

Georgia at EURO2024 GERMANY

Overlooked Statistics



I analyzed the data published by FBref.com to identify interesting patterns in the team's playing style and individual displays.

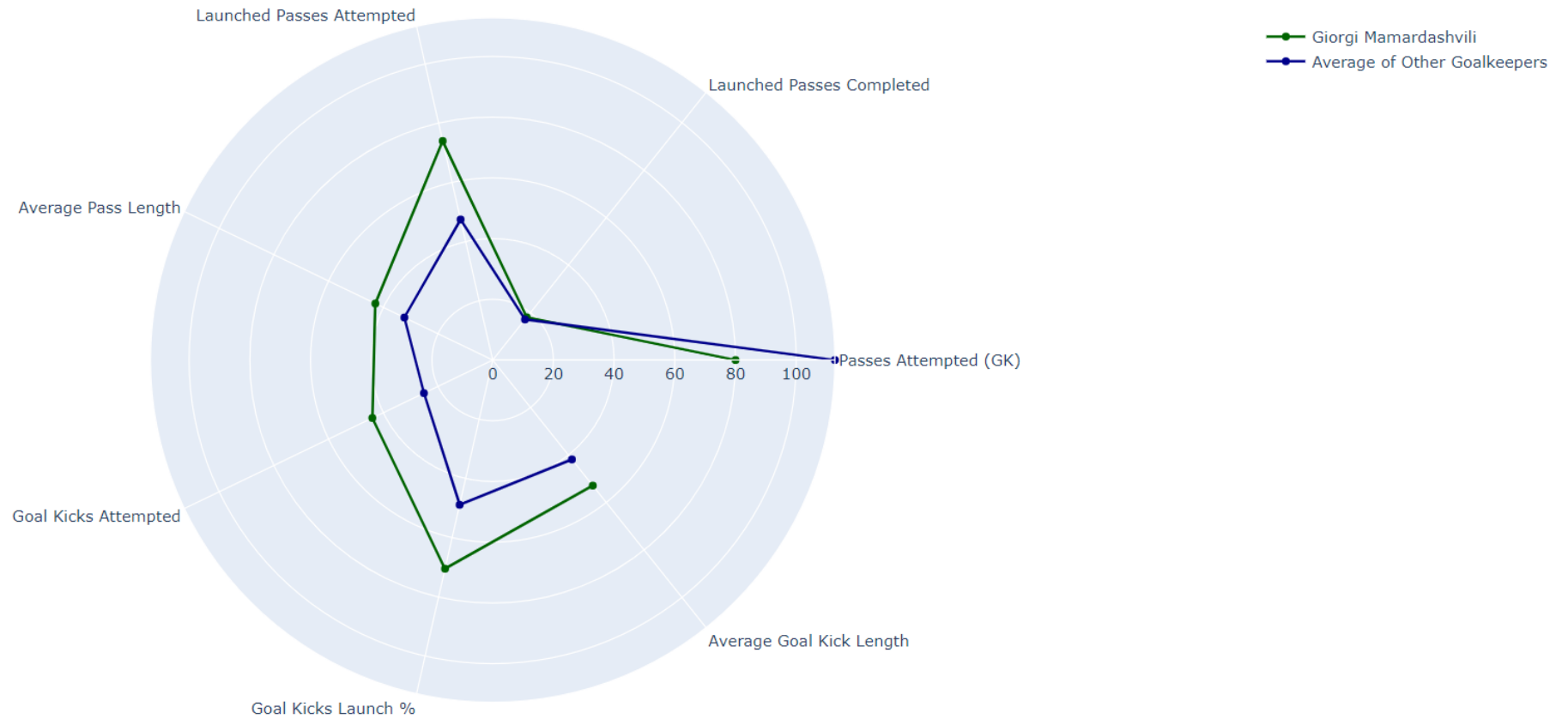
The result is the following set of assessments of metrics in the areas of goalkeeping, defending, passing and shooting.

Goalkeeping

Georgia's **Giorgi Mamardashvili** was the most effective shot-stopper of the tournament, conceding 4.1 less goals than expected.

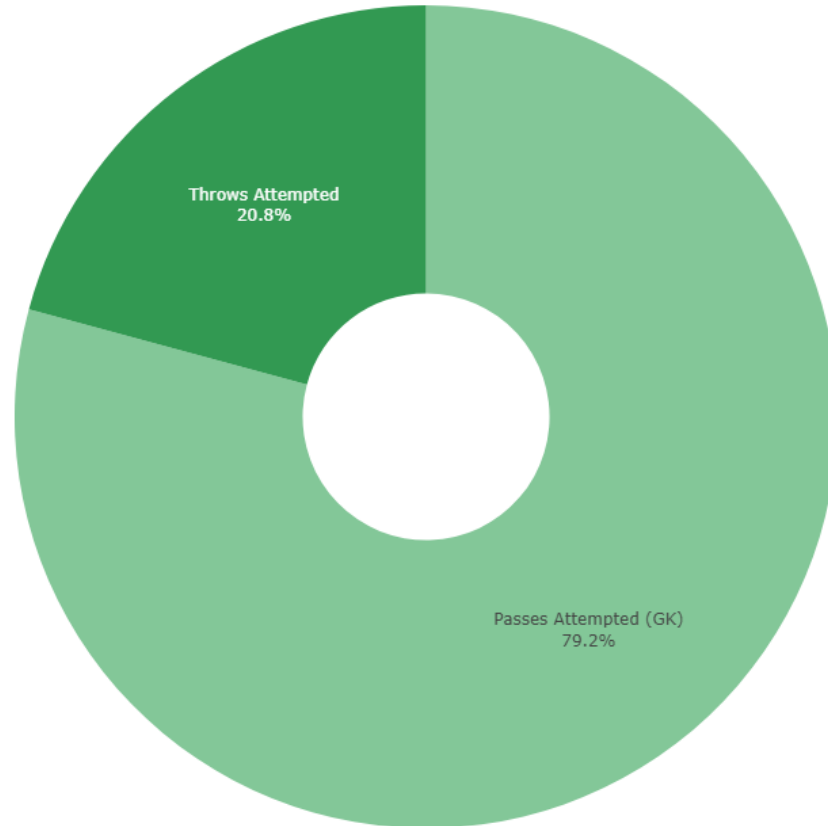


Comparison of Ball Distribution Metrics: Giorgi Mamardashvili vs Average of Other Goalkeepers

