ 1-1 (0-1)

23   21.11.2018   14:00   COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO   472

COL: 1 LUGO (C); 2 OROZCO, 3 RAMIREZ Sharon, 4 GOMEZ, 6 CAICEDO, 7 ROBLEDO, 8 MARTINEZ, 11 RAMIREZ Natalia, 14 MARCELO, 18 REYES, 19 JAIME

KOR: 1 KIM Sujeong; 4 KO, 5 LEE Suin, 8 KIM Ye Eun, 9 CHO (C), 10 GWAK, 12 CHUN, 13 KIM Jimi, 16 LEE Eunyoung, 17 KIM Bitna, 20 NOH

Player of the Match: Gwak Royeong (KOR)

Scorers: 0-1 14' CHO (9, pen.), 1-1 90'+1 ROBLEDO (7)

Referee: Sandra BRAZ (POR)

Assistant referees: Rocio PUENTE PINO (ESP), Oleksandra ARDASHEVA (UKR)

4th official: Lucila VENEGAS (MEX)

Substitutions: COL: 54' out RAMIREZ Natalia (11), in VERTEL (20), 61' out JAIME (19), in BONILLA (9)

KOR: 62' out KIM Ye Eun (8), in KIM Bomin (14), 82' out KIM Jimi (13), in LEE Jin (3), 87' out GWAK (10), in HWANG (7)

Cautions: COL: 27' OROZCO (2)

KOR: 82' LEE Eunyoung (16)

Expulsions: KOR: 89' (2YR) LEE Eunyoung (16)

Spain v. Canada ▶ 5-0 (3-0)

24   21.11.2018   14:00   MONTEVIDEO   369

ESP: 13 COLL (C); 2 NEVADO, 3 TEJADA, 5 FERNANDEZ, 6 LOPEZ, 7 HERNANDEZ, 10 PINA, 11 PARALLUELO, 12 PENA, 17 MENDEZ, 18 NAVARRO

CAN: 21 MASSEY; 4 WALK, 6 YOUNG (C), 7 THURTON, 10 AKINDOJU, 11 NOVAK, 12 KAZANDJIAN, 13 PORTELANCE, 15 WILKINSON, 16 ROSE, 19 HANISCH

Player of the Match: Irene Lopez (ESP)

Scorers: 1-0 9' PARALLUELO (11), 2-0 22' LOPEZ (6), 3-0 25' PINA (10), 4-0 50' LOPEZ (6), 5-0 71' NAVARRO (18)

Referee: Anastasia PUSTOVOYTOVA (RUS)

Assistant referees: Ekaterina KUROCHKINA (RUS), Nicolet BAKKER (NED)

4th official: Maria CARVAJAL (CHI)

Substitutions: ESP: 46' HT out PENA (12), in PALA (8), 64' out NEVADO (2), in URIARTE (15), 75' out PARALLUELO (11), in ALONSO (19)

CAN: 46' HT out NOVAK (11), in WILLIAMS (17), 64' out KAZANDJIAN (12), in DE FILIPPO (20), 80' out WILKINSON (15), in BALATA (14)

Cautions: ESP: 55' NEVADO (2)

CAN: 67' PORTELANCE (13)

Expulsions: –

QUARTER-FINALS

Japan v. New Zealand ▶	**1-1 (1-1) PSO 3-4**

25	24.11.2018	17:00	COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO	477

JPN: 1 OHBA; 2 TOMIOKA, 5 OKUMA, 7 MATSUDA (C), 8 TAKIZAWA, 10 NAKAO, 12 OSAWA, 13 YAMAMOTO, 14 YOSHIZUMI, 15 NISHINO, 16 KINOSHITA

NZL: 1 LEAT; 2 BARRY, 3 MACKAY-WRIGHT, 4 MITTENDORFF (C), 5 VAN DER MEER, 6 FRASER, 7 RENNIE, 8 ABBOTT, 9 JENKINS, 10 WISNEWSKI, 11 BROWN

Player of the Match: Anna Leat (NZL)

Scorers: 0-1 17' ABBOTT (8), 1-1 31' MACKAY-WRIGHT (3, own goal)

Penalty Shoot-out: 0-0 MATSUDA (7), 0-1 HAHN (16), 1-1 KINOSHITA (16), 1-2 WISNEWSKI (10), 1-2 TOMIOKA (2), 1-3 BROWN (11), 2-3 KAMIYA (9), 2-3 STEWART (12), 3-3 YOSHIZUMI (14), 3-4 LEAT (1)

