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# AFC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Dear friends and colleagues,*

It is my pleasure to provide the welcome to the Technical Report for the AFC U-19 Women's Championship which was won, once again, by Japan.

Over the years, Japan have set the benchmark for women's football in Asia, winning our only senior World Cup, when they took the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2011 and were runners-up in 2015.

These are remarkable achievements that have been the product of an excellent system which develops talented women players on a regular basis at all age levels.

And in Thailand in 2019, Japan had to be at their best to overcome the strong challenge, particularly of DPR Korea, who themselves were world champions at the FIFA U-17 in 2008 and 2016 and FIFA U-20 in 2006 and 2016.

For Japan, this was their sixth AFC title to go with their world crown in 2018 and this technical report will explore the ways that their game has developed and the reason they deliver consistent talent and success.

So, congratulations to Japan and to DPR Korea and Korea Republic, who will represent the AFC at the upcoming FIFA Women's U-20 World Cup scheduled for Costa Rica and Panama.

And, of course, we must thank the Football Association of Thailand for being such generous

hosts and ensuring that the tournament was played in top-class stadiums. The FA of Thailand have regularly staged AFC competitions in the last few years, and we are continually grateful to them.

The Technical Study Group has delivered this report and they spent hours watching and tactically dissecting the tournament to give all our developing nations an insight into the levels of technique and tactical skill that are needed to become an Asian Champion.

The pages that follow provide all coaches and players alike, as well as the Technical Directors, with valuable knowledge as they look to develop a system that can be successful in women's football in Asia.

The AFC also thanks our Broadcast and Commercial partners for their continued support and to the millions of fans who followed the tournament through traditional and social media and to those spectators who supported the teams in Thailand.

Again, I know you will find this report of great interest and assistance.

Salman Bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa  
AFC President







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# TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW





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Japan claimed the AFC U-19 Women's Championship Thailand 2019 title thanks to a hard-fought 2-1 win over regional rivals DPR Korea.

Goals from Yuzuki Yamamoto and Hana Takahashi proved the difference on a night when Japan withstood intense late pressure to retain the Continental crown they won at the 2017 edition and, in the process, seal their nation's sixth triumph at this level.

Japan's success proved just reward for a superb campaign in which Futoshi Ikeda's side shone brightly from the outset before also sealing their place at the upcoming FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup – which the East Asians will enter as reigning champions and where they will be joined by both DPR Korea and third-placed Korea Republic.

The competition's 10th edition burst into life when DPR Korea laid down an early marker by beating Australia 5-0, with the 2007 champions subsequently going

on to seal top spot in Group A thanks to similarly convincing wins over Vietnam and host nation Thailand.

Despite their opening day loss, Australia rebounded to overcome Thailand 3-1 and they qualified for the Semi-finals courtesy of Mary Fowler's 84th minute goal in a narrow 1-0 defeat of Vietnam.



In Group B, Japan reigned supreme as they recorded three successive victories, scored nine times and conceded only once to finish first in Group B ahead of second-placed Korea Republic – who completed the last-four line-up – China PR and Myanmar.

Japan were to excel once again in the knockout phase, beating Australia 7-0 to ensure the country's seventh appearance in an AFC U-19 Women's Championship Final.

In the other Semi-final encounter, Kim Kyong-yong's brace within the first 10 minutes helped DPR Korea

to a 3-1 win over neighbours Korea Republic, who would go on to finish third after the competition's leading scorer Kang Ji-woo netted four times in a resounding 9-1 win over Australia.

And so to the Final, where, in what was a repeat of four previous AFC U-19 Women's Championship deciders, there was little to show between the two teams in a goalless first half.

However, within moments of the restart, Japan were ahead, Momo Nakao expertly finding Yamamoto who converted from close range.



Japan duly doubled their advantage on 72 minutes, this time skipper Takahashi rising majestically to head home a corner from the tournament's Most Valuable Player Oto Kanno.

Kim Yun-ok's late penalty briefly hinted at a Korean recovery, but it was not to be as Japan held firm to emerge victorious yet again.





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# TOURNAMENT RESULTS







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## GROUP A

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
DPR KOREA	3	3	0	0	11	2	9	9
AUSTRALIA	3	2	0	1	5	6	-1	6
VIETNAM	3	1	0	2	2	4	-2	3
THAILAND	3	0	0	3	2	8	-6	0

Date	Team A	Score	Team B
27 Oct, 19	DPR KOREA	5-1 (2-1)	AUSTRALIA
27 Oct, 19	THAILAND	0-2 (0-0)	VIETNAM
30 Oct, 19	VIETNAM	0-3 (0-0)	DPR KOREA
30 Oct, 19	AUSTRALIA	3-1 (2-0)	THAILAND
02 Nov, 19	THAILAND	1-3 (0-2)	DPR KOREA
02 Nov, 19	AUSTRALIA	1-0 (0-0)	VIETNAM

## GROUP B

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
JAPAN	3	3	0	0	9	1	8	9
KOREA REPUBLIC	3	2	0	1	3	3	0	6
CHINA P.R.	3	1	0	2	7	5	2	3
MYANMAR	3	0	0	3	1	11	-10	0

Date	Team A	Score	Team B
28 Oct, 19	JAPAN	5-0 (2-0)	MYANMAR
28 Oct, 19	CHINA P.R.	1-2 (1-1)	KOREA REPUBLIC
31 Oct, 19	MYANMAR	1-5 (0-1)	CHINA P.R.
31 Oct, 19	KOREA REPUBLIC	0-2 (0-1)	JAPAN
03 Nov, 19	JAPAN	2-1 (1-0)	CHINA P.R.
03 Nov, 19	KOREA REPUBLIC	1-0 (0-0)	MYANMAR





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## SEMI-FINALS

Date	Team A	Score	Team B
06 Nov, 19	DPR KOREA	3-1 (2-0)	KOREA REPUBLIC
06 Nov, 19	JAPAN	7-0 (2-0)	AUSTRALIA



## THIRD/FOURTH PLACE

Date	Team A	Score	Team B
09 Nov, 19	KOREA REPUBLIC	9-1 (4-0)	AUSTRALIA







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## FINAL

Date	Team A	Score	Team B
09 Nov, 19	DPR KOREA	1-2 (0-0)	JAPAN







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# TEAM PROFILES



AUSTRALIA



CHINA PR



DPR KOREA



JAPAN



KOREA REPUBLIC



MYANMAR



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## AUSTRALIA



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	POSITION
1	ANNALEE GROVE	15-06-2001	Goalkeeper
12	TERESA MORRISSEY	16-05-2000	Goalkeeper
18	MORGAN AQUINO	04-08-2001	Goalkeeper
2	CHARLOTTE GRANT	20-09-2001	Defender
3	CHELSEA BLISSETT	03-03-2000	Defender
4	KARLY ROESTBAKKEN	17-01-2001	Defender
5	COURTNEY NEVIN	12-02-2002	Defender
10	HOLLIE ROSE PALMER	01-03-2001	Defender
13	ANGELIQUE HRISTODOULOU	17-09-2001	Defender
17	ABBEY GREEN	15-10-2002	Defender
23	EMILY HODGSON	01-07-2000	Defender
8	RACHEL LOWE	19-11-2000	Midfielder
9	KYRA COONEY-CROSS	15-02-2002	Midfielder
15	RASAMEE PHONGSONGKHAM	12-02-2001	Midfielder
19	CIARA FOWLER	16-07-2001	Midfielder
20	TESSA TAMPLIN	03-03-2001	Midfielder
21	AIDEEN KEANE	09-02-2002	Midfielder
22	CLAUDIA MIHOCIC	12-04-2003	Midfielder
6	MARY FOWLER	14-02-2003	Forward
7	PRINCESS IBINI-ISEI	31-01-2000	Forward
11	SHADEENE EVANS	07-09-2001	Forward
14	INDIAH-PAIGE RILEY	20-12-2001	Forward
16	DEBORAH DE LA HARPE	05-04-2000	Forward



