

Semi-final SWE FRA

A long step shot to escape from a tough situation

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The Swedish team is composed of players with a very wide shooting repertoire. Swedish backs are particularly controlled during this competition. The spaces are not always easy to exploit.

The French defence proposes an offensive organization to reduce the tactical possibilities. Under pressure (reduced space and passive play announced by the referees), the LB 13 performs a surprising and effective step shot, showing the extent of his talent.



Picture 1. FRA presents an offensive central defence (Swedisch line player with the ball on 9m line) which controls the attack.











Picture 2 – 3 – 4. Crossing between the SWE CB and PIV who passes to the RB. The defence continues to control the back players.







Picture 5 - 6. FRA defence moves forward to 9-10 m to reduce the space with the backs and the line player. CB crosses with LB and RB makes a jump pass to the LB.









Picture 7- 8- 9. The right half defender controls the LB who receives the ball from RB. The central defence is well positioned to control the pivot and the backs. The LB receives the ball and chooses a long (11m) step shot in front of the direct defender (passive play).







Picture 10 - 11. The ball enters the goal directly to the diagonal top goal corner. The goalkeeper is surprised by this far and precise shot.