



RELATIONSHIP OF ACHIEVEMENT MOTIVATION WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF SOCCER PLAYERS OF TRIPURA

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ABSTRACT

Motivation is one of the most essential elements of human personality. It helps shape and directs a person's activity to be termed as a more or a less dynamic personality. Aim of the study is to determine the relationship of achievement motivation to the performance of soccer players of Tripura. 64 soccer players (men) were randomly selected from Tripura and all are national represented players of Tripura. Sports Achievement Motivation Test by M. L. Kamlesh (1990) has been selected to fulfill the desire purpose. Necessary instructions required before answering the questionnaire were explained to the subjects. Descriptive statistics were used to study the level of achievement motivation of soccer players. Further to determine the relationship between achievement motivation and soccer performance, Pearson's product moment method was used and level of significant was set at 0.05. The result of the study reveals that there is a significant relationship between achievement motivation and performance of soccer players. Achievement motivation and performance of soccer players was found significant because all the players are national participant and they have the courage to perform better to uplift their performance.

Keyword: Achievement Motivation, Interest, Encouragement and Soccer.

INTRODUCTION

Motivation is essential for cognitive learning process. When human being are placed in learning situation without motivation, the chances of learning almost zero. That is the reason, motivation is considered as essential part, where a child may be prepared to respond to the situations which are directed towards the achievement of certain predetermined goals or objective. The same philosophy also is implemented in sports field. In the field of physical education and sports, no athlete can win or exhibit better performance without motivation (M.L.Kamlesh, 1983). The study of motivation gained importance since early fifties with the efforts of McClelland and his associates at Wesleyan University, USA. The term motivation refers to any organism state that mobilizes activity which is in some sense selective or directive. With respect to the environment (Newcomb, 1964) achievement motivation which is acquired tendency and is one of the most important social needs, has been defined by McClelland and his associates (1953) and also by Decharms (1968) as a disposition to strive for success in competition with others with some standard of excellence, set up by the individual. McClelland states that the level of achievement motivation defers from one individual to another and as a consequence the level of performance defers on a given task. He further argues that the success of societies, organizations, individuals depends on high achievement motivation levels.

METHODOLOGY

Selection of subjects

For the purpose of the study sixty four (64) soccer players (men) were selected and all are national represented players from Tripura.



Selection of variables

Achievement motivation is considered as independent variable. Further, to find out the relationship between selected variable with the performance of soccer players were considered as dependent variable.

Soccer performance

The evaluation of player's performance in soccer is based on their skills, tactics, positioning, passing accuracy, control over the ball and total playing ability were measured by soccer experts.

Selection and administration of questionnaire

Sports Achievement Motivation Test by M. L. Kamlesh (1990) has been selected to fulfill the desire purpose. Necessary instructions required before answering the questionnaire were explained to the subjects. The sports achievement motivation test was administered one day prior to the competition. After making sure that subjects understood the instruction the questionnaire were distributed to groups. Enough time were given to answer the questionnaire. The questionnaire was taken back after it was duly completed. The sports achievement test has twenty test items; response value of test extends from 0 to 40. Each item carried a maximum score of two and the minimum of zero (0). When the subject ticked the high pole part, he/she was given two points, when he/she ticked the low pole no score was awarded.

Statistical technique

To study achievement motivation of soccer players, a descriptive statistics i.e. mean, kurtosis and skewness were used. Further to determine the relationship between achievement motivation and soccer performance, Pearson's product moment method was used with level of significant was set at 0.05.

FINDINGS

To study achievement motivation of soccer players of Tripura, the means, kurtosis and skewness were compute and data connectable to this have been presented in following table.

Table-1
Descriptive statistics of achievement motivation

Variable	Mean	Kurtosis	Skewness
Achievement motivation	24.86	1.78	-0.78

It can be observed from table-1 that the achievement motivation of soccer players of Tripura mean value is 24.86, kurtosis is 1.78 and skewness is -0.78. To see the relationship between achievement motivation and performance of soccer players of Tripura, Pearson's product moment method was used and the result were presented in table-2.

Table-2
Relationship between Achievement Motivation and Soccer Performance

Variable Correlated	Correlation Coefficient
Achievement Motivation and Soccer Performance	0.356*

*Significant at 0.05 level, df 62

It reveals that there is a significant relationship between achievement motivation and performance of soccer players of Tripura at 0.05 level of significant with degree of freedom 62.



DISCUSSION ON FINDINGS

From the finding it is evident that the achievement motivation and performance of soccer players was found significant because all the players are national participant and they have the courage to perform better to uplift their performance. Generally, the top performance of the players is determined by how much a player has the motivational level.

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