Referee: Ekaterina KOROLEVA (USA)

Assistant referees: Felisha MARISCAL (USA), Deleana QUAN (USA)

4th official: Lucila VENEGAS (MEX)

Substitutions: JPN: 60' out NISHINO (15), in MORITA (19), 67' out YAMAMOTO (13), in KAMIYA (9), 79' out TAKIZAWA (8), in ITO (6)

NZL: 51' out FRASER (6), in HAHN (16), 84' out RENNIE (7), in CUNNINGHAM-LEE (13), 90'+1 out JENKINS (9), in STEWART (12)

Cautions: NZL: 34' MITTENDORFF (4)

Expulsions: –

Having had the luxury of rotating his side for their final group fixture, New Zealand coach Leon Birnie welcomed eight refreshed players back into his starting XI, but more than just their fresh legs, it was their minds which had been calibrated for the challenge. "If you asked the players going into the game were they confident we could beat Japan, 90% of them would have said yes," said Birnie. His assertive players pressed high, suffocating Japan's ordinarily dominant game and forcing a corner in the 17th minute which saw even more of their focused pre-match preparation come to fruition. Running towards the ball as it was pulled back from the corner, captain Aneka Mittendorff sold a dummy to allow it to reach Amelia Abbott, whose finely placed shot nestled in the far corner. With the confidence in seeing their best-laid plans succeeding, the Kiwis almost doubled their lead when Maggie Jenkins struck the crossbar, but an unfortunate Hannah Mackay-Wright own goal let the Little Nadeshiko back in. Anna Leat, the very last line of the New Zealand defence, then came into her own to thwart all Japan could throw her way as New Zealand tired and forced a penalty shoot-out, where she would prove to be decisive. After saving Japan's first spot kick from Shino Matsuda, she took the responsibility for taking her side's last kick, slotting it in to take New Zealand through to their first semi-finals of a Women's World Cup at any level.

Spain v. Korea DPR ▶ 1-1 (0-0) PSO 3-1

| 26 | 24.11.2018 | 14:00 | COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO | 675 |

ESP: 13 COLL; 2 NEVADO, 3 TEJADA, 5 FERNANDEZ, 6 LOPEZ, 7 HERNANDEZ, 10 PINA, 11 PARALLUELO, 17 MENDEZ, 18 NAVARRO (C), 19 ALONSO

PRK: 18 YU; 3 RI Sin Ok, 5 RI Kum Hyang, 6 RI Su Jong, 7 RI Su Gyong (C), 12 CHOE, 13 KO, 14 KIM Yun Ok, 16 AN, 17 KIM Kyong Yong, 20 PAK Hye Gyong

Player of the Match: Catalina Coll (ESP)

Scorers: 1-0 72' PINA (10), 1-1 74' KIM Kyong Yong (17)

Penalty Shoot-out: 0-0 KIM Yun Ok (14), 1-0 HERNANDEZ (7), 1-0 RI Su Gyong (7), 1-0 LOPEZ (6), 1-1 RI Kum Hyang (3), 2-1 NAVARRO (18), 2-1 CHOE (12), 3-1 NEVADO (2)

Referee: Katalin KULCSAR (HUN)

Assistant referees: Katalin TOROK (HUN), Lucie RATAJOVA (CZE)

4th official: Sandra BRAZ (POR)

Reserve assistant referee: Oleksandra ARDASHEVA (UKR)

Substitutions: PRK: 50' out KO (13), in KIM Ryu Song (10), 86' out KIM Kyong Yong (17), in PAK (19)

Cautions: PRK: 86' RI Su Gyong (7)

