

DATA CAMP Project: Tactical Report – Decoding Set-Piece Strategies of Dinamo București (2024/25 Season)

1. Topic and Context

Project Type: Opponent Analysis Report

Context: In preparing for a match, identifying an opponent's patterns and vulnerabilities is a critical success factor. Set-pieces, being predictable and repeatable moments of the game, provide a unique opportunity to exploit weaknesses and nullify strengths.

This project focuses exclusively on analyzing Dinamo București, using event data to build a detailed tactical profile of their behavior on corners and free kicks.

The aim is to go beyond raw statistics and deliver an actionable scouting report. We are not only interested in how many goals they score or concede, but *how* they do it. The analysis will provide the coaching staff with a clear picture of Dinamo's offensive routines, defensive organization, and key players involved in set-pieces, turning raw data into a direct competitive advantage on the pitch.

2. Project Objectives

The main objective is to create an opponent analysis report that delivers clear, concise tactical insights to inform the coaching staff's decisions ahead of a match against Dinamo București.

Specific objectives:

- **Identifying Offensive Threats:** Detect and visualize Dinamo's main attacking routines on corners and free kicks, to understand where the danger comes from.
- **Identifying Defensive Vulnerabilities:** Analyze in detail how Dinamo defends set-pieces in order to expose possible gaps in organization or individual weaknesses.
- **Profiling Key Players:** Outline the profiles of their main set-piece takers (what are their tendencies?) and their most dangerous finishers (who needs to be marked tightly, man-to-man?).
- **Creating Tactical Visual Aids:** Summarize the analysis in a series of visual materials for a video session (crossing maps, finishing zones, performance charts), easy for players to interpret.

3. Key Questions for Analysis

Our analysis will be structured to answer practical questions a coach would typically ask during match preparation.

Offensive Analysis (What do they do when attacking?):

- **Main Taker:** Who is the primary corner/free-kick taker? Do they prefer in-swingers or out-swingers?
- **Target Zones:** What are the preferred delivery areas from corners (near post, penalty spot, far post)? Can we map these zones?
- **Special Routines:** Do they often use short corner combinations? Are there any repeated set routines or patterns?
- **Dangerous Players:** Who is their main target in the box? Which player attacks spaces most effectively and requires close monitoring?

Defensive Analysis (Where can they be exposed?):

- **Defensive System:** What marking strategy do they mainly use (man-to-man, zonal, or hybrid)?
- **Weak Points:** Which area of the box looks most vulnerable? Is there a specific player who frequently loses defensive aerial duels?
- **Second Ball Reaction:** How well organized are they to win the second ball after a clearance? Could this be an exploitable opportunity?

By answering these questions, the report will provide a solid foundation to prepare the team both to neutralize Dinamo's "secret weapon" and to exploit their own weaknesses.