



# Center for Basketball Methodology and Education

## 4th INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL CONFERENCE

16-17 July 2023, National Basketball Academy, Pécs



### Multipractice 2.0

## Elite Basketball as a Fine-tuned Concert of Players, Coaches and Experts

The 4th International Basketball Conference as a continuation of last summer's 'Multipractice', hosts outstanding sport professionals again. Plenary presentations and on-court sessions will be held at the National Basketball Academy, Pécs, by **Chris Finch**, head coach of the 2022-23 NBA play-off participant Minnesota Timberwolves, **Erdem Can**, new head coach of the two-time Euroleague champion Anadolu Efes, **Prof. Dr. Sc. Igor Jukic**, ELPA Advisory Board co-founder, head of the 'High Performance' Sports Center of the Croatian Olympic Committee, **Mar Rovira**, sports psychologist, head of the Mental Skills program at the Euroleague Officiating Department, and **Marcell Pongó**, Hungarian National Team basketball player, traveling ambassador of the Rátgéber Academy will also be present at a round table discussion.



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### **PROGRAM**

**16-17 July, 2023, Pécs**

#### **Day 1 - Sunday (16 July)**

8:00-8:45 Registration

8:45-9:00 Opening Session

**Dr. habil. László Rátgéber**, PhD, Center for Basketball Methodology and Education, director

**Márton Báder**, Hungarian Basketball Federation, president

**Prof. Dr. Tamás Sterbenz**, Hungarian University of Sport Science, rector

**István Decsi**, University of Pécs, chancellor

9:00-10:00 Plenary Session

**Chris Finch** – Modern Offensive Philosophy

10:00-11:00 Plenary Session

**Erdem Can** – Path from Being an Assistant to Head Coach

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:45 On-Court Session

**Chris Finch** – Building a 'Read and React' Offense

12:45-14:15 On-Court Session

**Erdem Can** – Using Off Screens

14:15-15:30 Lunch Break

15:30-16:30 Sport Science

**Prof. Dr. Sc. Igor Jukić** – Periodization in Basketball: Science for/ vs. Real Life

16:30-16:45 Coffee Break

16:45-17:45 Roundtable

**Chris Finch, Erdem Can**

Moderator: **Prof. Dr. Sc. Igor Jukić** –

Program design: Challenges and Solutions

#### **Day 2 - Monday (17 July)**

8:00-8:30 Registration

8:30-10:00 Plenary Session

**Chris Finch** – Behind the Scenes of an NBA Program. Staff Management, Practice and Game Planning. The Role of Analytics

10:00-11:30 On-Court Session

**Erdem Can** – Organizing Multi Optional Offenses

11:30-11:45 Coffee Break

11:45-12:45 Plenary Session

**Mar Rovira** – Basketball Coaches' Feedback: The Science and Art Behind

12:45-13:45 Plenary Session

**Mar Rovira** – Basketball Coaches' Feedback: On-Court Applications

13:45-15:00 Lunch Break

15:00-16:30 On-Court Session

**Chris Finch** – Dynamic Shooting Drills

16:30-17:30 Roundtable

**Chris Finch, Mar Rovira, Marcell Pongó**

Moderator: **Prof. Dr. Sc. Igor Jukić** –

Building the Team: Rules, Roles and Responsibilities

17:30 Closing



**Chris Finch**



## Head coach of the Minnesota Timberwolves

An American professional basketball coach and former player who is the head coach of the Minnesota Timberwolves. After graduating from Wilson High School, Finch attended Franklin & Marshall College where he was a two-time All-American basketball player. Upon graduation, he played in England for the Sheffield Forgers/Sharks (1993-1997). He also coached the Great Britain men's national team at the FIBA EuroBasket 2009, FIBA EuroBasket 2011, and the 2012 Summer Olympics. IN NBA, he was previously an assistant coach for the Houston Rockets, Denver Nuggets, New Orleans Pelicans and Toronto Raptors.