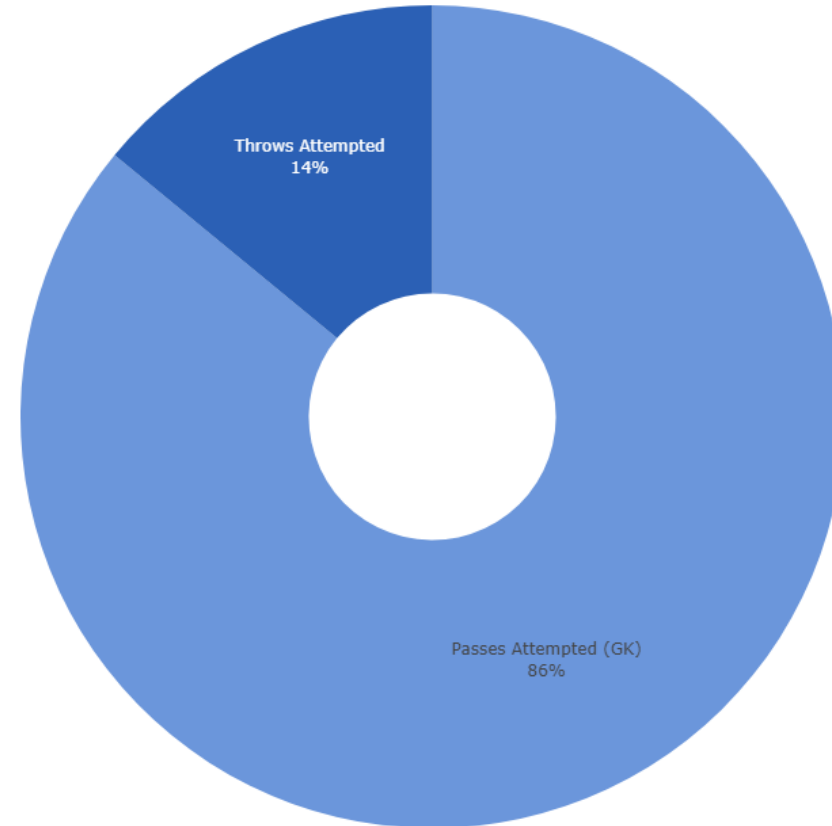


Mamardashvili was comfortably ahead of the average result of other goalkeepers in most ball distribution metrics.

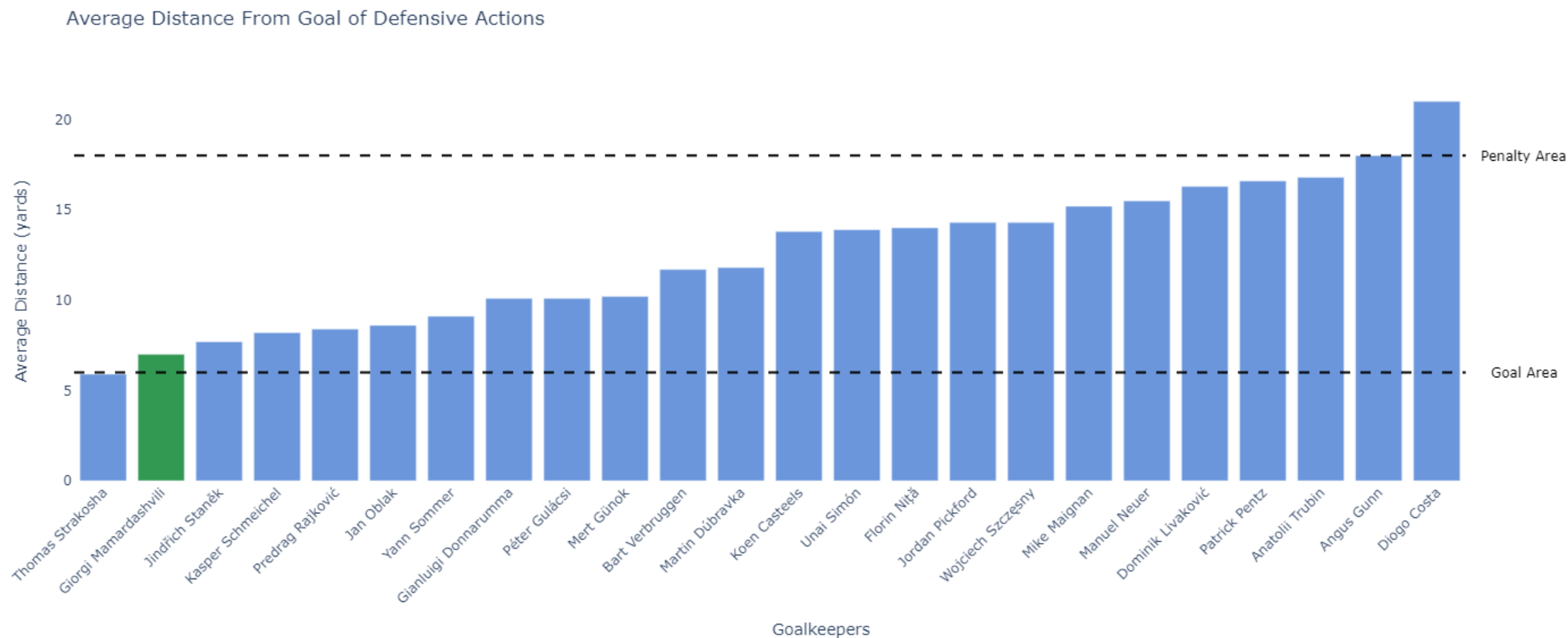
Throws vs Passes – Giorgi Mamardashvili



Throws vs Passes – Other Goalkeepers



The Georgian goalkeeper prioritized throws over passes 6.8% more than the average.