## KEY POINTS

### FORMATION

1 - 4 - 3 - 3

### ATTACKING

- Assured build up from the back. Central defenders and goalkeeper recycled and pushed the ball forward through the midfield (centre midfielder link up play), looking for an opening on the flank or centre
- There was a lot of positional interchanging, both vertically and horizontally
- #6 stayed on top and requested the ball from the centre back or centre midfielder;

### TRANSITION TO DEFENCE

- Immediate, organised pressure on the ball after losing it
- Retreated and re-organised behind the ball as quickly as possible

when she dropped from the midfield line to receive the ball, she became the target player

- Direct forward play (long ball) from goalkeeper or occasionally a defender
- Attacking full backs, one at the time or both at the same time
- Wingers/outside midfielder players cut inside midfield (overload midfield)

- Goalkeeper covered the space behind the back four line

### DEFENDING

- Pressure from the top of the circle on opponent's half
- Compact zone defence
- Pressure in own half against Japan

### TRANSITION TO ATTACK

- A combination of keeping possession and playing direct passes toward the wide areas
- Counterattacked when possible

- Numerical superiority two-on-one or plus one on the flanks
- Always challenged hard

- Goalkeeper influential in starting quick counterattack





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AUSTRALIA

## KEY PLAYERS



### #6 MARY FOWLER

- Scored two goals
- Good with the ball
- Fast, agile and created off the ball movement
- Player of the Match



### #8 RACHEL LOWE

- Attacking midfielder
- Alternated with #19 in linking play from backline to front
- Could dribble and push the ball forward as well as combination play
- Switched and looked for diagonal play
- Aggressive physically



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## CHINA PR



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	POSITION
1	ZHU MENGDI	25-01-2000	Goalkeeper
21	HAO YIXIN	19-04-2002	Goalkeeper
22	WANG MEIXING	08-09-2001	Goalkeeper
2	YANG SHUHUI	28-10-2000	Defender
3	DOU JIAXING	29-02-2000	Defender
4	WANG LINLIN	04-08-2000	Defender
5	SI YU	18-03-2000	Defender
12	ZHUO MAJI	04-10-2000	Defender
13	CHEN MENGYUAN	03-01-2000	Defender
15	YUAN CONG	17-04-2000	Defender
18	YANG XIAOXIA	08-10-2000	Defender
6	SHAO SHIYU	21-04-2000	Midfielder
8	ZHOU XINYU	26-02-2002	Midfielder
11	SHEN MENGLU	10-05-2002	Midfielder
16	LI YINGRUI	05-02-2001	Midfielder
17	SUN PINGWEI	30-10-2001	Midfielder
19	HAN XUAN	28-07-2000	Midfielder
23	JIN JING	12-06-2001	Midfielder
7	YANG QIAN	05-01-2001	Forward
9	ZHANG LINYAN	16-01-2001	Forward
10	YAO MENGJIA	10-11-2000	Forward
14	LI YINGHUA	28-01-2001	Forward
20	TIAN YUNLANG	16-01-2000	Forward





## KEY POINTS

### FORMATION

1 - 3 - 4 - 3 / 1 - 5 - 4 - 1

### ATTACKING

- Three centre defenders built up from the back and looked to offload and construct attacks towards the top third of the field
- Rotating midfield players in build up play
- Fullback pushed high and wide to create a layer of four in the midline; the overlap was not always evident
- Wingers/outside midfield players cut inside midfield (overload midfield)
- Two centre midfielders had a specific role once in possession; #8 tried to switch the point of attack and look for forward

### TRANSITION TO DEFENCE

- Outnumbered the player with the ball in the middle third
- Depending on the opponent, retreated to middle third or own half as quickly as possible to try to organise, often putting limited pressure on ball carrier

- passes to the wide player or striker, running behind opponent backline. #9 looked to remove pressure from her first possession, mostly pushing the ball and looking for penetrative pass opportunities
- The three players on top stayed active, and tried to exploit the small spaces behind the midfield line, between defenders and behind the backline
- Direct forward play (long ball) from goalkeeper or defender from time to time

- Goalkeeper covered space behind backline when opponent played direct ball

### DEFENDING

- Defensive organisation depended on the opponent; high pressure on the build up against Korea Republic and Myanmar, but low block against Japan
- Right and left forwards dropped back into the midfield line while fullbacks dropped to the backline, creating a line of five

### TRANSITION TO ATTACK

- Direct play or pass to the backline to re-organise
- Quick combination passes and final pass towards the backline of opponent

- Role of back five was to hold and mark opponent strikers
- Created numbers on the flank
- Relatively organised and compact zone defence

- Counterattacking where possible from own third
- Goalkeeper influential in starting quick counterattack



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**CHINA PR**

## KEY PLAYERS



### #9 ZHANG LINYAN

- Quality of touch and use of body to get out of tight situations or to exploit space
- Controlled the central area; link player who is good at supporting
- Capable of taking a good-quality shot from long range



### #7 YANG QIAN

- Good with the ball
- Positioned herself to advantage to receive the ball
- Scoring ability
- Player of the Match





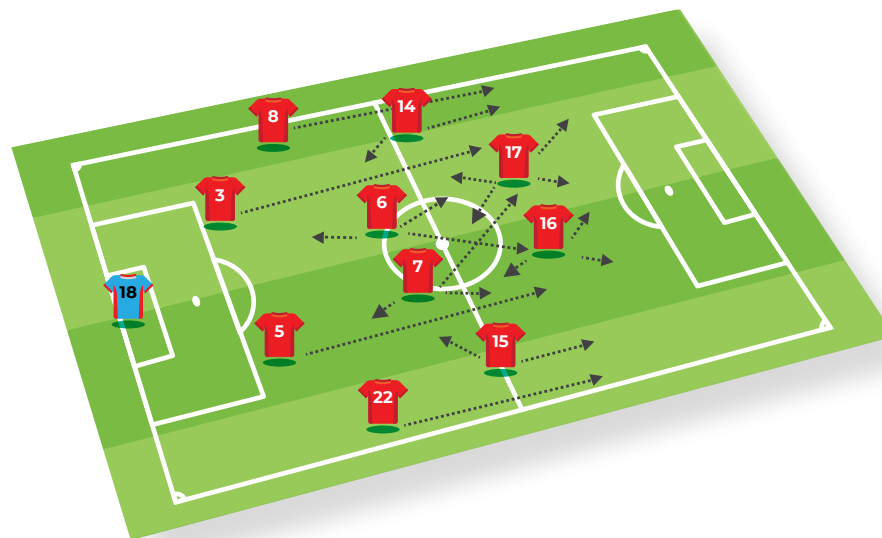
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**DPR KOREA**



