

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS OF INDIAN AND FOREIGN PLAYERS IN FIRST PRO - VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE 2019

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Abstract:

The purpose of the study was to analysis the performance of foreign and Indian players in first edition of pro volleyball league. The performance analysis in two positions like as spiking and blocking. The present study comes under the category of descriptive survey in the field of physical education and sports. In the present study all the data were collected through internet and news papers. The study has also helpful for improving the knowledge about pro volleyball league and also beneficial volleyball coaches, physical education teachers and players. Pro volleyball league also known as Ru pay Pro volleyball league for sponsorship reason was a professional men's indoor volley ball league in India. The league has been initiated by the volleyball federation of India in association with Baseline Ventures -India pvt. Ltd. Official broad caster of the league was Sony picture network India. Duration of Pro volleyball league from 2nd February 2019 to 22nd February and total Six teams participated in the first edition of the league and 18 matches was played in the first edition. In the first edition of pro volley ball league Chennai Spartan has won the title. In this study we analysed the performance of Indian and foreign players first in pro volley ball league. After analysing the performance the Indian Spiker and blocker performed better in respect of foreign attacker and blocker. But some foreign attacker and blocker performed better and played as vital players of teams. In the list of most successful top five players in both positions the foreign players were hold the no. 1 position in spiking and blocking positions. Foreign players were also enlisted in the list of top five Spiker and blocker but the number of foreign players in the top list were less as compared to Indian players. Participation of foreign players does improve the standard of Indian volleyball performance and also got great exposure for Indian players to play with them like as participation of foreign players in IPL and ISL has improved the Indian sports performance.

Key Words:-Volleyball, Pro volleyball league, Performance, Analysis, Indian Players, foreign Players.

Introduction:-

The sporting landscape in India has changed dramatically in the last decade with the introduction of leagues for almost every sporting discipline. From the most followed sport to the sport indigenous to the country, athletes now have a platform to showcase their talent, earn their living and rub shoulders with the best athletes from around the world to improve and compete at the highest level.

Pro Volleyball League is the latest to join the ecosystem of such leagues, with a model similar to the ones in its cricket, kabaddi, football, badminton, and wrestling counterparts. The league, which promises to bring together many Indian and prominent overseas players together, has prioritised making it supporter-friendly too, with only one match scheduled per day. Moreover, the league will be played over a relatively short duration of three weeks. The players were picked from an auction

pool of 145. Five of the six teams have named an Indian player as their captain, with Carson Clark's appointment as the captain of Black Hawks Hyderabad being the exception.

Volleyball is a dynamic and vibrant team sports which is played in all over world and also most popular sports in India which is accepted by all rural and urban areas of the country. Volley ball federation of India introduced an ambitious league for the development of volleyball in India and also provide an opportunity^{[3][4]} of our Indian volleyball players to rub shoulders with some best players of the world and also getting world class exposure through the league in the field of volleyball, which was named as Pro volleyball league on February 2019. Pro Volleyball League (PVL), also known as Ru Pay Pro Volleyball League for sponsorship reasons, is a professional men's indoor volleyball league in India.^[1] The inaugural season took place in February 2019.^[2] The league is an initiative between the Volleyball Federation of India and Baseline Ventures. Sony Pictures Networks India is the official broadcaster of the league. Ru Pay is the title sponsor for the inaugural season of the league which was won by Chennai Spartans.^[5] MyTeam11 is the official fantasy partner for the first season of the league.^[6] The mandate of Pro volleyball league was to revive the volleyball cultural in the country and also encouraging the volleyball players from greatest level and also VFI was able to take Indian volleyball to greatest heights in the coming years. The league has been initiated by the volleyball federation of India in association with Baseline Ventures -India pvt. Ltd. Ru pay Pro volleyball league aims to transform the sporting landscape of the country by elevating the world fifth most popular sports to the next level. Official broad caster of the league was Sony picture network India. Duration of Pro volleyball league from 2nd February 2019 to 22nd February and total Six teams participated in the first edition of the league and 18 matches was played in the first edition.

League rules

The league follows a round-robin format, with the teams playing each other twice and the top four teams at the end of the league stage qualifying for the semifinals.

The matches will be in the usual, best-of-five-sets format. The round-robin matches will, however, be played to 15 points per set, with the first team to reach 15 points winning the set. The semifinals and final will be played to 25 points.

Structure:

The Pro Volleyball League encompasses six franchises, each representing cities across India. All teams filed tenders with Baseline Ventures listing the two cities they would be interested in bidding for.^[7] The teams were officially announced at a Press Conference in Mumbai.^[8]

Teams:-

Total six numbers of teams participated in the first edition of the league and their names as follow

1. Ahmedabad Defenders
2. Calicut Heroes
3. Black Hawks Hyderabad
4. U Mumba Volley
5. Chennai Spartans
6. Kochi Blue Spikers

Format:

Each team will have 12 players with the provision of a maximum of two reserve players. All teams had a salary purse of Rs. 75 lakhs from which they picked their team via an auction and player draft.^[2] A total of 117 players were divided into five categories – International Icons, Indian Icons, Sr. Indian Internationals, Nationals and U-21 players. The International icon players were picked through a draft process while the Indian players were chosen via an auction.^[9] Ranjit Singh of Punjab emerged as the top pick. Ahmedabad Defenders shelled out Rs.13 lakhs for him at the auction.^[10]

There will be a total of 18 matches in season 1. Each team plays against each other in a round-robin format with the top 4 teams moving into the Semi Finals.^[11] In season 1, matches will be held in Kochi at the Rajiv Gandhi Indoor Stadium and in Chennai at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.

