Men’s Euros 2020 knockout stages

Player Analysis: Jorginho (CM), Italy

Matches clusters:

* Evenly contested and a comfortable win: Belgium (53%,486)
* Low block after early lead: Spain (31%,321)

Pre-meditated attributes of the player:

* Central pivot (compare and contrast with Pirlo playing for the Azzurri)
* Passing between lines (keeps it ticking in terms of passing tempo when having lengthy spells of possession)
* Passing sideways/backwards (partnership with Verratti? counterintuitive but opens spaces for teammates to progress and create high SCA passes)

Questions to be answered using plots:

* Are there particularly dangerous partnerships we should aim to break down during their attacking build-up?
* How to validate claims and spot symptoms (if any) of sterile possession domination





Visualization: Passing network (orchestrating possession, centrality metric)

* Passes recorded till the 1st substitution was made
* Node sizes kept constant to highlight the single-most important KPI metric
* Centralization index against Belgium = 0.11; Centralization index against Spain = 0.09
* Passes weighted to highlight back passes and side passes respectively
* Different thresholds (3 and 2 respectively) for the two games given the difference in volume of total completed passes

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"Donnarumma": "21",

"Lorenzo": "2",

"Bonucci": "19",

"Chiellini": "3",

"Spinazzola": "4",

"Emerson": "13",

"Jorginho": "8",

"Verratti": "6",

"Barella": "18",

"Chiesa": "14",

"Insigne": "10",

"Immobile": "17",

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Grading criteria:

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| **Technical**  How accurately the task was carried out. |  | 3 pts |
| **Insight**  What did we learn about the player? |  | 3 pts |
| **Presentation**  How clearly were the visuals and text presented? |  | 2 pts |