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	POSITION
1	YUN PYOL	04-01-2002	Goalkeeper
18	YU SON GUM	08-11-2003	Goalkeeper
21	RI HYON GYONG	09-09-2003	Goalkeeper
3	RI KUM HYANG	22-04-2001	Defender
4	KIM RYU SONG	26-02-2002	Defender
5	SON OK JU	07-03-2000	Defender
8	RYU SOL SONG	27-02-2002	Defender
22	RI SIN OK	26-05-2003	Defender
2	RI YE YONG	10-04-2001	Midfielder
6	RI SU JONG	05-07-2002	Midfielder
7	RI SU GYONG	14-04-2003	Midfielder
9	PANG UN SIM	29-06-2001	Midfielder
10	CHOE KUM OK	23-02-2002	Midfielder
11	O SI NAE	14-01-2001	Midfielder
15	YUN JI HWA	03-01-2002	Midfielder
17	KIM KYONG YONG	02-01-2002	Midfielder
12	PAK HYON JONG	12-06-2000	Forward
13	RI CHONG GYONG	06-04-2001	Forward
14	KIM YUN OK	14-03-2003	Forward
16	KIM HYANG	08-01-2001	Forward
19	PAK IL GYONG	18-04-2002	Forward
20	JONG YUN MI	04-02-2002	Forward



## KEY POINTS

### FORMATION

1-4-4-2

### ATTACKING

- Played out from the back; centre back went wide while full back pushed high
- Wingers stayed high, at similar level as two strikers
- Back four played directly to strikers when opponents pressed, leaving open space behind
- Switching play in the midfield, centre midfielders looked to full back who was pushing up
- Wingers always cut in as centre midfielders and created space for strikers or full backs in the flank area

### TRANSITION TO DEFENCE

- When possession lost in attacking third, one or two players tried to press the ball immediately and the others retreated to midfield third with compact defending

- Strikers laid back and others ran from behind to exploit the space behind defenders
- Focused on flank attack instead of middle combination play, good wing play and created quality crosses; two strikers were the target
- Long range shooting and dribbling in attacking third, good at one-on-one or solo play in flank

- Not very aggressive when pressing in the upper half

### DEFENDING

- Able to quickly organise the defending block in the middle third
- Compact block in the middle with wingers staying inside, forcing opponents to either pass back, pass to the flank or attempt a long ball
- Engagement line was around the top of circle in upper half, where they started

### TRANSITION TO ATTACK

- Consistently regained possession in middle third
- Started counterattack from middle third and quickly played to two strikers

- pressing aggressively if opponents entered the area
- Good at one-on-one in aerial duel
- Back four preferred clearance in own defending third
- Well organised and compact zone defence

- Quick counterattack by direct play to the space behind defenders
- Quick forward movement after regaining possession





## KEY PLAYERS



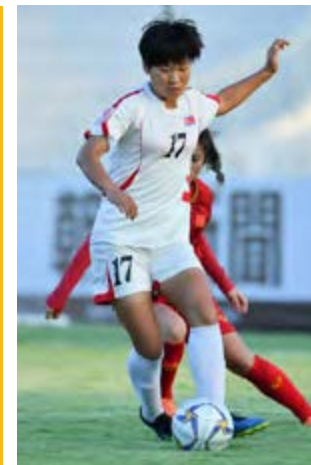
### #14 KIM YUN OK

- Good tactical movement in flank area
- Regular and well-timed cutting in or overloading midfield, creating lots of crosses and space for teammates



### #15 YUN JI HWA

- Good at attacking in flank area
- Strong in both one-on-one and crosses
- Aggressive in the box



### #17 KIM KYONG YONG

- Target player, good at finishing
- Could lay back well in combination play
- Very strong heading in the air



### #7 RI SU GYONG

- Efficient in the midfield, good at linking up between back four and midfield
- Helped with switching and keeping ball possession
- Good position for second ball and long shots; pressed immediately in transition phase to regain possession
- Good leadership skills



### #19 PAK IL GYONG

- Quick and strong winger
- Good at one-on-one and running with the ball in the flank
- Outstanding performances when substituted in the second half



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## JAPAN



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1	MOMOKO TANAKA	17-03-2000	Goalkeeper
18	MAYA INO	29-09-2000	Goalkeeper
21	SHU OHBA	11-07-2002	Goalkeeper
3	WAKABA GOTO	04-06-2001	Defender
4	HANA TAKAHASHI	19-02-2000	Defender
5	NODOKA FUNAKI	10-08-2000	Defender
13	SHINO MATSUDA	27-03-2001	Defender
15	CHIIHIRO TOMIOKA	15-08-2001	Defender
20	IBUKI NAGAE	03-03-2002	Defender
22	HARUNA TABATA	27-05-2002	Defender
2	MAI WATANABE	05-09-2000	Midfielder
6	MOMO NAKAO	09-03-2002	Midfielder
7	CHISE TAKIZAWA	14-02-2001	Midfielder
8	MISAKI MORITA	11-01-2002	Midfielder
10	OTO KANNO	30-10-2000	Midfielder
11	MOMO KATO	28-01-2001	Midfielder
12	SARA ITO	11-11-2001	Midfielder
16	HARUKA MIURA	02-09-2000	Midfielder
23	FUKINA MIZUNO	31-01-2001	Midfielder
9	HARUKA OSAWA	15-04-2001	Forward
14	NANAKO TAKEDA	17-02-2000	Forward
17	MAHO HIROSAWA	18-10-2000	Forward
19	YUZUKI YAMAMOTO	01-09-2002	Forward





## KEY POINTS

### FORMATION

1-4-4-2

### ATTACKING

- Played out from the back by short passing. Back four and goalkeeper kept a close distance for passing, rather than staying wide and high
- One centre midfielder dropped off to receive passes, two midfielders rotated in to build up play
- Wingers cut in and created space for full backs to overlap, overloading the midfield
- Switched to other side through short passing in midfield
- One striker dropped off to lay back while another stayed high. Two strikers used the space in the flank area and received the ball behind the full back

### TRANSITION TO DEFENCE

- Pressed immediately using good teamwork
- Retreated to own half quickly when opponents played long, with the back four working together to protect the space behind

- Two strikers laid off to facilitate combination play in the tight space around the centre
- Centre back #4 sometimes passed directly to the two strikers to exploit the space behind the defenders, changing the pace of the game
- Took time to keep possession and look for forward passes
- Killer passes and penetration made in attacking third, using the tight space behind defenders
- Good wing play, creating quality passes
- Excellent passing game - offered good options for the player in possession

- Compact defending lines
- Goalkeeper covered the space behind high defensive line

