



STUDY ON PSYCHOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF HIGH SCHOOL STATE LEVEL HANDBALL PLAYERS ON GAME PERFORMANCE

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Abstract:

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Fross and Troppmen (1976) stated that there are many factors which influence the behaviour of sportsmen such as psychological, sociological etc. The psychological variables are anxiety, self-confidence, self-concept, personality, aggression, motivation, perseverance, fear etc. These psychological variables have both positive and negative effects on the performance of athletes. Psychology of sports means applying psychological theories and concepts to aspects of sports such as coaching and teaching.

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Keywords: Psychology, Aggression, Achievement Motivation & Anxiety.



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INTRODUCTION

Psychology being the science of activities of an individual in relation to his environment and playing is avital role in the environment of sports. It is helping a bit into the systematic study of behaviour and other verification through experimentation of sportspersons.

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The sports psychologist uses psychological assessment techniques and intervention strategies in an effort to help individuals to achieve their optimal performance. While sports psychology is concerned with analyzing human behaviour in various types of sports setting; it focuses on the mental aspects of performance. Psychologists believe that winning and losing should not be considered a subjective experience of the athlete alone. It has been found deeply related to performance in the subsequent competition. Losing threatens sports whereas winning strengthens it. This fact has been substantiated by Dr. Pani (1980) who found that the decrease in the intelligibility of kinaesthetic sensations was more pertinent after defeat than the post-victory stage (Gurbaksh S. Sandhu, 1992).

Strong links in the academic domain have been established between peer relationships and social competence, friendliness, cooperativeness, altruism, perspective-taking, and self-esteem. Peers play an important role within the sports context as well. Positive team interactions, friendship, and social support from peers are strong sources of sports enjoyment, motivation, the expectation of success, and future participation intentions In the case of psychological skills the main aim is to maximize the probabilities of success. Sport psychology lectures are known to be both very entertaining and informative. Coaches and players are realizing that to get ahead they need an added resource and that resource is a trained mind.

Most athletes fatigue mentally before they fatigue physically, due to the fact that their mind is not in a good shape as their bodies. The mind-body connection is a very powerful one. For everything you think in your mind, your body has a reaction, regardless than of whether it is real or imagined (Karlene Sugarman, M.A., 1998).

Golby, J., & Wood, P. (2016) The study examined the effects of a psychological skills intervention (PST) designed to enhance the mental toughness and psychological well-being of student-athlete rowers (N = 16). Within this context, PWB was conceptualized by an amalgamation of the following psychological constructs; self-esteem, perceived self-efficacy, positive affect, and dispositional optimism. Progress was examined at three times evenly dispersed over the course of the six-month intervention, pre-, mid and post-intervention. The intervention was solution-focused and informed by Dweck's (2009) theory of a growth mindset and Goldberg's (1998) psychological strategies to develop mental toughness. The study design was a 2 (group) × 3 (time) two-way MANOVA with repeated measures on one factor (time). Various measures of mental toughness and positive psychological constructs were utilized. Over the course of the intervention, MT significantly improved, in addition to perceived self-efficacy, self-esteem, and positive effect. Positive significant relationships were observed between components of MT and each of the positive measures; which lends support to the conceptualization of MT as a positive psychological construct which fosters positive psychological states (Clough & Strycharczyk, 2012). Further research is warranted to examine the development of MT on negative psychological constructs.

Kamuran Yerlikaya Balyanet, al, (2016) examined the association between personality, competitive anxiety, somatic anxiety and physiological arousal in athletes with high and low anxiety levels. Anxiety was manipulated by means of an incentive. Fifty male participants, first, completed the Five Factor Personality Inventory and their resting electrodermal activity (EDA) was recorded. In the second stage, participants were randomly assigned to high or low anxiety groups.



Individual EDAs were recorded again to determine precompetition physiological arousal. Participants also completed the Competitive State Anxiety Inventory-2 (CSAI-2) and played a computer-simulated soccer match. Results showed that neuroticism was related to both CSAI-2 components and physiological arousal only in the group receiving the incentive. Winners had higher levels of cognitive anxiety and lower levels of physiological arousal than losers. On the basis of these findings, we concluded that an athlete's neurotic personality may influence his cognitive and physiological responses in a competition.

Leila Gholamhossinzadeheghlidi, et, al, (2016) investigated the relationship of psychological skills and performance of skilled male volleyball players in vulnerable situations of Competition. For this purpose, 33 male players were selected by available sampling that was participated in Iran's Premier League and was achieved in the final round. A questionnaire of mental skills of Ottawa 3 (OMSAT) and Data software was used to collect information and to analyze the performance of players in three positions of service, attack, and defense, respectively. Spearman correlation coefficient results showed that there were no significant relationship base psychological skills, psychosomatic and cognitive skills with the success of the players' performance in some skills. According to the calculation of the effect size in the skills of goal setting in the service position ($r = 0.30$), it indicates the average relationship of goal setting in the implementation of service and calculated number on the defensive position $r = -0.25$ which reflects the average and reverse relationship, in the illustration skills in the service position $r = 0.23$ represents the average relationship between illustration in competition designing skills in attack position $r = -0.19$ showed the average and inverse relationship between competition designing and implementing an attack. In general, it seems that some mental skills in the performance of volleyball players play a useful role with average effect size.

