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Chituru Technical Analysis Report

Set Position

Positives:

Chituru has started to realize the importance of his hand shape in his set position. Raising them in front of his body so he can see them in his eye line not only improves his handling but enables him to meet the ball farther forward on dives where he is now making more saves.

With his lower body, the main thing Chituru is doing well is getting his feet shoulder width apart. By doing this he can generate more power on his dives and is already in a good positive position for when the ball is hit.

Things we are working on:

The problem Chituru has is when he moves around the goal his hands tend to drop into a lower position making it more difficult to adjust to the high shots. Keeping them in a good position while moving is something that he understands and is improving upon.

The second thing that harms him is that he sits back and roots himself into the floor while setting his feet. By dropping his bum backwards he makes it difficult to get his feet moving and react to the ball. We are working on getting him to use his size and stand up taller in the goal. When he does this his feet move quicker laterally and react faster to a struck ball.

Diving Technique

Positives:

For a tall boy, Chituru does excellent on low shots by having learned to drive the lead hand directly down towards the ball, rather than trying to chop or scoop it out like most kids around his age do. His power for high dives is very good for someone his age and he has the ability to make world class, match winning saves. We have been working on getting him diving forwards and meeting the ball on his dives by driving his head and shoulders towards the ball.

Things we are working on:

Chituru tends to lose control or parry away some shots he has the ability to catch. The problem he has when diving is that he needs to push to whatever height the ball is at. At the moment it is just a

dive to the right or a dive to the left. For example, if it is a high shot, he has the tendency to get stuck under the ball rather than using his power to push up toward the shot. This affects his handling because his hands have to adjust up or down to catch the ball and are out of sync with the direction his body is travelling.

Physical Review

Positives:

At only 12 years old, being 6'2 and still growing, Chituru has a big advantage with the physical side of goalkeeping. His big frame covers the goal very well and he is already a hard goalkeeper to beat on the angles. He generates a lot of power on his movement across the goal and is a huge presence in the box for crosses and through balls.

Things we are working on:

His positives are also his negatives, being so tall at such a young age; Chituru is still catching up to his body and because of this, his agility and coordination with his feet is what he is lacking. He is doing all the right things to improve this with a sports trainer and working with me through agility drills and movements around the goal. When he is finished growing, and his agility along with his power are working together, Chituru will be the complete package.

Background on Jordan Santiago

Jordan is a former Canadian U20 International who played as a Professional Goalkeeper for Cardiff City FC and SC Veendam. Jordan was the first Academy Goalkeeper to be offered a professional contract by Cardiff City FC in the Club's recent history. Playing for SC Veendam, Jordan was featured in the Voetbal International Soccer Magazine as "star goalkeeper of the week" after a very impressive performance against Helmond Sport. He also earned Man Of The Match against FC Den Bosch.

West Ham United approached Jordan for the role of Lead Academy Goalkeeper Coach in the Youth Development Phase in August 2013. His duties involved developing U8-U21 goalkeepers on a daily basis, and coaching First Team Goalkeepers Jussi Jääskeläinen and Adrián a number of times throughout the 2013-2014 Premier League season. Jordan was responsible for developing two young goalkeepers into England Youth Internationals at the U15 and U18 age groups during his time at the Club.