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The type of passes made during the FIFA world cup 2014: A tactical perspective

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Abstract

The study was undertaken to analyze how top nations play football in FIFA world cup 2014-Brazil with different tactics in different situations. The objective of the study is to find out the type of passes made by different teams during the FIFA world cup 2014. All the matches of the 2014 FIFA world cup were analyzed on certain parameters like the types of passes i.e., which type of passes was used most? The match wise analysis of the pattern of playing and making passes of all the teams participated in FIFA world cup 2014 was observed carefully by watching videos and from the statistics available in the official website of FIFA and based on the information results of the present study are drawn by doing qualitative analysis of the available information. The variable selected for the study is the type of passes. Since the study focused on the FIFA world cup 2014 held in Brazil, the entire case was considered as the sample of the study. The data was collected by using the secondary sources of data. Some of the sources of data collection for the present study are internet, magazines, journals, newspapers and television. The data for the study was the facts and figures available in various sources. The results of some countries like Italy, Spain and Bosnia and Herzegovina were excellent whereas countries like Iran, Belgium and Costa Rica were very poor as far as Passing is concerned.

Keywords: FIFA, passes, accuracy, percentage and AIFF

1. Introduction

The study was undertaken to analyze how top nations play football in FIFA world cup 2014-Brazil with different tactics in different situations. The objective of the study is to find out the type of passes made by different teams during the FIFA world cup 2014. The study will benefit the physical educators, coaches, football lovers in general and Indian footballers in particular to understand the importance of tactics in today's modern football. The study will throw light on how the top football nations play football with different tactics. Since India will be hosting its first ever mega event U-17 FIFA world cup in 2017 the findings of the study may also help AIFF in formulating new tactics.

2. Methodology

The present research was a historical research and the case study method was used. All the matches of the 2014 FIFA world cup were analysed on certain parameters like, the type of passes i.e., which type of passes was used most? The match wise analysis of the pattern of playing and making passes of all the teams participated in FIFA world cup 2014 was observed carefully by watching videos and from the statistics available in the official website of FIFA and based on the information results of the present study are drawn by doing qualitative analysis of the available information. The accuracy of passing percentage was drawn out by comparing the number of pass completed with number of pass attempted. The variable selected for the study is the type of passes made by different teams. Since the study focused on the FIFA world cup 2014 held in Brazil, the entire case was considered as the sample of the study. The data was collected by using the secondary sources of data. Some of the sources of data collection for the present study are internet, magazines, journals, newspapers and television. The data for the study was the facts and figures available in various sources. The primary and secondary source of the data collection was used for the qualitative analysis and based on the facts and figures available the results of the studies were drawn.

3. Results

- Algeria has played overall 4 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 41.9% for long pass, 73.6% for medium pass and 74.4% for short pass.
- Argentina has played overall 7 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 52.7% for long pass, 82.3% for medium pass and 76.2% for short pass.
- Australia has played overall 3 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 53.8% for long pass, 74.6% for medium pass and 60.6% for short pass.
- Belgium has played overall 5 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 60.6% for long pass, 79.8% for medium pass and 37.2% for short pass.
- Bosnia and Herzegovina has played overall 3 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 61.5% for long pass, 82.9% for medium pass and 81.5% for short pass.
- Brazil has played overall 7 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 57.6% for long pass, 80.6% for medium pass and 74.5% for short pass.
- Cameroon has played overall 3 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 51.6% for long pass, 77.9% for medium pass and 73% for short pass.
- Chile has played overall 4 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 62.8% for long pass, 83.4% for medium pass and 70.6% for short pass
- Colombia has played overall 5 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 50.2% for long pass, 75.8% for medium pass and 74.5% for short pass.
- Costa Rica has played overall 5 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 47.6% for long pass, 76.1% for medium pass and 62.2% for short pass.
- Croatia has played overall 3 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 66.7% for long pass, 76.4% for medium pass and 73.4% for short pass.
- Ecuador has played overall 3 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 46% for long pass, 75% for medium pass and 68.5% for short pass.
- England has played overall 3 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 62.2% for long pass, 82.6% for medium pass and 77.8% for short pass.
- France has played overall 5 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 61.1% for long pass, 81.7% for medium pass and 70.3% for short pass.
- Germany has played overall 7 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 54.8% for long pass, 85.3% for medium pass and 80.6% for short pass.
- Ghana has played overall 3 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 55.1% for long pass, 77.2% for medium pass and 74.7% for short pass.
- Greece has played overall 4 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 59.4% for long pass, 97% for medium pass and 74.8% for short pass.
- Honduras has played overall 3 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 52.8% for long pass, 94.2% for medium pass and 76.4% for short pass.
- Iran has played overall 3 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 44.7% for long pass, 50.8% for medium pass and 64.3% for short pass.
- Italy has played overall 3 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 61.2% for long pass, 88.5% for medium pass and 85.8% for short pass.
- Ivory has played overall 3 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 35.81% for long pass, 85.9% for medium pass and 75.7% for short pass.
- Japan has played overall 3 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 55% for long pass, 81.4% for medium pass and 81.4% for short pass.
- Mexico has played overall 4 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 55.1% for long pass, 79% for medium pass and 77.4% for short pass.
- Netherlands has played overall 7 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 61.3% for long pass, 82.3% for medium pass and 77.6% for short pass.
- Nigeria has played overall 4 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 50.6% for long pass, 80.1% for medium pass and 73.8% for short pass.
- Portugal has played overall 3 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 58.6% for long pass, 83.3% for medium pass and 80.7% for short pass.
- Russia has played overall 3 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 50% for long pass, 76.7% for medium pass and 78.6% for short pass.
- South Korea has played overall 3 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 59% for long pass, 71.4% for medium pass and 74.1% for short pass.
- Spain has played overall 3 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 62% for long pass, 83.9% for medium pass and 86% for short pass.
- Switzerland as played overall 4 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 49.5% for long pass, 80.9% for medium pass and 78.4% for short pass.
- Uruguay has played overall 4 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 51.9% for long pass, 75.7% for medium pass and 73.2% for short pass.
- USA has played overall 4 matches in which the percentage of accuracy is 56.3% for long pass, 79.7% for medium pass and 80.1% for short pass.

4. Conclusion

- The proportion of short passes is much higher than the other two types of passes. So it may be concluded that Algeria, Iran, Japan, Russia, South Korea, Spain and USA were more accurate in short type of pass.
- The proportion of medium passes is much higher than the other two types of passes. So it may be concluded that Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Ecuador, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Honduras, Ivory, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Portugal, Switzerland, Uruguay and Italy were more accurate in medium type of pass.
- From the above conclusion, it shows that majority of the teams in FIFA World Cup 2014 were more accurate and successful in medium pass whereas the passing percentage of long pass were low and not significant as compared to other two passes.

5. Recommendations

1. Similar studies can be conducted on various sports.
2. Similar studies can be conducted on ISL (Indian super League).
3. Similar studies can be conducted on FIFA world cup 2018 in Russia.

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