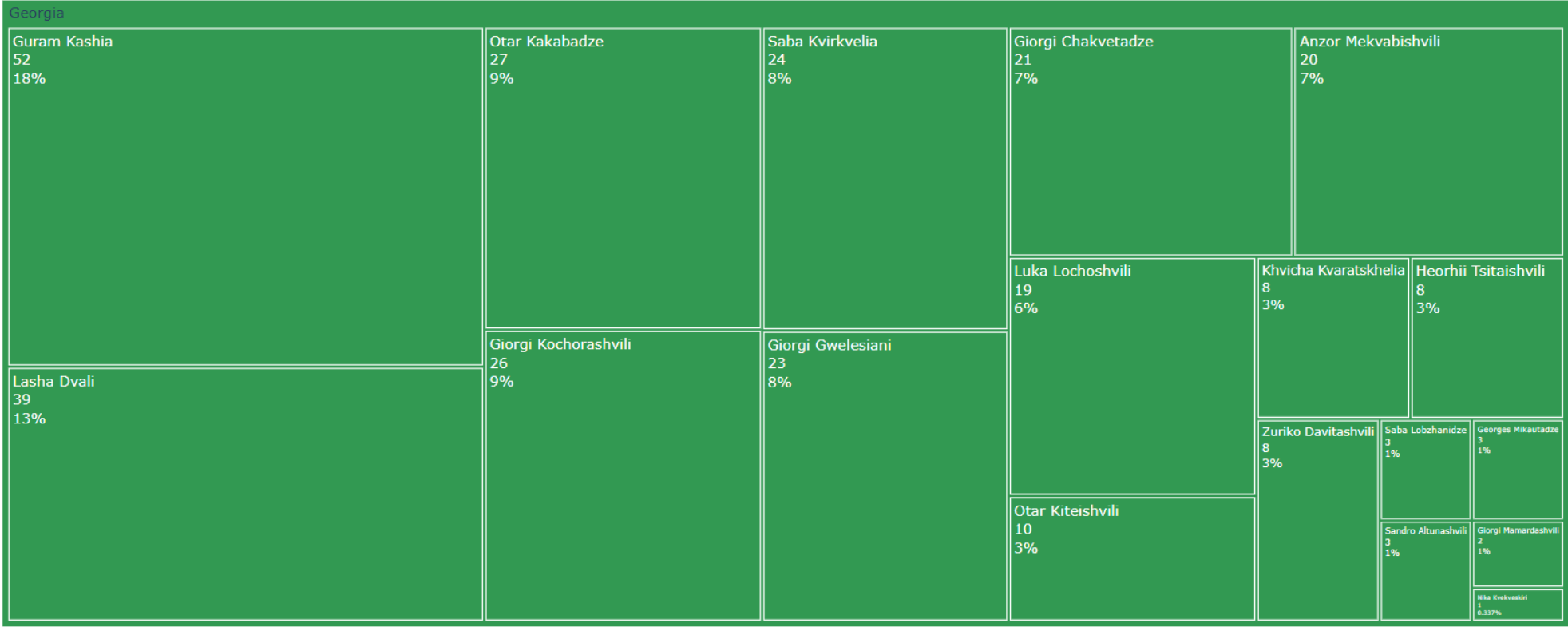
Mamardashvili's defensive actions happened very close to the goal area on average.

Only his Albanian counterpart had to show his occasional heroics farther back than that.