Expulsions: –

The first quarter-final saw Spain up against reigning champions Korea DPR. After an even start, Spain started to gain the upper hand and raised their share of possession to an average of 63%, pushing their opponents gradually further back in the process. Spain's constructive build-up play and wise use of width almost inevitably led to a winger – Eva Navarro – receiving the first clear-cut opportunity, but the number 18 lifted her shot over the crossbar with only Korea DPR goalkeeper Yu Son-Gum to beat. The next of Spain's total 20 attempts came from Paola Hernández, who brought a fine save out of Son-Gum before the break. After a flurry of chances, Spain finally broke the deadlock, and it was not surprising that one of their many diagonal passes over the defence

delivered it, with the deadly Clàudia Pina pouncing as the ball broke to her from Pak Hye-Gyong's attempted clearance. Spain's lead lasted only three minutes, however, with Korea DPR making full use of a corner to level through a stooping Kim Kyong-Yong header. A penalty shoot-out was therefore required and Catalina Coll, who had been caught out after drifting from her goal for Korea DPR's equaliser, made amends by saving the first two kicks. Son-Gum denied Irene López, but after Choe Kum-Ok missed, Nerea Nevado converted to send the holders out, and Spain through to the semi-finals.

Ghana v. Mexico ▶ 2-2 (0-0) PSO 2-4

| 27 | 25.11.2018 | 16:00 | MONTEVIDEO | 477 |

GHA: 1 BUOADU; 3 POKUAA, 4 TWENEBOAA, 5 OPPONG, 6 OWUSU, 8 ABDULAI (C), 12 NORSHIE, 13 BUGRE, 14 OWUSU, 17 SEKYERE, 19 ANIMAH

MEX: 1 GUTIERREZ; 3 SANCHEZ, 5 RIOS, 8 PEREZ (C), 10 GONZALEZ, 11 VAZQUEZ, 13 ARELLANO, 14 SOTO, 17 MAULEON, 18 FLORES, 19 CASTRO

Player of the Match: Nicole Perez (MEX)

Scorers: 1-0 46' ABDULAI (8), 1-1 61' PEREZ (8, pen.), 2-1 75' TEYE (7), 2-2 82' PEREZ (8)

Penalty Shoot-out: 1-0 ABDULAI (8), 1-1 PEREZ (8), 1-1 TWENEBOAA (4), 1-2 FLORES (18), 2-2 TEYE (7), 2-3 MAULEON (17), 2-3 OPPONG (5), 2-4 PERALTA (15)

Referee: Maria CARVAJAL (CHI)

Assistant referees: Leslie VASQUEZ (CHI), Loreto TOLOZA (CHI)

4th official: Laura FORTUNATO (ARG)

Substitutions: *GHA:* 55' out OWUSU (6), in AIDOO (18), 72' out OWUSU (14), in TEYE (7), 90'+5 out BUOADU (1), in KONLAN (16)

MEX: 53' out VAZQUEZ (11), in DIAZ (7), 79' out CASTRO (19), in AVILEZ (21), 88' out SOTO (14), in PERALTA (15)

Cautions: *GHA:* 20' OWUSU (6), 20' BUGRE (13), 81' AIDOO (18)

MEX: 21' SOTO (14), 66' PEREZ (8)

Expulsions: –

Following Canada into a first-ever semi-final were Mexico, although penalties were required for a third time in the quarter-final stage to separate two evenly matched sides. There was little to choose between the Black Maidens and El Tri, whose solid defensive organisation ensured that tournament top scorer Mukarama Abdulai was initially unable to add to her tally of six. That altered within seconds of the restart, however, when she headed in her seventh goal at Uruguay 2018, establishing a new national record at the U-17 Women's World Cup, surpassing Jane Ayieyam's previous high of six. The goal sparked Mexico into life and they started to send the ball forward with more regularity, and their direct approach led to a penalty, which captain Nicole Pérez converted. Substitute Suzzy Teye's fresh legs and mind helped her beat what had been one of Mexico's strengths up to then – their full-backs – with a deft first touch and burst of pace to power past Ximena Ríos and restore Ghana's lead, but the character and personality of Mexico's captain came to the fore once more as she drilled in a free kick from long range which cracked off the underside of the crossbar on its way in. Ghana replaced their first-choice goalkeeper, with back-up Cynthia Konlan coming on just before the final whistle, but the shoot-out heroine was actually wearing a Mexico shirt as Jaidy Gutiérrez made two stops as her team-mates flawlessly fired in four to take the Concacaf Women's Under-17 Championship 2018 runners-up through.

