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The top teams' consistent fast-paced play

All top teams participating in the Men's Olympic Handball Tournament rely on consequent fast-paced play although play while retreating as part of the fast-paced defence further improved. Quite surprising that Croatia changed their game philosophy in this regard. They used to rely on their individual strength as part of their set-up attack but now consistently use counter-attacks and quick throw-off.

Iceland's typical fast-paced play proves quite successful. Aside from their strong 1st wave featuring fast wing players they performed brilliantly in terms of technique and tactics by consistently following up their attack action and putting pressure on the opponent who is forming up its defence.

Tactical surprise effects let their marks on the fast-paced play as proves the picture row taken in the match against World and Olympic champions France where Iceland claimed victory in the very end also due their counter-attack play.



1 Iceland's quick throw-off including a pass from the pivot to the right back, who is running in the middle.



2 Both sides execute quick substitutions. The defenders turn around to orientate themselves while retreating.



3 Picture 3 and 4: Iceland's left-hander bounces the ball to take up the centre-back position while the opponent has yet to form up in defence.





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5 The defence tries to close up the centre. It would be a good opportunity for the attackers to continue their attack action.



6 Pictures 6 to 8: The opponent has not yet formed up its defence, key defender Dinar (# 3) in particular is late.



7 Iceland's left-hander jumps off at a distance of nearly 12m to shoot at the goal.

