

## Ground shots by Norway

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In the eighth-final match Norway against France, the team from Scandinavia dominated from the start of the game. The main reasons for the unexpected very clear victory were the rigorous 6-0 defense with the excellent goalkeeper **Bergerut** (height 198 cm) who had **50 %** (!) goalkeeping efficiency which facilitated also fast breaks (10 goals from 10 attempts). In the build up attack the shooting potential of back court players was very significant, primarily **Sagosen** (8 goals from 12 attempts) and **Eriksen** (8 goals from 11 attempts). Important is the ability of NOR players to surprising quick ground shots as well. In the following four examples on the video clips we demonstrate two ground shots from left back and two from right back position – all executed by right handed players.

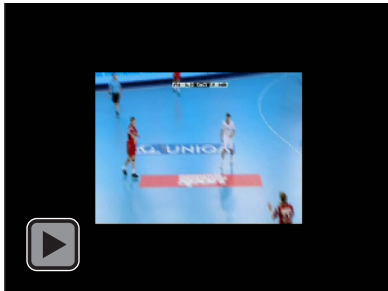
**1<sup>st</sup> Example:** Eriksen is moving from right line player to right back position, receives the ball and after one dribbling he executes an underarm ground shot 10<sup>th</sup> goal for NOR - see the **Video clip 1**.



**2<sup>nd</sup> Example:** Another right handed player in right back position Johannessen also (after short preparatory combination among all three backs) makes one dribbling and executes an underarm shot (with right leg forward !) to score the NOR goal number 22 - see the **Video clip 2**.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Example:** Ground shot by Eriksen with right leg forward – the 24<sup>th</sup> NOR goal - see the **Video clip 3**.



**4<sup>th</sup> Example:** NOR right wing is running in the left line attacker's position and center back Sagosen draws the FRA front defender. Eriksen takes advantage of the situation to score the 29<sup>th</sup> goal - see the **Video clip 4**.