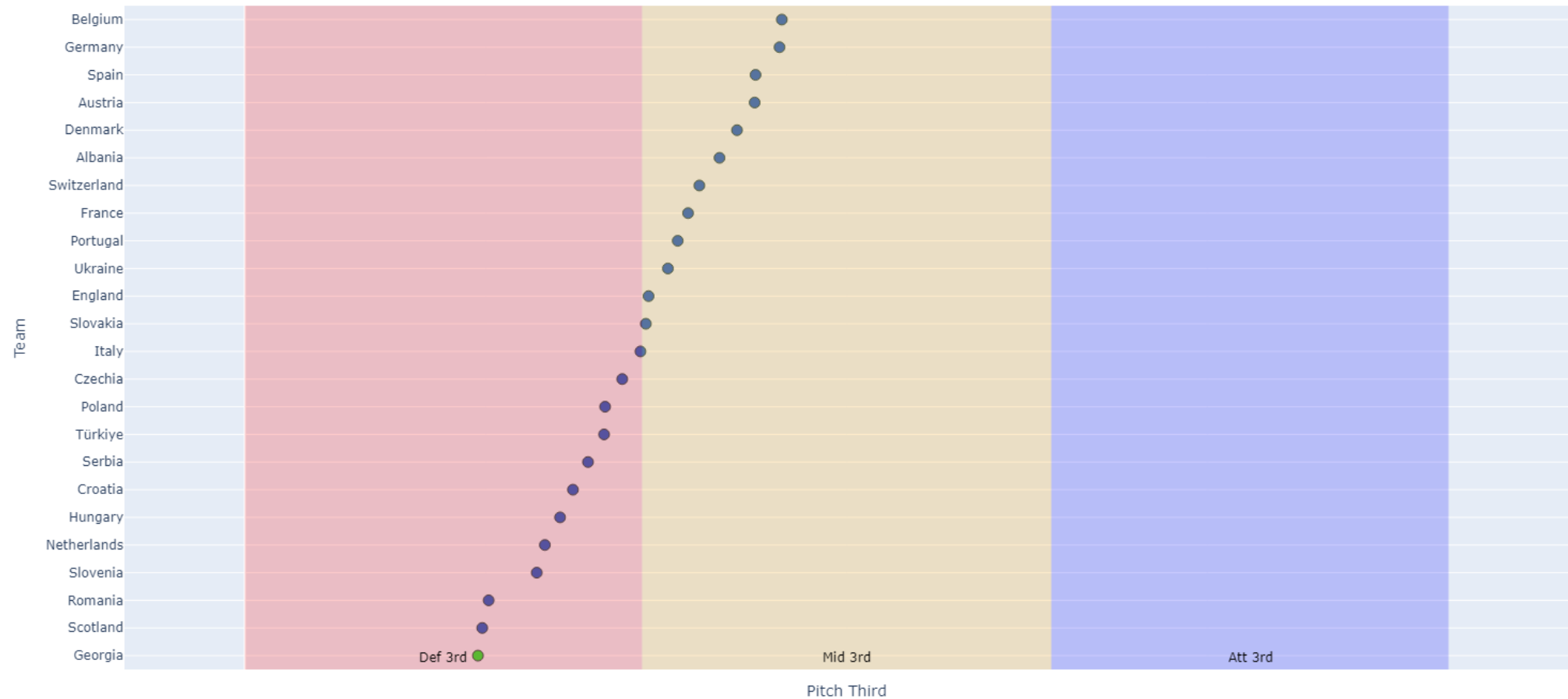
Defending

The captain & center back **Guram Kashia** led the team in the combined number of tackles, blocks, interceptions and clearances.

Georgian Players with Most Total Defensive Actions



Weighted Average Position of Tackles Across Pitch Thirds by Team



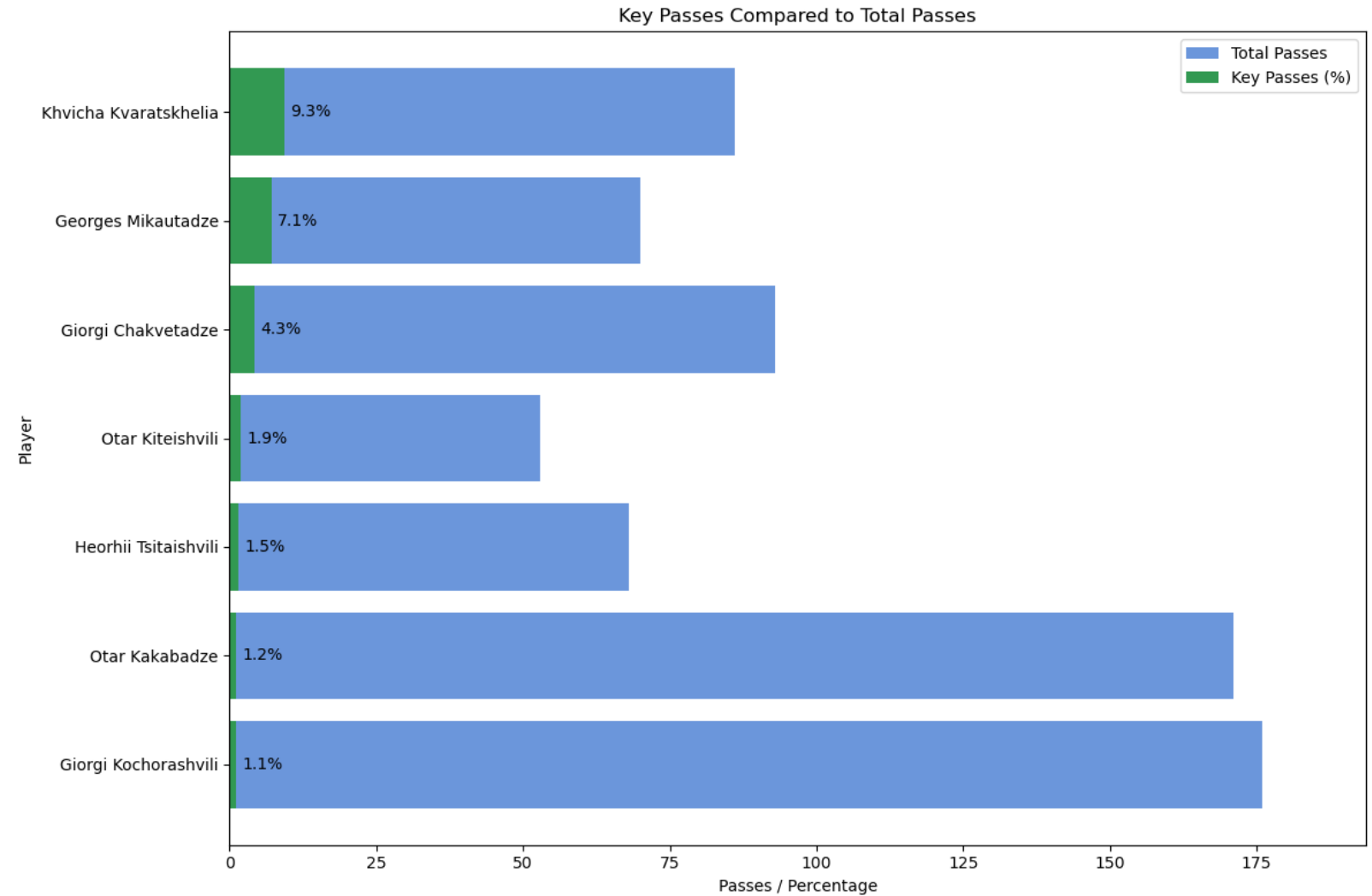
Georgia was the team that tackled the most far back.

