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PLAYER'S DISTRIBUTION SURVEY

Portuguese Players' Union presents report about distribution of local and foreign players in Portuguese leagues. As it has done in previous seasons, in order to contribute for the debate of important themes in Portugal, regarding working conditions in professional football and development of national competitions, **Portuguese Players' Union** launched the results of its survey on distribution of local and foreign players in both professional Leagues (**Liga NOS** and **Ledman LigaPro**), in the first half of 2017/18 season. In both first and second-tier competitions clubs follow a growing trend of using less local players. In **Liga NOS**, the main League, the percentage of local players fell for the third successive season, to 43%, from 48% two years ago. **Ledman Liga Pro** also registered a decrease of local players, for the fifth season in a row: in 2012/13 there were 69% of local players on the field, currently that figure is now of 53%. That trend is particularly strong in age group of players under-23, where local players are now the minority. The aim of this survey is, obviously, not to question the presence of foreign players in Portuguese leagues, which have historically benefited from their contribution, but to identify steps and measures in order to increase the possibilities of development of local players and to give them better career opportunities, thus reinforcing the quality and identity of Portuguese football in international context. After launching its study, **Portuguese Players' Union** promoted a debate about the implications of national and foreign players use. Whether strategic bet on the



Portuguese young player can be reconciled with clubs needs of instant sporting success, the suitability of competitions structure to the national reality and practical measures to stimulate young squads were some ideas presented on the table. "What is under review is our contribution to the own identity of Portuguese football, that in our views should go through encouraging of young players training. This is a goal that **European Union** recognizes, thus validating the notion of locally formed player", said Joaquim Evangelista, **Portuguese Players' Union President**.

PORTUGUESE PLAYERS' UNION HAS BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO ASSUME AN ACTIVE ROLE IN SPORT, PARTICULARLY IN FOOTBALL AND IN PLAYERS' DEFENSE. IN THIS CASE, OUR CONCERN IS THE DEVELOPMENT MODEL OF PORTUGUESE FOOTBALL, THE ADEQUACY OR OTHERWISE OF NATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND THE QUALITY OF TRAINING AND OPPORTUNITIES TO YOUNG PLAYERS. IN DETAIL, WE WANT TO DISCUSS:

- THE TRAINING MODEL, IF THE MERELY SPORTIVE (BASED ON RESULTS) OR ECONOMICIST (PROFITS) LOGICS ARE A THREAT TO THE YOUNG PLAYER;
- IF THE CERTIFICATION MODEL OF TRAINING ENTITIES IS A VALUATION TOOL OF PLAYER APPRECIATION;
- THE ROLE OF "B" TEAMS IN THE TRANSITION FROM YOUTH TO FIRST TEAMS;
- THE TRAINING COMPENSATION MODEL AND THE SOLIDARITY MECHANISM;
- THE REASONS UNDERLYING THE RECRUITMENT AND HIRING OF PLAYERS.



I. LIGA NOS

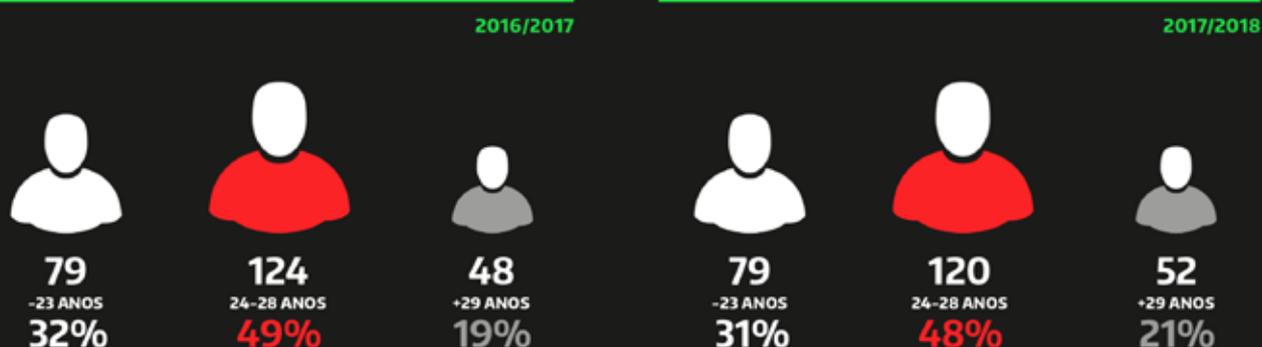
A - NÚMERO MÉDIO DE JOGADORES UTILIZADOS - PORTUGUESES E ESTRANGEIROS 1 - DADOS GLOBAIS



NOTA Predominância dos jogadores estrangeiros em 14% face aos jogadores nacionais. Variação em percentagem de 3% em comparação com a época anterior. Houve novamente uma descida de 3% nos jogadores portugueses face ao estrangeiros. A diferença a favor dos jogadores estrangeiros passou de 8% para 14%.

I. LIGA NOS

A - NÚMERO MÉDIO DE JOGADORES UTILIZADOS - PORTUGUESES E ESTRANGEIROS 2 - VALORES MÉDIOS POR ESCALÕES ETÁRIOS



NOTA Podemos verificar que o escalão intermédio é o mais utilizado. Quase metade dos jogadores utilizados são deste escalão etário. Comparativamente ao ano anterior, no mesmo período, verifica-se que no escalão dos mais jovens houve uma ligeira descida (1%). Relativamente aos outros escalões, houve uma ligeira subida, (2%) no escalão dos mais velhos e uma ligeira descida (1%) no escalão intermédio.

II. LEDMAN LIGAPRO

A - NÚMERO MÉDIO DE JOGADORES UTILIZADOS - PORTUGUESES E ESTRANGEIROS

1 - DADOS GLOBAIS



NOTA A predominância dos jogadores portugueses mantém-se, mas, em relação ao ano anterior, houve um acentuado decréscimo nos jogadores nacionais face aos estrangeiros.

II. LEDMAN LIGAPRO

A - NÚMERO MÉDIO DE JOGADORES UTILIZADOS - PORTUGUESES E ESTRANGEIROS

2 - VALORES MÉDIOS POR ESCALÕES ETÁRIOS



NOTA Consta-se que o escalão dos mais jovens é claramente o mais utilizado. Mais de metade (52%) do total dos jogadores utilizados. O escalão dos mais velhos (20%) é o menos utilizado. Em relação ao ano anterior, verifica-se que houve um ligeiro aumento nos mais jovens (2%) e um ligeiro decréscimo nos mais velhos (3%). Ligeiro aumento no escalão intermédio (1%).