Germany v. Canada ▶ 0-1 (0-0)

| 28 | 25.11.2018 | 19:00 | MONTEVIDEO | 719 |

GER: 1 WILLEBRANDT; 2 DONHAUSER, 3 POLLAK, 4 BERNHARDT, 6 AEHLING, 7 CORLEY, 8 KOESTER, 9 MARTINEZ, 10 FUSO (C), 11 FUDALLA, 18 BLUEMEL

CAN: 1 KARPENKO; 2 RIVIERE, 3 VALLERAND, 5 ANTOINE, 8 SHAW, 9 HUITEMA (C), 11 NOVAK, 12 KAZANDJIAN, 14 BALATA, 16 ROSE, 17 WILLIAMS

Player of the Match: Caitlin Shaw (CAN)

Scorers: 0-1 83' HUITEMA (9)

Referee: Salima MUKANSANGA (RWA)

Assistant referees: Fanta KONE (MLI), Bielignin SOME (BFA)

4th official: Yoshimi YAMASHITA (JPN)

Substitutions: GER: 63' out MARTINEZ (9), in WEIDAUER (20), 74' out FUDALLA (11), in BERNING (19)

CAN: 75' out WILLIAMS (17), in DE FILIPPO (20), 90' out SHAW (8), in YOUNG (6), 90'+4 out ROSE (16), in WALK (4)

Cautions: CAN: 68' WILLIAMS (17)

Expulsions: –

Canada's 5-0 defeat to one European nation had given them food for thought as they sought a way past another at the Estadio Charrúa in Montevideo. Germany's wait-and-see approach differed greatly from Spain's constructive play, however, and this seemed to suit Canada, who built well from the back and, with fast transitions starting from their goalkeeper, attacked deep into the opposition half. Germany waited patiently for their chance to exploit the pace of lone striker Shekiera Martinez on the break, but whenever they did push forward, they lacked the numbers to create superiority and, consequently, the conviction to cause Canada any major issues. The same could not be said for the counter-attack which earned Canada an historic first quarter-final victory at the fourth attempt, on the other hand. After the Canadians recovered possession in their own area, Caitlin Shaw progressed with intent and fed the ball into the feet of Kaila Novak on the left. Her first-time low cross was met with a fine first-time finish from Jordyn Huitema, and Canada's third shot on target secured their place in the final four.

SEMI-FINALS

New Zealand v. Spain ▶	0-2 (0-1)

29	28.11.2018	16:00	MONTEVIDEO	369

NZL:	1 LEAT; 2 BARRY, 3 MACKAY-WRIGHT, 4 MITTENDORFF (C), 5 VAN DER MEER, 6 FRASER, 7 RENNIE, 8 ABBOTT, 9 JENKINS, 10 WISNEWSKI, 11 BROWN
ESP:	13 COLL; 2 NEVADO, 3 TEJADA, 5 FERNANDEZ, 6 LOPEZ, 7 HERNANDEZ, 10 PINA (C), 11 PARALLUELO, 17 MENDEZ, 18 NAVARRO, 19 ALONSO

Player of the Match: Claudia Pina (ESP)

Scorers:	0-1 39' PINA (10), 0-2 48' LOPEZ (6)
Referee:	Yoshimi YAMASHITA (JPN)
Assistant referees:	Naomi TESHIROGI (JPN), Makoto BOZONO (JPN)
4th official:	Laura FORTUNATO (ARG)
Substitutions:	NZL: 52' out FRASER (6), in HAHN (16), 76' out JENKINS (9), in PRATT (17), 76' out BROWN (11), in CUNNINGHAM-LEE (13)
	ESP: 73' out LOPEZ (6), in ARANA (16), 77' out PARALLUELO (11), in SALVADOR (21), 90'+3 out NAVARRO (18), in OKOYE (9)
Cautions:	ESP: 87' SALVADOR (21)
Expulsions:	–

After successfully masterminding their way past Japan, New Zealand expressed similar confidence as they again deployed a mid-to-high press and carved out the first chance of the game as Gabi Rennie raced down the wing and pulled the ball back for Macey Fraser, whose dipping diagonal shot was tipped onto the crossbar by the ever-reliable Catalina Coll. Eva Navarro was once again the architect of Spain's opening goal as she was afforded plenty of time and space out on the right wing to send a cross into the danger area, where Hannah Mackay-Wright's headed clearance fell for Clàudia Pina, who accepted the gift for her fifth goal of Uruguay 2018. Luck was not on Mackay-Wright's side when another headed clearance fell to a Spain player, although it took outstanding technique and precision from Irene López to send a sweetly struck half-volley in off the right-hand post. The danger had once again come down the Spain right, where Navarro's seemingly telepathic understanding with Pina was one of the keys to Spain's progress to a second straight final after 2014.