**Erdem Can**

## Head coach of the Anadolu Efes

Head coach of the two-time Euroleague winner Anadolu Efes. As assistant coach, he worked for Fenerbahçe between 2012 and 2021. Under head coach Željko Obradović, he helped the team to win four Turkish League Championships, three Turkish Cups, five Euroleague Final Fours, three Euroleague Finals, and a Euroleague title in the 2016-17 season. Also, he was an assistant coach under head coach Igor Kokoskov. Can was an assistant coach for the Turkish National Team at the EuroBasket 2017 and assistant coach for Utah Jazz in the 2021-2022 season. Last season he was the head coach for Türk Telekom Ankara of the Turkish Basketball Superleague.

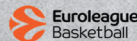


**Prof. Dr. Sc. Igor Jukic, PhD**



## Sport Scientists, Advisor of ELPA

High-performance specialist in sport, founder (2003) of the "European Physical Conditioning Association", founder and Advisory Board member of the Euroleague Players Association (ELPA). European champion with U18 Croatian National Team in 1996, and with U20 team World Championship silver medalist in 2001. As member of the Basketonia-Alaves Group from Spain he established a unique high-performance system (BAL). Head of Croatian High Performance Sport Center, as a part of the Croatian Olympic Committee.



**Mar Rovira**

## Sport Scientist – Spanish Olympic Committee

Professor in Sports Psychology at Tecnocampus-Pompeu Fabra University (Spain). As a Sports Psychologist Mar worked with countless clubs, including F.C. Barcelona among others. She is running the Mental Skills program at the Euroleague Officiating Department and is member ELPA Performance Advisory Board. Mar has worked for 10 years with top professional athletes and coaches from basketball, Moto GP, soccer, tennis, swimming, padel and others. Mar is founder of Themooove, company that helps players in their retirement transition. She is also a former professional basketball player and basketball national coach.



**Marcell Pongó**



## Hungarian National Team player

Hungarian National Team basketball player, traveling ambassador of the Rátgéber Academy. Between 2015 and 2018 he was a player of the Rátgéber Academy, then after playing for Germany's Ratiopharm Ulm, Weisenhorn Youngstars, Nürnberg Falcons and Crailsheim teams, he signed a contract with Arconic-Alba Fehérvár in 2021, with whom he won a bronze medal in 2021-22 and then a silver medal in 2022-2023 in the Hungarian Championship. From the summer of 2023, he is a player of the Hungarian Champion Falco-Vulcano Energia KC Szombathely.

## CENTER FOR BASKETBALL METHODOLOGY AND EDUCATION

According to the decision of the Hungarian Government, the National Basketball Academy, Pécs, was awarded the title of the Center for Basketball Methodology and Education which started its operation on January 1, 2021. The primary goal of the Methodology Center is to offer support for talented athletes, to provide elite training and education for basketball academies at the highest possible professional level to achieve this goal, the Hungarian sports academies and the Hungarian Basketball Federation must cooperate constructively.

“In youth education, the training structure needs to be steered in a direction that meets the requirements of the 21st century. In order to achieve this goal, it is necessary to think together, to designate a common direction and path, which would enable to raise the level and quality. This requires the “gray matter” that sports academies represent! With the management of the Methodology Center a value-base must be created, guidelines must be defined that will take the complete youth education in the right direction”

Dr. Sándor Sáfár, PhD (Project Manager, National Sports Agency of Hungary)

“We all have to work together; we need to help each other because we depend upon each other. But we should seek cooperation not only within basketball, we also have to be open to a closer relationship with the methodological centers of handball and football as well. Our task is to make product out of intellectual output! All the resources have been given to apply the accumulated theoretical knowledge into practice: not only we need to catch up with other sports nations, but we must show new ways and new directions”.

Dr. László Rátgéber, PhD, habil. (director, Center for Basketball Methodology and Education)

The Methodology Center has set many goals and tasks. Among the main objectives are: providing a scientific background of sport performance and sport development, advo-

cacy of the sports academies, establishing constructive co-operation with institutions of higher education (University of Physical Education, University of Debrecen, University of Pécs), sport organizations, the Hungarian Basketball Federation, and professional committees. In order to raise the level of the quality of basketball our main tasks include to carry out sports science research, to provide quality assurance of professional materials, to control them, to collect and provide feedback, thus to create PRODUCT FROM INTELLECTUAL OUTPUT.