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Flexible active defence play emerging in international women's handball

A couple of women's teams participating in the Olympic Tournament also perform flexible active defence play. Spain configured in a 6:0 defence to start its match against Denmark then switched to a 5:1 defence featuring a very offensively acting front defender.

The picture row shows the 5:1 defence play while switching to 2:4 attack. Spain keeps high pressure with its 4:2 defence and proves successful in spoiling the follow-up of Denmark's attack. Changing defence configurations was probably the key to success in Spain's clash with Denmark.



After crossing RW moves forward with the ball. The front defender in a diagonal position blocks the passing route in the back.



Picture 2 and 3: The right wing feeds the centre back to advance to the line (2:4 attack).



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Pictures 4 and 5: The front defender accompanies the right wing to the line while the left half defender is attacking the centre back offensively.



The right half defender in an offensive diagonal position blocks the passing route towards the left back. Both defensively acting defenders take up the basic position to close the moving path of both pivots into the open centre of defence.

Pictures 7 and 8: The centre back feeds the right back. The



left outside defender attacks the right back offensively to spoil the action in attack.

The defence has been retreating and occupies the centre of defence.