Spanish would be the language of the Montevideo showpiece as Mexico made it through to their first-ever FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup final by edging past regional rivals Canada, in a repeat of the Concacaf Women's Under-17 Championship semi-final which El Tri also decided in their favour. Mexico stuck to their tried and tested 4-4-2 system, with a very high press and excellent collaboration between the lines enabling them to create a swathe of opportunities. In total, they had 18 attempts on goal, five of which hit the target, including the decisive one from the penalty spot in the 25th minute which Nicole Pérez converted. Canada's attempts to equalise were concerted, but a lack of numbers in the final phase – after quick transitions had created openings – hampered their progress. Maya Antoine redeemed herself for the foul which gave away the penalty, her aerial superiority preventing Mexico from adding to their lead, but despite packing their midfield for the final few minutes in a bid to gain numerical superiority, Canada fell short as Mexico became the first team from the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football to reach a U-17 Women's World Cup final since the USA in 2008, and the first Mexico team at any age level to reach a Women's World Cup showpiece.

Mexico v. Canada ▶	1-0 (1-0)
30 28.11.2018 19:00 MONTEVIDEO	**628**

MEX: 1 GUTIERREZ; 2 REYES, 3 SANCHEZ, 5 RIOS, 8 PEREZ (C), 9 BUSO, 10 GONZALEZ, 11 VAZQUEZ, 16 ESCOBAR, 17 MAULEON, 18 FLORES

CAN: 1 KARPENKO; 2 RIVIERE, 4 WALK, 5 ANTOINE, 6 YOUNG, 8 SHAW, 9 HUITEMA (C), 10 AKINDOJU, 12 KAZANDJIAN, 13 PORTELANCE, 17 WILLIAMS

Player of the Match: Alison Gonzalez (MEX)

Scorers:	1-0 25' PEREZ (8, pen.)
Referee:	Anastasia PUSTOVOYTOVA (RUS)
Assistant referees:	Ekaterina KUROCHKINA (RUS), Maria SUKENIKOVA (SVK)
4th official:	Sandra BRAZ (POR)
Substitutions:	*MEX:* 56' out BUSO (9), in DIAZ (7), 68' out ESCOBAR (16), in GOMEZ (4), 86' out GONZALEZ (10), in GRANADOS (6)
	CAN: 46' HT out WALK (4), in BALATA (14), 46' HT out AKINDOJU (10), in NOVAK (11), 75' out WILLIAMS (17), in DE FILIPPO (20)
Cautions:	*MEX:* 90'+3 VAZQUEZ (11)
	CAN: 24' ANTOINE (5), 69' SHAW (8)
Expulsions:	–

MATCH FOR THIRD PLACE

New Zealand v. Canada ▶	2-1 (2-0)

31	**01.12.2018 16:00 MONTEVIDEO**	**1,328**

NZL: 1 LEAT; 2 BARRY, 3 MACKAY-WRIGHT, 4 MITTENDORFF (C), 5 VAN DER MEER, 6 FRASER, 7 RENNIE, 8 ABBOTT, 9 JENKINS, 10 WISNEWSKI, 11 BROWN

CAN: 1 KARPENKO; 2 RIVIERE, 3 VALLERAND, 5 ANTOINE, 8 SHAW, 9 HUITEMA (C), 11 NOVAK, 12 KAZANDJIAN, 14 BALATA, 16 ROSE, 17 WILLIAMS

Scorers: 1-0 1' WISNEWSKI (10), 2-0 13' WISNEWSKI (10), 2-1 64' KAZANDJIAN (12)

Referee: Riem HUSSEIN (GER)

Assistant referees: Kylie COCKBURN (SCO), Mihaela TEPUSA (ROU)

4th official: Salima MUKANSANGA (RWA)

Substitutions: NZL: 55' out FRASER (6), in HAHN (16), 75' out RENNIE (7), in CUNNINGHAM-LEE (13), 83' out ABBOTT (8), in LUXTON (18)

CAN: 46' HT out WILLIAMS (17), in DE FILIPPO (20), 46' HT out VALLERAND (3), in YOUNG (6), 87' out YOUNG (6), in WALK (4)