Zamirullah khan, et al. (2011) has conducted a study on Anxiety and Motivation is important psychological variables in sports and its need to achieve a high level of competition. Without knowledge of these two variables, athletes cannot give best in competition. The aim of the study was to find out the relationship between Anxiety and Motivation of intervarsity Badminton players. The total sample consisted of twenty players age ranged from 17 to 25 years. Sports Competition Anxiety Test (SCAT) and Sports Achievement Motivation Test were administered to collect the data. Mean, standard deviation and Pearson Product Moment Correlation were computed to analyze the data at 0.05 level of significance. It was found that significant negative relationship between Achievement Motivation and Anxiety.

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DATA ANALYSIS

Values are presented as mean values and SD. Pearson Correlation, Analysis of variance, were used to test if population means estimated by two independent samples differed significantly. Level of significance was set at the 0.05/0.01. Data was analysed using SPSS.

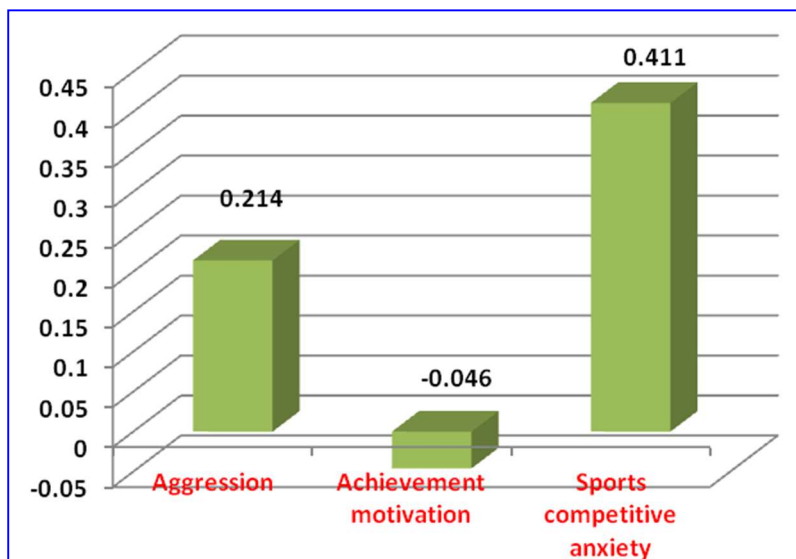


RESULTS

The below bar diagram shows that Pearson coefficient of correlation values between post coaching game performance during invitational competition s and psychological variables such as aggression (0.214 *) and sports competitive anxiety (0.411*) in the high school state level handball players were greater than the tabulated 'r' value (0.128) at 0.05 level of confidence, they were significantly correlated with the game performance at 0.05 level. Therefore it was concluded that there was a significant relationship between post coaching game performance during invitational competition and psychological variable such as sports Achievement motivation in the high school state level handball players.

The remaining psychological variables such as Sports achievement motivation in the High School state level Handball players less than that the tabulated 'r' value (0.128) at 0.05 level of confidence, they were significantly correlated with the post-coaching game performance during invitational competition at 0.05 level. Therefore it was concluded that there was found a non significant relationship between post coaching game performance during invitational competition and psychological variables Sports achievement motivation in the High School state level Handball players.

The bar diagram showing the Psychological variables for High school state level Handball players in relationship to post coaching game performance during invitational competition.



Summary of regression Analysis between predictor variables (psychological) and post coaching game performance during invitational competition of High school state level handball players

Regression analysis		Analysis of Variance				
r	0.497*	Sources	df	Sum of Squares	Mean Squares	F value
r ²	0.247	Regression	1	94.776	94.776	9.192*
Adj r ²	0.220	Residual	26	288.690	10.310	
Std. Error.	3.21098	Total	29	383.467		

* Predictors: Sports Competitive anxiety



Table above shows the values of parameters of the regression analysis between the predictor variables (psychological) and post coaching game performance during invitational competition of High school state level handball players. The result of the regression analysis showed that psychological variable like Sports Competitive anxiety (predictor variables) was taken against the criterion variables yielded a coefficient of multiple correlations (r) of 0.497* and adjusted multiple correlation squares (r^2) of 0.247. The r^2 value translated into 24.70 percent of the observed variance in the post-coaching game performance during invitational competition score. The analysis also gave a standard error of 3.21098 and F-value of 9.192* which was significant at an alpha level of 0.05.

The betas of the predicting variables on post coaching game performance during invitational competition of High school state level handball players

Coefficients						
Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	105.448	2.697		39.100	0.000
	Sports competitive anxiety	1.404	0.133	-0.497	-3.032	0.005

Table above shows the prediction of psychological variables in the regression for Beta values and significant 't' corresponding to the variables regressed against the depended variables. The beta values for Sports Competitive anxiety (1.404), was found to be significant. This confirms that the there was to be the best predictor of game performance in the High school state level handball players. The remaining predictor was no significant in the High school state level handball players.

The beta, r values, and contribution of the predicting of morphological and psychological variables on post coaching game performance during invitational competition of High school state level handball players

Variables	Beta	r value	Beta X r values	Contribution %
Sports Competitive anxiety	1.404	0.411	0.57704	57.7044

Table above shows that among the different variables the Sports Competitive anxiety (with 57.704 percent) showed better predictor of psychological variables when compared to other variables.

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