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STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE SERBIAN OLYMPIC TEAM

The Goals of this topic are a medal and to qualify more rowers as possible for the Olympic Games in Tokyo 2021

Premise

In the WCH of Linz (AUT) 2019, Serbia qualified only the M2- final rank n.7.

In the ECH of Poznan (POL) 2020 the M2- had final rank n.7 with in front of them two crews not qualified in Linz 4°NED - 6°DEN.

I think we all are agreed that this is not ideal situation for a successful presence in Tokyo.

It is necessary to explore all possibilities to find the fastest crews possible. to have better position in the OG.

Actual Situation

The crews:

2019

-**M2**- MACKOVIC Martin - VASIC Milos WCH Linz 2019 n.7-qualified for the OG.

2020

-**M2**- SAVIC Veselin - PIVAC Viktor ECH Poznan 2020 n.7

-**W1x** ARSIC Jovana ECH Poznan 2020 n.8

-**M2x** FILIPOVIC Aleksandar - MACKOVIC Martin ECH Poznan 2020 n.9°

-**M1x** BEDIK Aleksandar ECH Poznan 2020 n.8

Vasic Milos injured.

The results of ECH Poznan 2020 put in evidence that:

-the M1x has some possibilities to qualify the boat in the European Qualification.

-The W1x has same possibility as the M1x.

The issue is that only one of these 1x can qualify at the European Qualifications for the OG. The other shall try to qualify in Lucerne. It counts the better ranking in the final of European Qualifications. Or with the same position will decide the SOC.



- The M2x has BEL in front of them in Europe, and many other crews from overseas are preparing for the final OQ in Lucerna AUS in top position.

-In 2019 the M4- had two crews in front FRA n.9, GER n.10. That crew could have difficulties to qualify for OG. Maybe, only a stronger boat would have more chances or better don't try.

Target for OG

There are two main targets on focus:

1-To qualify as many rowers as possible.

2-To build boats with some chances of medal or final.

These two matters are not in conflict among them if they are applied in the right timing.

At the end of 2018, when we start our cooperation, we had very few choices to qualify for the Olympics. In 2019 the M2- crew qualified for OG close to the final.

Strategies to reach the targets

Sculling

-The W1x is the only female rowing machine training for this goal, she needs to keep improving her technique and physiological performance. Has the chance to qualify in the European qualification.

-M1x is close enough to qualify in the European stage.

-It would be possible to build a stronger M2x, but it would have an influence on the quality of the M4- or could be a second choice for the M1x to try in the Final Qualification of Lucerna.

-The sweep group has multiple choices for the availability of multiple rowers.

The possibilities are:

1-The two M2- have not made evident progress since 2019, they would be part of a M4- with four very good rowers to try at the European Championships in Varese 2021. Subsequently, the possibility of presenting them in Lucerne will be evaluated.

2-Select the fastest M2- among the all-available sweep rowers after the qualification of Lucerne, in case of failure of M4-.

Selections Guidelines

- 1- 27-28 February 2021 Schinias (GRE) 1st International Assessment regatta
- 2- 05-07 April 2021 Varese (ITA) European Qualification regatta



- 3- 10-11 April 2021 Varese (ITA) European Championship
- 4- 16-18 May 2021 Lucerne (SUI) Final Olympic Qualification

1-During the training camps in Schinias the Team will be assessed daily. The first regatta will be a good test event to understand the fight spirit and the technical limitations of each rower. Other countries already asked to participate in this competition.

2-The race n.2 will be the European Qualification. Only the countries with Zero or 1 crew qualified in 2019, can participate at this race. Here, I think there are some possibilities for the M1x or W1x.

3-The ECH in Varese will be a good opportunity to have an assessment mostly for the M4- to understand the real possibilities before Lucerne. I warmly suggest the participation at this competition to give a race's feedback to the rowers and coach.

4-The last event is the Final Qualification for OG in Lucerne (SUI). If the M4- will qualify for the OG, we should have in training other two rowers to participate in M2-.

After Lucerne, if the M4- will not qualify it will be held a selection regatta with three crews, the two of four and the spare crew. The winner of two races on three will go to the OG. This regatta must be organized immediately after the qualification to follow the timing given by the SOC. During the winter preparation will be tried different combinations to determine the couple that fit better together. Finally this final stage would be strategic to have a surprise at the OG.

The selection for the WCH in Shangai will be the next process depending on the results of Final Qualifications.

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