Cautions: NZL: 33' MITTENDORFF (4), 84' BARRY (2), 90'+1 BROWN (11)

Expulsions: –

"It's about getting over this tomorrow," said Canada coach Rhian Wilkinson following her side's semi-final defeat. "Tonight I'm going to let them be sad, because it hurts for sure." That pain was softened by the fact they had already bettered Canada's previous best finish at a U-17 World Cup – seventh in 2008 and 2012 – but the fastest goal in FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup history struck them down again. New Zealand launched their high press straight from the kick-off and after Maggie Jenkins pounced on a slightly over-hit first touch from Canada goalkeeper Anna Karpenko, Grace Wisnewski was on hand to give the Kiwis a flying start just 15 seconds in – seven seconds quicker than the previous record. More was to follow from Wisnewski 12 minutes later as her volley from another Jenkins assist gave New Zealand a two-goal cushion. Canada summoned their pride and a resounding second-half performance saw them cut the deficit through Lara Kazandjian and go close to forcing another penalty shoot-out, but the Kiwis dug in deep to claim the bronze medal.

FINAL

Spain v. Mexico ▶	2-1 (2-1)

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ESP: 13 COLL (C); 2 NEVADO, 3 TEJADA, 5 FERNANDEZ, 6 LOPEZ, 7 HERNANDEZ, 10 PINA, 11 PARALLUELO, 17 MENDEZ, 18 NAVARRO, 19 ALONSO

MEX: 1 GUTIERREZ; 2 REYES, 3 SANCHEZ, 5 RIOS, 8 PEREZ (C), 10 GONZALEZ, 11 VAZQUEZ, 14 SOTO, 17 MAULEON, 18 FLORES, 19 CASTRO

Player of the Match: Claudia Pina (ESP)

Scorers:	1-0 16' PINA (10), 2-0 26' PINA (10), 2-1 29' CASTRO (19)
Referee:	Marie-Soleil BEAUDOIN (CAN)
Assistant referees:	Princess BROWN (JAM), Stephanie-Dale YEE SING (JAM)
4th official:	Maria CARVAJAL (CHI)
Substitutions:	ESP: 66' out PARALLUELO (11), in SALVADOR (21), 76' out LOPEZ (6), in PENA (12), 89' out HERNANDEZ (7), in ARANA (16)
	MEX: 46' HT out VAZQUEZ (11), in DIAZ (7), 67' out CASTRO (19), in AVILEZ (21), 77' out GONZALEZ (10), in ARELLANO (13)
Cautions:	ESP: 65' TEJADA (3), 90'+2 NEVADO (2)
	MEX: 56' REYES (2)
Expulsions:	–

"Our last preparation game was against Spain, and I never thought we would be crossing paths again in the final," admitted Mexico coach Mónica Vergara as she prepared for her team's Uruguayan adventure to conclude against the very same opponents it had begun almost a month earlier, albeit with the stakes this time significantly higher. That friendly – played in Montevideo on 8 November – ended 2-1 in Spain's favour, with Eva Navarro and Clàudia Pina on target before Mexico netted a late consolation. An eerily similar script was followed in the rematch, with Navarro and Pina continuing to set the tone for Spain, although it was from the other winger, Salma Paralluelo, that the headed pass came for Pina to strike for the sixth time at Uruguay 2018, showcasing once again her excellent technique, skill and finishing to get La Rojita on the glory trail. The familiar Navarro-Pina axis then combined once again as the former provided her tournament-high third assist and the latter doubled Spain's lead with her seventh of the tournament. Mexican full-back Ximena Ríos was duly given support to deal with Navarro's threat, and a link to help launch quick counter-attacks from deep. They won a corner, and with it some hope as the ball ricocheted into the net off the back of a Spain defender from Denise Castro's deftest of headers, although with Eva Alonso holding things together in front of the Spain defence, Toña Is's side rarely ran the risk of conceding an equaliser. The Spanish midfielder also set the tone for her team's attacks, with plenty of positional switches keeping the Mexicans on their toes and ultimately seeing Spain safely home for their first-ever Women's World Cup title at any level. For the influential trio of adidas Golden Ball winner Pina, adidas Golden Glove winner Coll and assist queen Navarro, victory in Uruguay went a long way towards making up for their disappointment at losing the U-20 Women's World Cup final in France four months earlier.

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