### DEFENDING

- Semi-high pressing. Allowed first pass from goalkeeper, with players staying between the attackers. Once opponents started to play from the back, strikers tried to push the ball to one side, regaining the ball or forcing the opponents to play long
- Pressed aggressively in the upper half while the back four remained ready to defend the long pass. Goalkeeper also stayed high to cover space behind back four
- Centre back was tight on the opponent's striker in the middle third, ready to intercept

### TRANSITION TO ATTACK

- Quick reaction and forward movements to penetrate opposition defense
- Took time to build up and keep possession when there was no chance to play counters or quick attack

- Middle third was compact; two wingers stayed inside, with one striker dropping off to help
- Tight marking in the box with goalkeeper good at defending the high ball and crossing. Kept possession and built up again from the defending third, not intending to clear away
- Compact defending lines and shape
- Well organised, aggressive defending

- Goalkeeper started the counterattacks quickly with accurate short and long passes



## KEY PLAYERS



### #4 TAKAHASHI

- Organised back four well
- Good at one-on-one defending and heading
- Good communication and leadership
- Able to anticipate and change the game



### #1 TANAKA

- Very good at attacking with accurate passes, especially when starting counterattack
- Good at defending, crossing and high ball



### #10 KANNO

- Good reading of the game, and able to control the pace
- Good passing skills
- Scored a world-class goal out of the box



### #19 YAMAMOTO

- Good at one-on-one and finishing in the box
- Able to use the space behind defenders
- Very skillful and able to protect the ball





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## KOREA REPUBLIC



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1	LEE HYEONJU	08-05-2000	Goalkeeper
18	KIM SUJEONG	12-09-2001	Goalkeeper
21	KIM MIN YOUNG	14-11-2001	Goalkeeper
2	KIM EUN SOUL	19-01-2000	Defender
3	JO MINAH	26-10-2000	Defender
4	JEONG YUJIN	25-12-2000	Defender
5	NOH JINYOUNG	03-06-2000	Defender
6	SHIN BOMI	14-03-2000	Defender
12	LEE DEOKJU	26-12-2000	Defender
20	KOO CHAEHYEON	26-11-2000	Defender
7	PARK HYEJEONG	30-03-2000	Midfielder
8	KIM SOOJIN	04-02-2000	Midfielder
13	YUN HYEONJI	19-01-2000	Midfielder
14	JUNG MINYOUNG	28-09-2000	Midfielder
23	KIM HYEJEONG	10-08-2001	Midfielder
9	CHO MIJIN	04-04-2001	Forward
10	KANG JIWOO	09-05-2000	Forward
11	CHOO HYOJOO	29-07-2000	Forward
15	CHOI DAKYEONG	08-11-2000	Forward
16	LEE JEONGMIN	11-11-2000	Forward
17	HYUN SEULGI	28-01-2001	Forward
19	LEE EUNYOUNG	31-03-2002	Forward
22	CHUN GARAM	19-10-2002	Forward



## KOREA REPUBLIC



### KEY POINTS

#### FORMATION

1 - 4 - 4 - 2

#### ATTACKING

- Goalkeeper played short to centre back; backline maximised the width and created depth at the same time, allowing wingers to push higher on the halfway line, almost level with the strikers; they recycled the ball and were able to deliver wide, long, lofted passes
- Wide players worked like a zipper on the side; linking up with the full back, supporting the strikers and running behind the line when there was a diagonal pass
- Followed a regular pattern in the centre, passing forward, laying off and passing

#### TRANSITION TO DEFENCE

- Immediate, organised pressure on the ball after losing it
- Dropped back quickly to the middle third to regroup and protect the central area

forward again; targeting wide areas, #10 or the space behind her. The team relied on this player in the top third

- The final pass could be a cross or a diagonal ball where two to three players were ready to receive
- Attacking full backs, one at a time or both at the same time
- When trailing, they pushed one centre back up high as a target player with #10 and other striker

- One player applied pressure while the second line recovered behind as quickly as possible and the backline tried to control the line
- Goalkeeper covered the space behind the back four line

#### DEFENDING

- High pressing in general, applied midfield block to low defensive organisation against DPR Korea
- Two strikers pressed high; when one pressed, the other covered the space behind and the rest of the line followed; compact at ball side

#### TRANSITION TO ATTACK

- Direct play to #10; either tried to turn and play wide or lay off to supporting player and play forward to wide again
- Counter-attacked where possible, with three players ready to run behind backline of opponent

- In the midfield area and defending third, team quickly pressured player with the ball with superior numbers
- Organised and compact zone defence

- Kept possession to ensure build up again
- Goalkeeper influential in starting quick counterattack





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**KOREA REPUBLIC**

## KEY PLAYERS



### #10 KANG JIWOO

- Very good with the ball; strong in one-on-one play
- Quick feet and fast with or without the ball
- Created chances for teammates



### #8 KIM SOOJIN

- Good passing ability
- Controlled the central area defensively



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## MYANMAR



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1	ZU LATT NADI	22-12-2000	Goalkeeper
18	KHIN MYAT MOE	15-11-2004	Goalkeeper
23	KYI PYAR LIN	13-06-2002	Goalkeeper
2	HNIN MYA THAZIN	25-05-2001	Defender
3	NAW HTET HTET WAI	30-07-2000	Defender
4	ZUNE YU YA OO	12-02-2001	Defender
5	NANT ZU ZU HTET	26-09-2000	Defender
14	EI EI KYAW	01-04-2002	Defender
15	MOE MA MA SOE	24-05-2001	Defender
21	PHYU PHYU WIN	01-12-2004	Defender
6	PONT PONT PYAE MAUNG	16-10-2003	Midfielder
7	BAWE LYAN KANE	22-02-2002	Midfielder
8	MAY PHU KO	29-10-2001	Midfielder
10	NWE NI WIN	02-07-2000	Midfielder
11	LIN MYINT MO	09-06-2002	Midfielder
12	WIN WIN	12-02-2003	Midfielder
13	MOE MOE THAN	14-12-2000	Midfielder
16	THAZIN AUNG	20-05-2002	Midfielder
22	MAY HTET LU	28-01-2003	Midfielder
9	SAN THAW THAW	09-01-2001	Forward
17	AYE MYAT KHAING	17-10-2001	Forward
19	SWE MAR AUNG	11-03-2003	Forward
20	MYAT NOE KHIN	24-07-2003	Forward





## KEY POINTS

### FORMATION

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### ATTACKING

- Tried to build up from the back starting from a short pass from the goalkeeper, or long play to wingers in flank area when opponents pressed high
- One holding midfielder stayed in front of two centre backs, while two centre midfielders stayed higher, at the same level as the wingers, supporting play forward from the back
- Wingers normally stayed in flank area, and seldom cut in as centre midfielders. They did, however, run inside to support

### TRANSITION TO DEFENCE

- One to two players immediately pressed close to the ball
- Relied more on individual efforts than teamwork

- the striker once they could play in attacking third. One full back pushed higher in attacking
- Occasionally played directly to the striker, using the space behind opponents' midfielders or backline
- Striker was effective at dribbling and creating shooting opportunities in the attacking third

### DEFENDING

- Started to set up the defending block at the top of the circle
- Team regularly pushed up with backline pushing high (around halfway line)
- Defensive holding midfielder focused on protecting the space between midfielder and backline