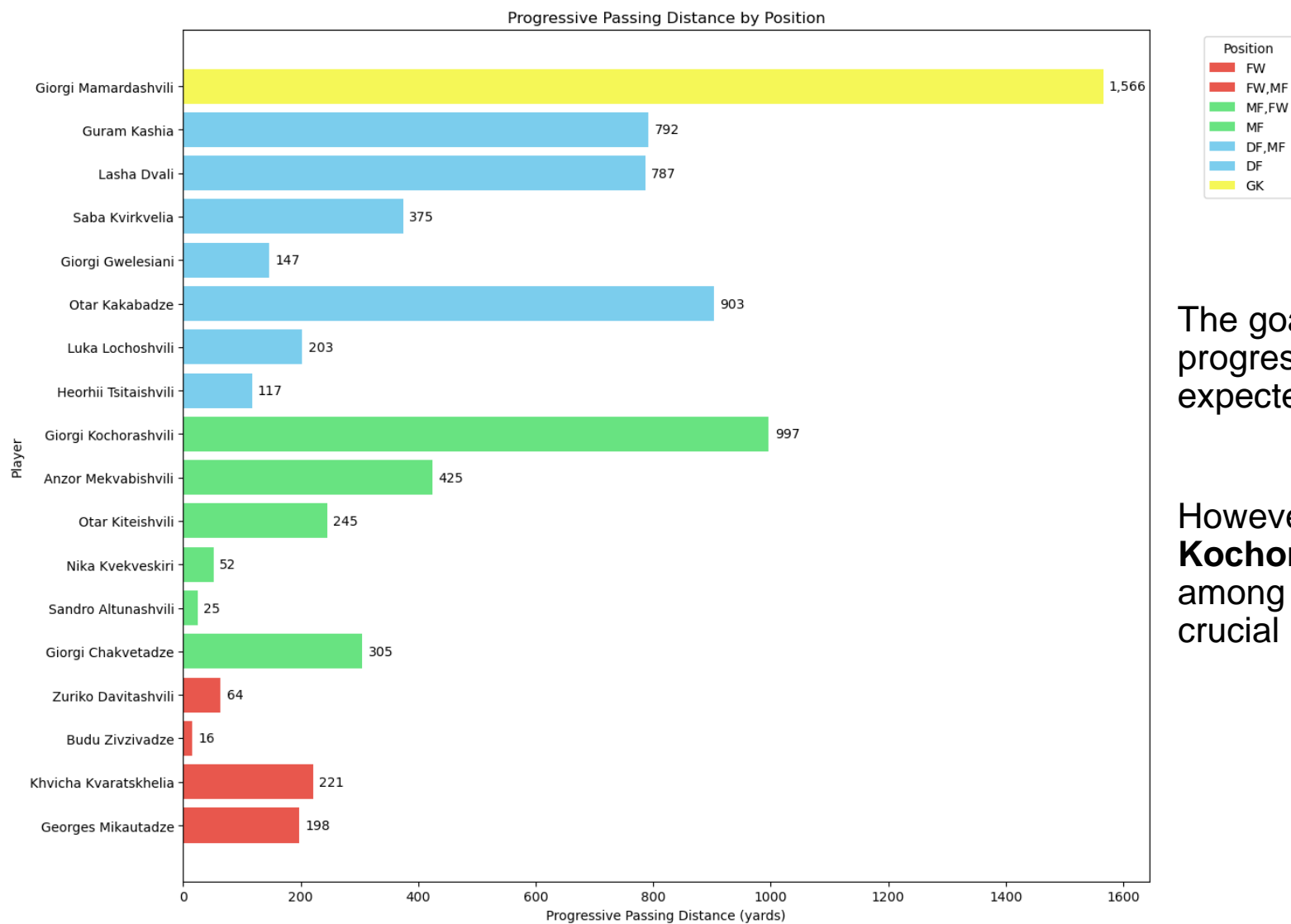
The average tackle occurred at around 22 yards from the goal, very close to the penalty area.

Passing

The two starting forwards made the most key passes.

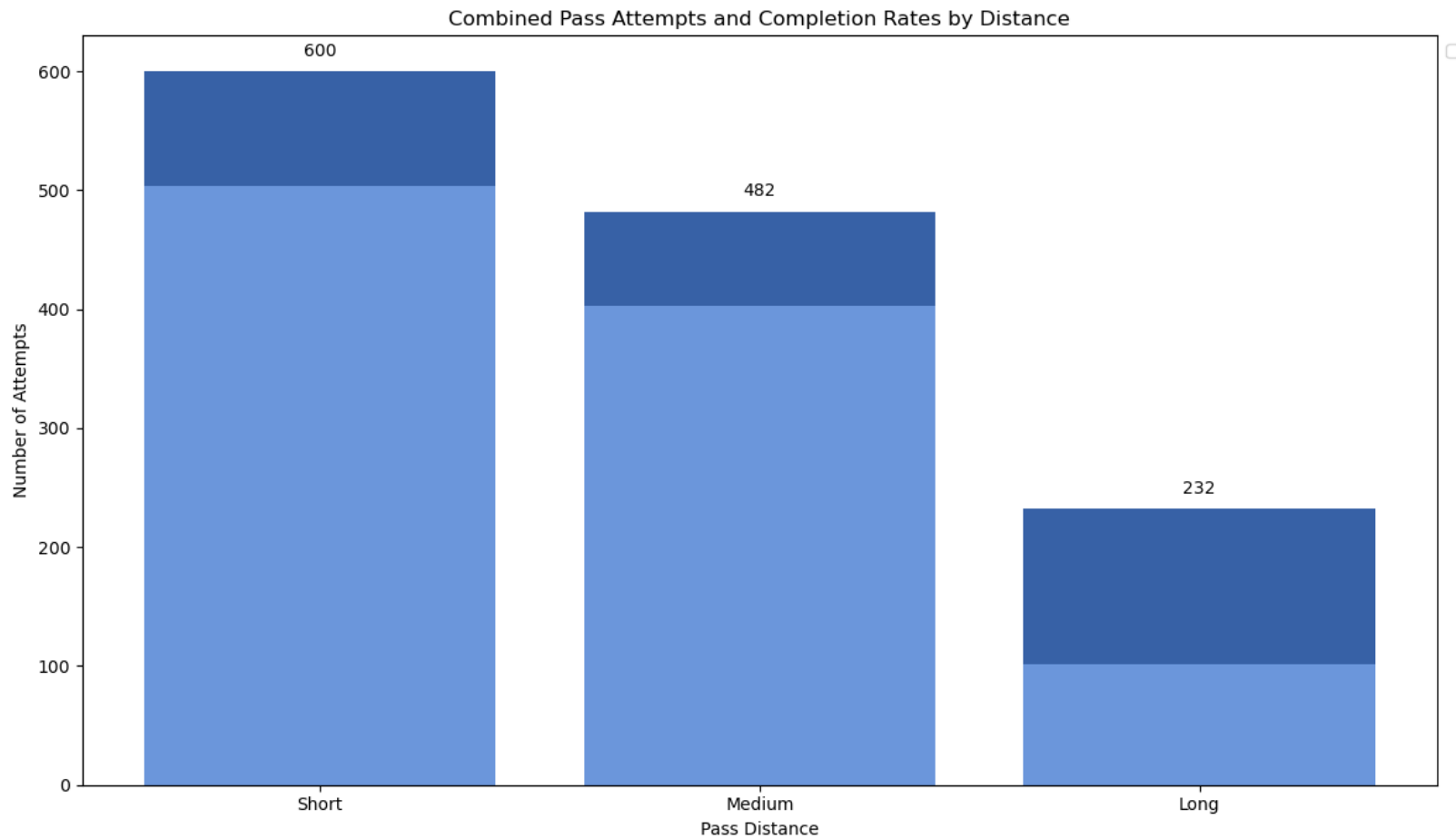
This means they were often dependent on each other for assisting with the final push.