### TRANSITION TO ATTACK

- Regularly played forward, targeting #9 (striker)
- Team pushed up
- Counterattacked where possible

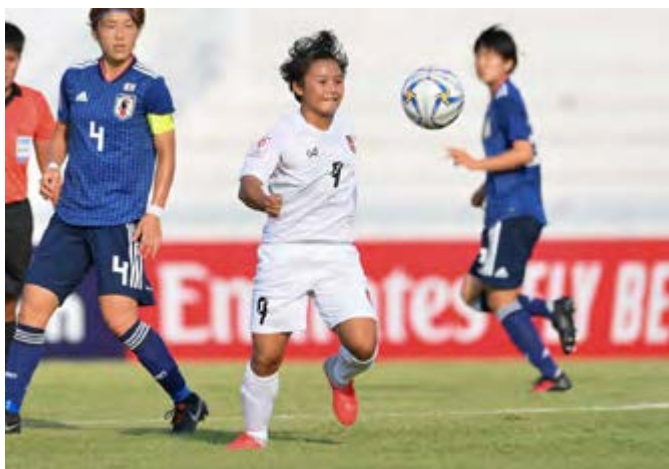


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**MYANMAR**

## KEY PLAYERS



### #9 SAN THAW THAW

- Skillful, good at one-on-one
- Created shooting opportunities
- Fast and used space well
- Team player



### #4 ZUNE YU YA OO

- Central defender
- Managed the backline well
- Fast and committed defensively





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## THAILAND



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	POSITION
1	PONPIMON NGOENPHON	30-05-2002	Goalkeeper
18	WARARAT	19-08-2001	Goalkeeper
22	KANYANEE TAWINWONG	15-09-2000	Goalkeeper
2	THADARAT THAISONGTHAM	09-04-2002	Defender
3	NUTNICH KALASIN	18-03-2001	Defender
4	SIRIWIPA JANTARAK	19-04-2001	Defender
5	TIPKRITTA	17-06-2000	Defender
6	TAMONWAN RAKSAPHA KDI	24-02-2000	Defender
7	RATCHAPHAN KITIRAT	18-06-2000	Defender
14	PHONCHITA THAENPRATHUM	04-06-2002	Defender
15	RATTIKAN KHAMPHAENG	28-09-2001	Defender
16	PLOYCHOMPOO SOMNONK	26-12-2002	Defender
8	KANCHALIYA PHIMPHABUT	10-07-2000	Midfielder
9	CHATCHAWAN RODTHONG	22-06-2002	Midfielder
10	THANAKON PHONKHAM	18-02-2002	Midfielder
12	NUTWADEE PRAM-NAK	09-10-2000	Midfielder
13	PORNTIP	27-06-2001	Midfielder
20	ARITSARA WICHAI	03-04-2003	Midfielder
23	PORN NAPA OUNSA	19-05-2001	Midfielder
11	NADIA JEHD A	13-10-2000	Forward
17	PARIYAPAT KAKKAEW	04-04-2000	Forward
19	JIRAPAPORN DAMHAI	07-11-2001	Forward
21	PATTARANAN AUPACHAI	09-07-2002	Forward



## KEY POINTS

### FORMATION

1 - 3 - 5 - 2

### ATTACKING

- Tried to build up from the back
- Three centre midfielders stayed in middle and played 2-1 with rotation; one midfielder (#10) dropped off to support
- One wingback pushed high in attack

### TRANSITION TO DEFENCE

- Pressed individually rather than as a team
- Quickly retreated into own half trying to apply pressure at the same time

- One striker used the space behind opponents' midfielders and one striker stayed higher, ready to run to the space behind defenders

### DEFENDING

- Generally started defending around the top of circle. However, pressed higher against Vietnam and sat back deeply against DPR Korea
- Three centre midfielders dropped back relatively deep to defend

### TRANSITION TO ATTACK

- Looked for two strikers, and either used space behind the midfielder or ran to space behind defenders

- One of the wingbacks pushed higher to press in the midfield
- One of the strikers dropped back to help defending in the midfield, another striker stayed high for counterattack

- Direct play
- Quick forward movement after regaining possession





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**THAILAND**

## KEY PLAYERS



### #12 NUTWADEE

- Captain, with clear leadership skills
- Active in supporting play
- Able to pass or create space for teammates



### #21 PATTARANAN

- Fast, good at running to the space behind defenders



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**VIETNAM**



JERSEY NO.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	POSITION
1	NGUYEN THI LOAN	12-02-2000	Goalkeeper
20	DAO THI KIEU OANH	25-01-2003	Goalkeeper
22	MAI MI MI	25-02-2000	Goalkeeper
2	NGUYEN THI XUAN DIEP	01-02-2000	Defender
3	HOANG THI HIEN	15-04-2000	Defender
4	NGUYEN MINH NHAT	20-01-2001	Defender
12	TRAN THI DUYEN	28-12-2000	Defender
18	LUONG THI THU THUONG	01-05-2000	Defender
19	CU THI HUYNH NHU	07-08-2000	Defender
21	PHAN THI THU THIN	26-01-2001	Defender
5	NGUYEN THI TU ANH	04-07-2002	Midfielder
6	TRAN THI HAI LINH	08-06-2001	Midfielder
7	NGUYEN THI TRUC HUONG	04-03-2000	Midfielder
13	NGO THI HONG NHUNG	06-09-2000	Midfielder
14	NGUYEN NGOC THANH	12-12-2000	Midfielder
15	NGUYEN THI HOA	28-11-2000	Midfielder
17	NGUYEN THI HANG	17-01-2001	Midfielder
8	NGUYEN THI TUYET NGAN	10-02-2000	Forward
9	VU THI HOA	06-11-2003	Forward
10	CHAU THI VANG	22-04-2002	Forward
11	NGUYEN THI THANH	25-09-2001	Forward
16	NGAN THI VAN SU	29-04-2001	Forward
23	TRAN THI THUONG	02-01-2002	Forward





## KEY POINTS

### FORMATION

1-5-4-1/1-4-4-2

### ATTACKING

- Constructed attacks when team were in possession in own third
- When they gained possession in the middle third, played quick, short or combination passes, playing forward or changing the point of attack to create a one-on-one on opposite flank player
- When #8 was free, #16 exploited the space behind the opponent. #8 and #16 regularly combined in front the defending line

### TRANSITION TO DEFENCE

- Immediate, organised pressure on the ball when there was a high chance to regain possession in attacking third
- Regrouped in midfield with numbers
- Exhibited discipline in dropping back to mid or low block
- Quick to react

### DEFENDING

- Low and midblock
- Compact ball side with relatively good distance between spaces
- Aggressive one-on-one while also cohesive as a team
- Patient and coordinated movement; once the ball entered the block, pressure didn't allow players to settle
- Created superiority of numbers in middle or flank area

### TRANSITION TO ATTACK

- Direct play to #8 or #16
- If #8 free, #16 cut behind
- Clear idea during counterattacks
- Goalkeeper influential in starting quick counterattacks

- Made good interceptions
- Midfield line and backline tracked and marked effectively
- Goalkeeper ready to step up and cover space
- Organised and compact zone defence