The goalkeeper and defenders lead in progressive passing which would be expected considering the team's style.

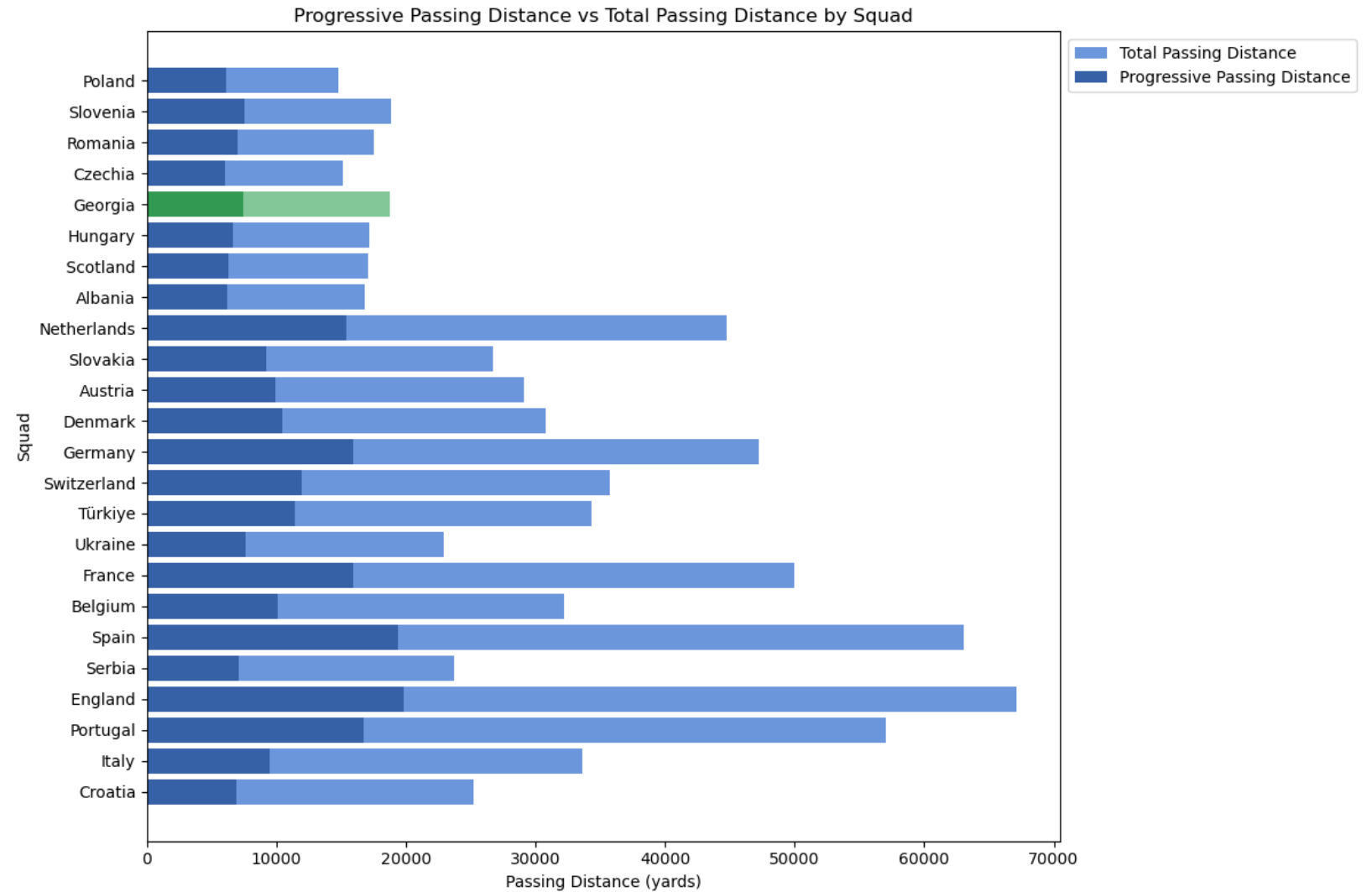
However, the **midfielder Giorgi Kochorashvili** had the highest number among all outfield players, highlighting his crucial role in distributing the ball forward.



Short and medium-length passes were attempted much more often than long ones. The team struggled to complete most of its long pass attempts.

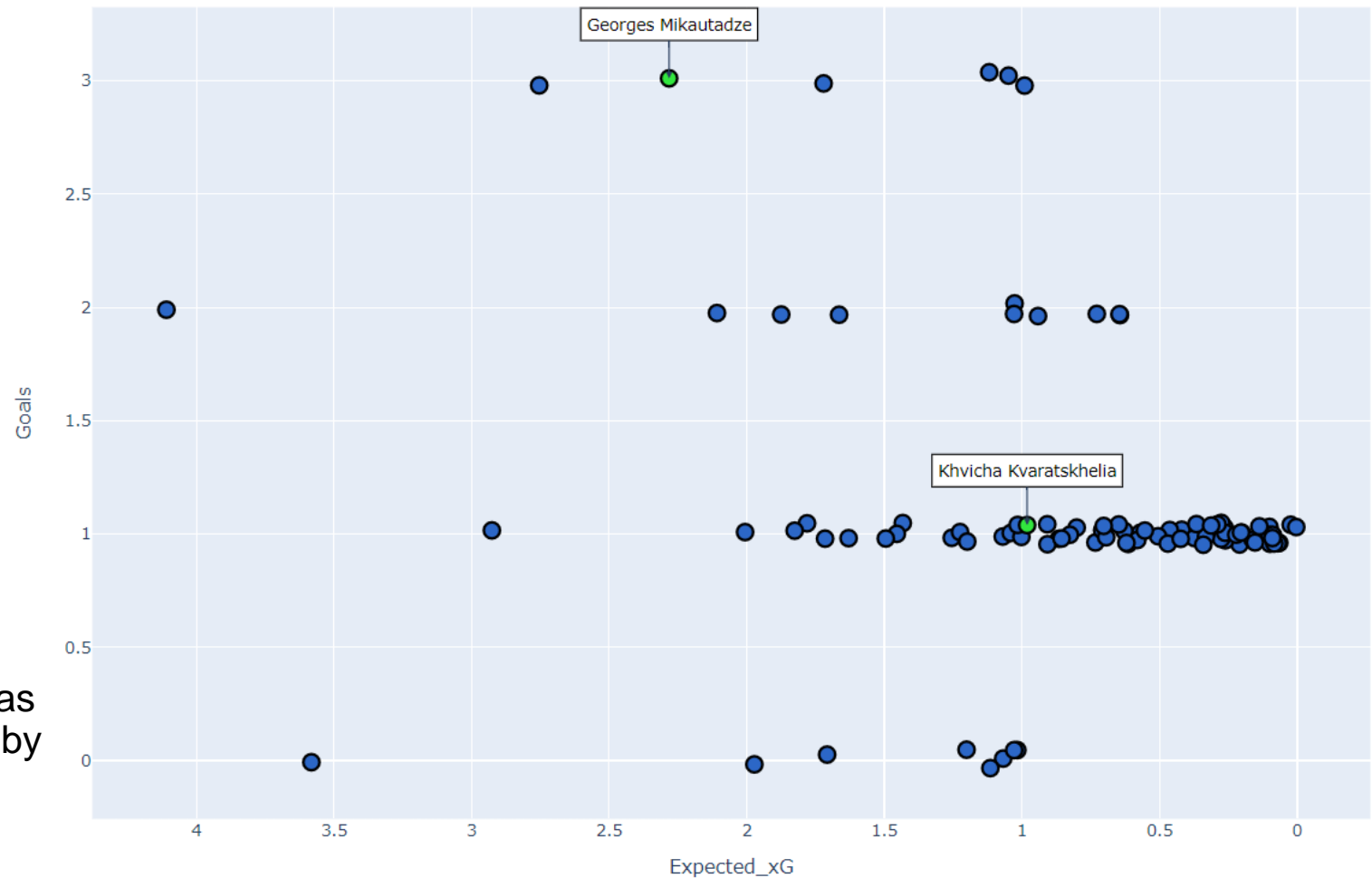
Georgia was among the top 5 teams in terms of the share of progressive passes.

For most teams with a similar result, this meant covering less ground in total with passes.



Shooting

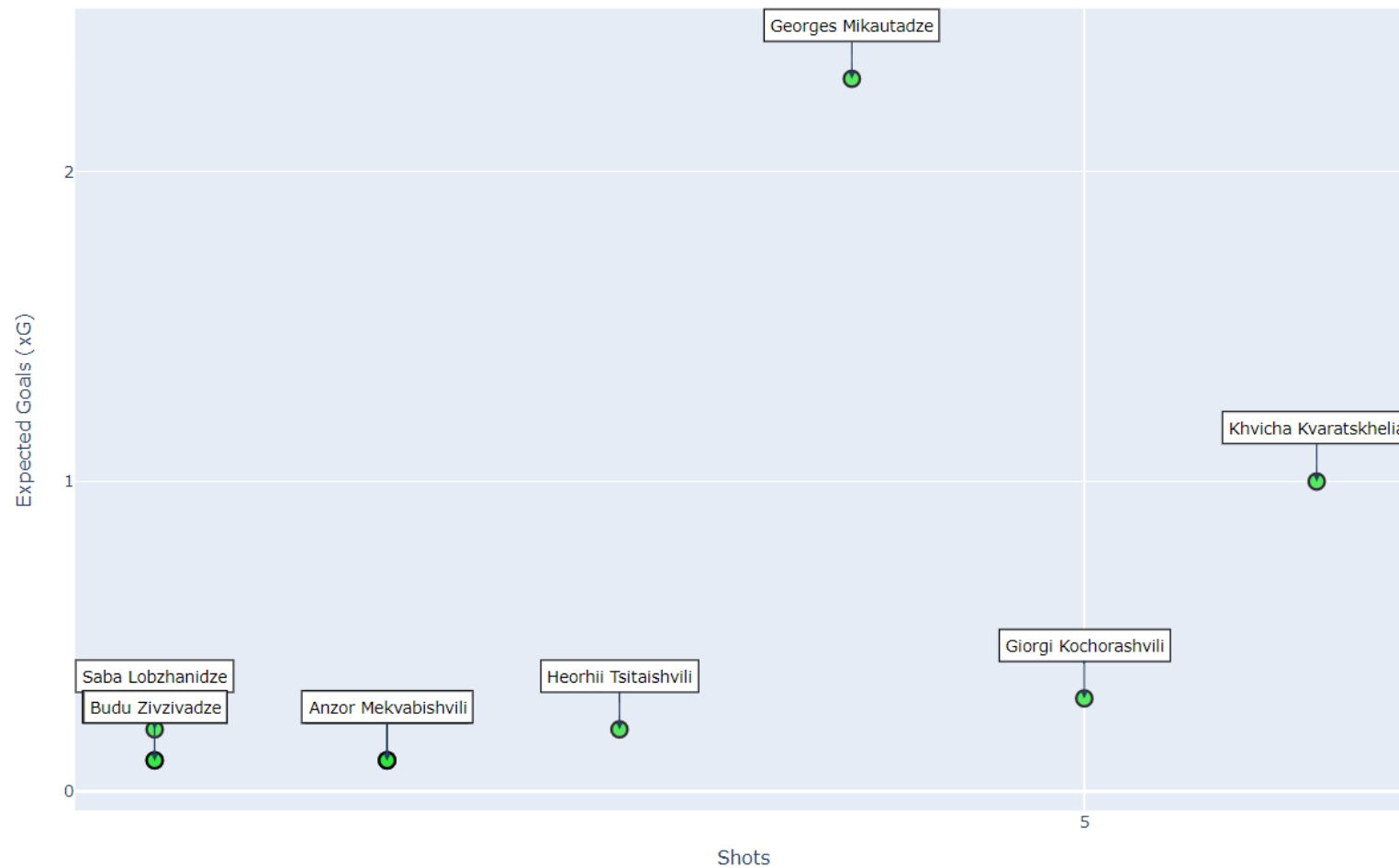
Most Effective Players: Expected_xG vs Goals