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**VIETNAM**

## KEY PLAYERS



### **#16 NGAN THI VAN SU**

- Very fast, with quick reactions
- Dribbled effectively, often beating opponents
- Scored one goal
- Player of the Match



### **#8 NGUYEN THI TUYET NGAN**

- Quick and agile
- Good in protecting and dribbling
- Strong in one-on-one





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# GOALSCORING ANALYSIS





## GOALSCORING ANALYSIS

**23% of all goals in the tournament were set plays**



**TOTAL GOALS: 15**



**77% of all goals in the tournament were open play**



**TOTAL GOALS: 49**

**GRAND  
TOTAL**

**64 GOALS**

### TOP SCORERS

**JAPAN - 18**

(only 2 set plays)

**DPR KOREA - 15**

(9 goals from corners and crosses)

**KOREA REPUBLIC - 13**



**ONLY 3 GOALS FROM  
COUNTER-ATTACKS**

- Top three teams well ahead of the others
- Physical power was an important factor, with difficult conditions also playing a part
- Some goalkeeping not as strong as others





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# REFEREES



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A total of 21 match officials from the AFC Elite Panel were appointed for the AFC Women's U-19 Championship, including one stand-by referee and two stand-by assistant referees.

Additionally, four Referee Instructors & Assessors and one Fitness Instructor were appointed, ensuring that the match officials received a high level of training and preparation.



## AFC MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREES	COUNTRY
Kajiyama Fusako	JPN
Pak Un Jong	PRK
Ranjita Devi Tekcham	IND
Abirami D/O Apbai Naidu	SIN
Edita Mirabidova	UZB
Pansa Chaisanit	THA
Ghorbani Mahsa	IRN
Oh Hyeon Jeong	KOR
STAND-BY REFEREES	COUNTRY
Cong Thi Dung	VIE

## REFEREE INSTRUCTORS

REFEREE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTORS/ASSESSORS	COUNTRY
Altraifi Ali Ahmed I	KSA
Srinivasan Suresh	IND
Widiya Habibah binti Shamsuri	MAS
Heba Mohammad Hassan Abed	JOR
FITNESS REFEREES INSTRUCTOR	COUNTRY
Banjar Mohammed B J Al-Dosari	QAT

ASSISTANT REFEREES	COUNTRY
Ho Sarah May Yee	AUS
Yang Sun Young	KOR
Fernandes Uvena	IND
Heba Saadieh	PLE
Rohaidah binte Mohd Nasir	SIN
Nguyen Thi Hang Nga	VIE
Lu Yen Ling	TPE
Hinthong Supawan	THA
Rahmatova Zilola	UZB
Su Nyein Aye	MYA
STAND-BY ASSISTANT REFEREES	COUNTRY
Tshering Choden	BHU
Bahareh Seifinahavandi	IRN





## PREPARATORY COURSE



Prior to the start of the competition, the match officials participated in a three-day preparatory course, consisting of theoretical, fitness, and practical sessions on the training pitch to ensure they were prepared physically and mentally to officiate in the competition. The main elements of the preparatory course were as follows:

### Fitness Check

All match officials were required to complete the following tests to ensure they were physically able to cope with the match demands of the competition:

- Dynamic Yo-Yo Test for Referees (target: 17.8)
- Assistant Referee Intermittent Endurance Test (ARIET) for Assistant Referees (target: 14.5-3)

### Theoretical Sessions

Sessions were held in the classroom to further enhance and solidify the match officials' technical knowledge and ensure consistency in their application of the Laws of the Game.

Topics focused on were:

1. New Laws of the Game
2. Teamwork and match management
3. Handball
4. Offside
5. Positioning and reading of the game
6. Tactical Fouls and
7. Penalty Area Incidents.



### Practical Sessions

Daily practical sessions took place at the referees training pitch where players assisted to simulate match incidents based on the instructors' training plan. The sessions mainly focused on:

1. Position and movement (using Referee Communication System)
2. Foul recognition
3. Concentration
4. Teamwork and
5. Fitness activities.

Additionally, an instant feedback system was used, allowing match officials to review their actions immediately after each exercise in order to rectify any mistakes or apply the advice of the instructors in subsequent exercises.

## DURING COMPETITION

### Practical Sessions

Practical and fitness sessions continued throughout the competition to ensure that match officials stayed in top physical condition. Referee instructors were able to tailor referee training to rectify any issues or situations observed during the previous matches.



### Match Assessment

A Referee Assessor was appointed to observe each match and assess the match officials' performance live. The referee team's decisions and abilities were monitored throughout the match, allowing each assessor to provide first-hand feedback.



A Referee Video Assessor was also assigned to analyse each match. Key match incidents and potential teaching materials were identified, allowing video clips to be produced for the group and individual debriefing sessions the following day.

### Debriefing

Group debriefing sessions were held after each matchday to provide feedback to the referees and assistant referees. Video clips were shown from the previous days' matches and any important incidents or trends were identified and discussed allowing any areas for improvement to be highlighted by the referee instructors.

Individual debriefings were also held between each referee team and the assigned referee assessor. This allowed the assessor to provide more in-depth analysis and feedback and offer more personal advice to the match officials.

### FIFA Women's World Cup Project



During the competition, Kari Seitz, FIFA's Senior Manager of Refereeing and Head of FIFA Women's World Cup Project, delivered a presentation, which included observations about AFC's potential World Cup candidates.

Additionally, Seitz offered support and advice throughout the competition, providing the match officials with valuable insight from one of the world's most experienced referees.



## TECHNICAL SUMMARY

### General Performance

As reported by the referee assessors and instructors' team, the general performance of the match officials was very good.

For the most part, this was due to the continuous practical sessions and post-match debriefings, which allowed any errors or knowledge gaps to be detected early and rectified. However, these activities mostly reinforced the strengths and positive trends shown by the referees throughout the competition.

From a physical point of view, the match officials displayed a high level of fitness during the competition, benefitting from the training and maintenance programme designed by the fitness instructor.

### General Management

From a total of 16 matches, 30 yellow cards were issued at the AFC Women's U-19 Championship 2019, with no red cards being shown for the duration of the competition. This produced a match average of 1.9 yellow cards.







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# TECHNICAL POINTS



# TECHNICAL POINTS

## ATTACKING VARIETY OF FORMATION

TEAM	FORMATION	TACTICAL CHANGES
JAPAN, DPR KOREA	1-4-4-2	
KOREA REPUBLIC	1-4-4-2	1-4-3-3 vs DPR Korea (Semi-final) 1-3-4-3 vs Japan (Group Stage, after losing 2:0)
AUSTRALIA	1-4-3-3	1-4-1-4-1 low defending block vs Japan (Semi-final)
CHINA PR	1-3-4-3	1-4-3-3 vs Myanmar (Group Stage) 1-4-4-2 vs Japan (Semi-final 2nd half, after losing 2:0)
VIETNAM	1-5-4-1	
THAILAND	1-3-5-2	5-3-2 vs DPR Korea
MYANMAR	1-4-1-4-1	1-4-4-2 vs China PR (Group Stage)

Three teams used three centre backs in basic formation: China PR was more offensive with 1-3-4-3, and Vietnam was more defensive with 1-5-4-1.