Both Georgian goalscorers scored as many or more times than indicated by their xG.

Georges Mikautadze found the net 3 times while having an xG of 2.3, while **Khvicha Kvaratskhelia** scored once, just about the same as his xG.

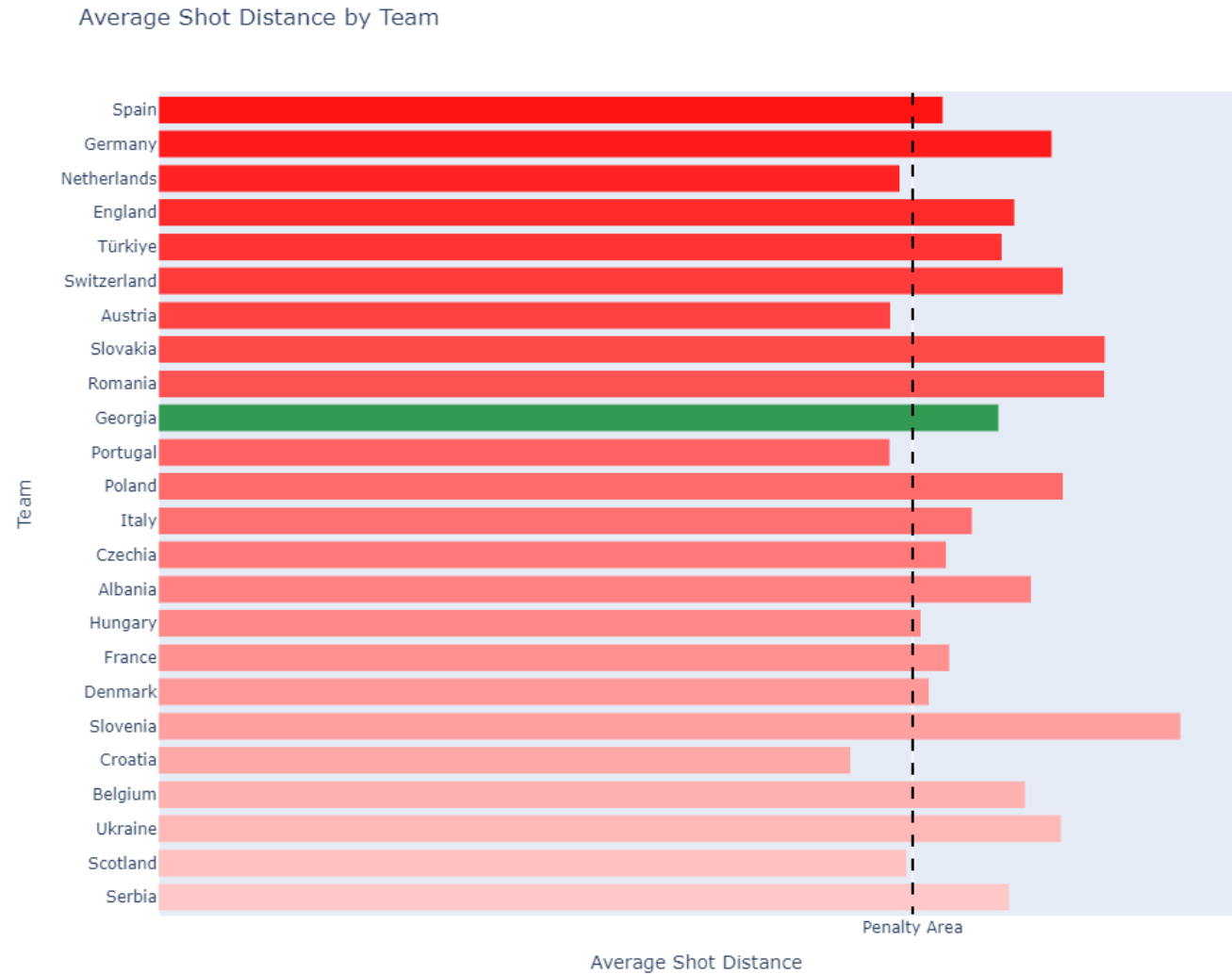
Georgian Players: Shots vs Expected Goals (xG)



It took **Kvaratskhelia** 5 shots to accumulate his 1 xG, while **Mikautadze**, taking into account the 2 penalty kicks, needed 4 shots for 2.3 xG.

Georgia's shots came from just outside of the penalty area, a more or less average result.

There seems to be no significant correlation between the teams who mostly shot from up close and the teams that scored the most (highest-scoring teams shown from **highest** to **lowest**).



Resources Used

Fbref stats for EURO 2024: <https://fbref.com/en/comps/676/UEFA-Euro-Stats>

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