Six different formations were used by eight teams, showing good variety.

Three of the top four teams played 1-4-4-2, which was more popular than other formations in this tournament.

## PLAYING STYLE

Australia, China PR and Japan built up from the back by short passing, while Japan regularly used the goalkeeper to switch and play out under pressure. The back four players looked for midfielders to link up and play out from the back. Midfielders dropped off and rotated their

positions during build-up play. All three teams used possession play.

DPR Korea and Korea Republic played with structure, passing the ball directly from the back. The back four looked for space behind the defenders when opponents pressed. They played directly to the two strikers and provided support to other players by lying back or pressing with the second ball in the attacking third.

Combination plays were also used by the five teams above, but only Japan was able to attack by combination play in the central area under heavy pressure.

Vietnam and Myanmar recorded a lower possession rate and usually looked for counterattacks. Thailand tried

to build up from the back, and had 70% possession in their match against Vietnam. They also scored one goal against DPR Korea from build-up play.

In the attacking third, flank attacks were used more than central, with solo or combination play in the flanks creating lots of crosses into open play. Only Japan regularly attacked in the central area. DPR Korea did well in solo play along the flanks.

## TRANSITION TO DEFEND

Japan pressed immediately, exhibiting good teamwork in the upper half. Other teams had one or two individual players who pressed at times, with other players retreating or dropping back to their own half. Vietnam, for example, retreated to a mid-low defending block most of the time.





The Japan goalkeeper covered the space behind the high defensive line well.

Most of the teams applied pressure with quick reactions when the ball was in their own half, with DPR Korea defending aggressively in the midfield area.

## DEFENCE

### PLAYING STYLE

Most of the teams defended using the back four. Only China PR, Thailand and Vietnam defended with five. For China PR and Thailand, the wingback pushed before the ball entered the defending third, but Vietnam kept their backline of five in a low defending block throughout.

Japan pressed high all the way to the Semi-final, allowing the first pass from the back, then pushing up to close down and intercept. Japan showed good teamwork, establishing a narrow gap between each line.



Most of the teams set up defending blocks at the top of the circle, tried to stay compact in the midfield third, and sometimes pressed high when opponents passed back.

DPR Korea was an example of a team that could regularly regain possession in the midfield third by aggressive pressing.

Vietnam stayed back in its own half with a low defending block. They stayed very compact and applied pressure, were well organised and created good counterattacks from the low block.



DPR Korea and Japan marked tight and defended the long ball very well in the defending third, exhibiting good anticipation and defending skills.

Japan tried to keep possession and build up again when they regained the ball. Other teams used clearance, or kept possession if there was no pressure.

### TRANSITION TO ATTACK

Japan created counterattacks in the upper half, DPR Korea in the midfield third, and Vietnam from the low block in the field.

Most of the teams tried to play as quickly as possible with forward direct passes to their strikers. China PR, DPR



Korea and Korea Republic pushed up quickly to support counterattacks as a group. Other teams had only two to three players to react and move up.

Japan focused on keeping possession and building up. The first goalkeeper was good at quickly restarting the game with accurate passes.





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# TALKING POINTS





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## PAYING ATTENTION TO ASEAN TEAMS (ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH EAST ASIA)

Of the teams competing at the AFC U-19 Women's Championship Thailand 2019, four were from the ASEAN region: fourth-placed Australia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.



In the Group Stage, **Vietnam** was the emerging team. The team did so well, they almost qualified for the Semi-final but fell short against Australia. However, a lot of positive points can be taken away from Vietnam's showing. They won their opening game against the host country 2-0, while DPR Korea scored only three against them, and Australia scored only in the 84th minute.

Credit must go to the head coach and his tactics, and to the team for its cohesiveness and perseverance. From the first game to the last, the side mainly played cohesively as a deep block in their own half. They were compact, very organised and disciplined in their block defending. Once they gained possession, they launched counterattacks with purpose, showing the team was well prepared for

this tournament. It could be an even better result if the finishing part of their game can be refined.

**Myanmar** normally played with a 1-4-1-4-1 formation. In the first match against Japan, they pushed up while trying to press aggressively. This, however, led to five goals being conceded. In the second game against China PR, they tried 1-4-4-2 and their more attacking style led to a goal, and showed some combinations. The team continued this attacking style, though they still need to work on defence.



In the last game, they concentrated their defence primarily in the midfield and occasionally pressed the opponent. Once they gained possession, they immediately launched a counterattack. Their striker was effective at dribbling and creating scoring opportunities in the attacking third. The game ended in a 1-0 loss against Korea Republic.



All in all, they improved match by match and showed ability to adopt different formations for varied tactical purposes.

**Thailand** played a possession-based game, regularly playing with a backline of three (more offensive using 1-3-5-2 against Vietnam) or five (more defensive against DPR Korea). They built up from the back, and occasionally played direct passes from the backline to the attack. Thailand lost their three games: 2-0 to Vietnam, 3-1 to Australia and 3-1 in the last game against DPR Korea, but showed they has some talented players. They scored one goal each against both Australia and DPR Korea through good tactical play.

In summary, the Technical Study Group feels that the gap between ASEAN region teams and other participating Asian countries is narrowing in this age group.

## PLAYER PATHWAY

Player pathway programmes provide both the opportunity and the environment to assist young players develop skills to compete at the senior team and senior league level. Key outcomes of these pathway programmes include assisting young players to develop skills, game experience and tactical understanding.

Player pathway programmes in Australia, DPR Korea, Japan and Korea Republic vary, with different levels and structures.



### 4TH PLACE: AUSTRALIA

The Future Matildas or U-20s programme was launched in 2018 by the Football Federation Australia (FFA). The programme is an extra layer to support the senior national team, training the next generation and players that could potentially play for the national team.

It is a centralised programme that is based in Sydney, where 15 players were given scholarships; they trained

full-time while living with a host family, and played against boys' teams every week. Some of the current U-19 players are part of this programme.

Another tenant of the programme is the W League, which players must be over 15 to participate. The League normally runs from November to February, with up to 90 per cent of the current U-19 squad participating. Four international players, as well as national team members and domestic players compete in the competition, providing regular experience playing with and against high calibre talent.

Six of the current roster were part of the AFC U-16 Championship 2017. The coaches believe that approximately six of the existing players can progress to the senior team.

The U-19 Head Coach holds other roles in the FFA, including Head Coach of the Future Matildas, and Assistant Coach and Scout for the senior team.

### 3RD PLACE: KOREA REPUBLIC

In Korea Republic, the Women's K League (WK League) is run by Korea Football Association (KFA). According to the League policy, players must be high school graduates in order to take part. The WK League players are full-time, professional players, and a foreign players' policy is applied.

Below the WK League, there are also university leagues and school leagues run by the education ministry.

In the current roster, there are four players from the FIFA Women's U-17 World Cup team and two from the AFC U-16 Women's Championship 2017 side.

There are currently no U-19 players training for the senior national team. The coach believes that two or three players

will progress to the senior squad after the upcoming FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup, where they will gain invaluable match experience. While up to 60 per cent of the current U-19 team can play in the senior league once they meet the age criteria, there are currently none in the WK League.



KFA is developing a mixed football competition that will focus on quantity of games and quality of participation. It will include two age groups for girls (middle age and high school), with the groups playing against boys of a younger age (three years younger). For example, middle-age girls might play against U-10 boys, while high school girls may play against U-15 boys.

The head coach's other roles in KFA are to develop and deliver the training programme for the Golden Age Program for girls (U-13 and U-14), and sometimes also manage the U-13, U-14 and U-15 boys. In winter, the coaches and leaders conduct annual planning for the various programmes. While 19 coaches work full time on the boys' programmes, the head coach is the only person dedicated to the women's teams.



## RUNNERS-UP: DPR KOREA

Most of the U-19 Women's side has been in the programme for three years. Seventeen were members of the AFC U-16 Championship 2017 and the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in 2018. The coach believes that 10 current players could be part of the senior team in the near future.

In the current U-19 national team, most of the players are full-time, and eight are undertaking on-the-job education.



In DPR Korea, there are four division leagues categorised by ages run by the DPR Korea Football Association (PRKFA): Senior, U-19, U-16 and U-15. Below this is school-based, with both regional and national games.

Aside from being the head coach, the U-19 coach has no other duties within the FA, but he is also a coach of a senior league club.

## CHAMPIONS: JAPAN

The Japanese league consists of three levels. Division 1 and 2 are called Nadeshiko League, while Division 3 is known as Challenge League, and is divided into east and west. Currently, 12 players in Divisions 1 and 2 are on the team roster, while nine play for their university and two for the a high school team. The coach believes that all these players can play in Division 1 eventually.



Eleven players in the current squad were part of the AFC U-16 Championship in 2017 and the FIFA U-17 World Cup in 2018. Additionally, two players are currently part of the senior team.



There are 6,000 registered female players between the ages of 17 and 19 in Japan.

The U-19 Head Coach also works in youth development, and is a lecturer for the Japan Football Association (JFA). There are 18 full-time coaches that work for youth development and a further 20 part-time coaches.





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# EXTRA TIME





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## COACHES' INTERVIEWS

### AFTER THE FINAL: TEAMWORK KEY TO JAPAN SUCCESS

Head coach Futoshi Ikeda believes Japan's tremendous teamwork was a key factor behind their success in the AFC U-19 Women's Championship Thailand 2019.



Yuzuki Yamamoto and Hana Takahashi both scored as Japan collected their sixth title at this level at the Chonburi Stadium.

Having seen his side remain unbeaten throughout their campaign, a delighted Ikeda was quick to declare that his team's tremendous teamwork had proved decisive en route to claiming the nation's latest Continental crown.

"I am really delighted that we were the champions of this tournament, and I must congratulate my players for their success," declared the former Urawa Red Diamonds defender.

"The real strength of this team is that we don't have any players who stand out, all the players I have at my disposal are of a very high quality.

"When asked, all the players can play and perform a vital role and that is down to the excellent teamwork that we have within the squad."

"We always wanted to take the game to DPR Korea, we of course wanted to keep our defence tight, but it was our intention to attack and not sit back during the final."

DPR Korea coach Son Sung-gwon believed his side missed an opportunity to lift the title.

"Our players did not play well enough in the Final; they were unable to show their true ability and our teamwork suffered. As a result, we lost the final match," he said.



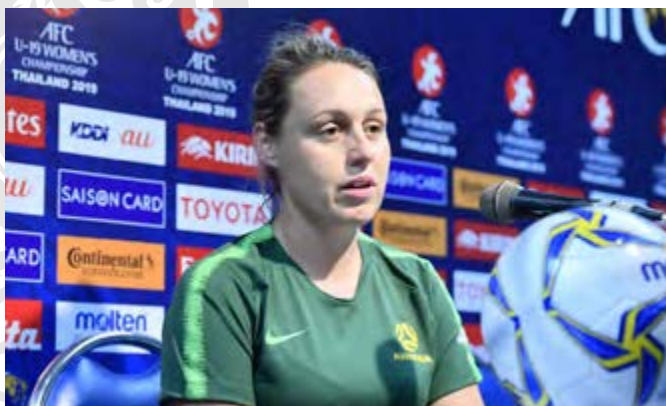
"My players did their best until the very end of the match though and we have gained invaluable experience throughout this tournament.

"We will now prepare in the best possible way for the forthcoming FIFA Women's U-20 World Cup."

## **AFTER THE SEMI-FINALS JAPAN V AUSTRALIA**

### **Leah Blayney: Australia Head coach**

"Credit where credit is due, we came up against an excellent performance by Japan. We knew going into the game that we were playing a world champion team and that it was always going to be a tough challenge.



Early on, in the first 20 to 25 minutes, I thought we were in a good position until we conceded a penalty and two goals in quick succession."

### **Futoshi Ikeda: Japan Head coach**

"I am delighted that we are through to the Final [of the AFC U-19 Women's Championship] and that we have qualified for the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup. We played very well up until the final minute. The players

could well have been under pressure given this was a Semi-final, but they successfully changed that pressure into motivation. We weren't entirely happy about only being 2-0 up at half-time so we ensured that we created more goal-scoring chances after the break."



## **DPR KOREA V KOREA REPUBLIC**

### **Son Sung-gwon: DPR Korea Head coach**

"When we played Korea Republic, two sets of players displayed a high level of technique and tactics. I thought our players performed very well throughout and I believe that their tremendous sense of spirit and collectivism was one of the main factors."

### **Hur Jung-jae: Korea Republic Head coach**

"I think our players did their very best in the tournament. As we expected, DPR Korea were too strong in the



Semi-final. Before the game, I said to my players that we need to concentrate during the opening moments of the game. We tried to navigate that period without conceding, but we did not do very well."





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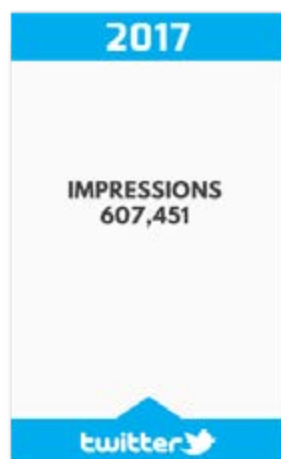
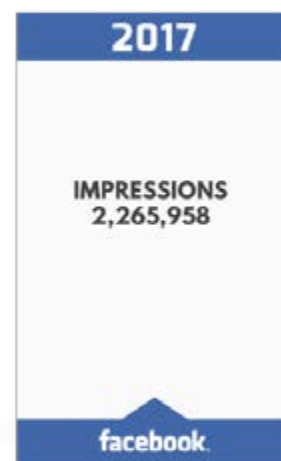
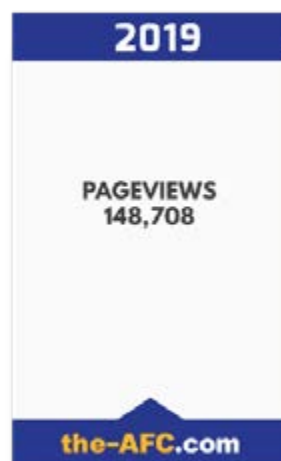
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