Significance of the study:

The results of the present investigation were thought to be very helpful for physical education and sports in the following ways:

1. It would be possible to compare the performance of Indian and foreign player in first edition of pro – volleyball league.
2. It would be possible to understand the performance of Indian players in first edition of pro volleyball league.
3. It would be possible to understand the performance of foreign players in first edition pro volleyball league.

Methodology:-

In the field of physical education and sports the present study comes under the category of descriptive survey. The researcher in this study try to evaluate the performance of Indian and foreign players in the first edition of pro volleyball league and also helpful for improving the knowledge about what is the role of Indian and foreign players in pro volleyball league.

Result and Discussion:

Table-1: Showing the top 5 Indian Spikers in Pro volley ball ^[12]

S.No	NAME	Position	Nationality	No. Of Match Played	Total Points	TEAM
1	AJITH LAL	ATTACKER	Indian	7	74	CALICUT HEROES
2	JEROME VINITH	UNIVERSAL	Indian	7	70	CALICUT HEROES
3	NAVEEN RAJA JACOB	ATTACKER	Indian	7	59	CHENNAI SPARTANS
4	PRABAGARAN	ATTACKER	Indian	6	49	KOCHI BLUE SPIKERS
5	MANU JOSEPH	UNIVERSAL	Indian	6	46	KOCHI BLUE SPIKERS

Table-2: Showing the top 5 foreign Spikers in Pro volley ball

S.No	Name	Position	Nationality	No. Of Match Played	Total Points	TEAM
1	RUDY VERHOEFF	OPPOSITE PLAYER	Foreigner	7	88	CHENNAI SPARTANS
2	PAUL LOTMAN	OUTSIDE HITTER	Foreigner	7	49	CALICUT HEROES
3	RUSLANS SOROKINGS	OUTSIDE HITTER	Foreigner	7	47	CHENNAI SPARTANS
4	VICTOR SYSOEV	OUTSIDE HITTER	Foreigner	5	40	AHMEDABAD DEFENDER
5	DAVID LEE	MIDDLE BLOCKER	Foreigner	6	40	KOCHI BLUE SPIKERS

Table-3: Showing the most successful top 5 Spikers in the Pro volley ball

S.No	Name	Position	Nationality	No. Of Match Played	Total Points	TEAM
1	RUDY VERHOEFF	OPPOSITE PLAYER	Foreigner	7	88	CHENNAI SPARTANS
2	AJITH LAL	ATTACKER	Indian	7	74	CALICUT HEROES
3	JEROME VINITH	UNIVERSAL	Indian	7	70	CALICUT HEROES
4	NAVEEN RAJA JACOB	ATTACKER	Indian	7	59	CHENNAI SPARTANS
5	PAUL LOTMAN	OUTSIDE HITTER	Foreigner	7	49	CALICUT HEROES

Table-4: Showing the top 5 Indian Blockers in Pro volley ball

S.No	Name	Position	Nationality	No. Of match Played	Total Points	TEAM
1	ASHWAL RAI	BLOCKER	Indian	5	15	BLACK HAWKS HYDERBAD
2	DIPESH KUMAR SINHA	BLOCKER	Indian	6	14	U MUMBA VOLLEY
3	VINIT KUMAR	UNIVERSAL	Indian	6	13	U MUMBA VOLLEY
4	KARTHIK A	BLOCKER	Indian	7	13	CALICUT HEROES
5	VAISHNAV	BLOCKER	Indian	5	11	AHMEDABAD DEFENDERS

Table-5: Showing the top 5 foreign Blockers in Pro volley ball

S.No	Name	Position	Nationality	No. Of match Played	Total Points	TEAM
1	DAVID LEE	MIDDLE BLOCKER	Foreigner	6	16	KOCHI BLUE SPIKERS
2	ILUONI NGAMPOUROU	MIDDLE BLOCKER	Foreigner	7	12	CALICUT HEROES
3	NOVIKA BJELICA	MIDDLE BLOCKER	Foreigner	5	10	CHENNAI SPARTANS
4	RUDYVERHOEFF	OPPOSITE PLAYER	Foreigner	7	9	CHENNAI SPARTANS

5	RUSLANS SOROKINS	OUTSIDE HITTER	Foreigner	7	7	CHENNAI SPARTANS
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Table-6: Showing the top most successful 5 blockers in Pro volley ball

S.No	Name	Position	Nationality	No. Of match Played	Total Points	Team
1	DAVID LEE	MIDDLE BLOCKER	Foreigner	6	16	KOCHI BLUE SPIKERS
2	ASHWAL RAI	BLOCKER	Indian	5	15	BLACK HAWKS HYDERBAD
3	DIPESH KUMAR SINHA	BLOCKER	Indian	6	14	U MUMBA VOLLEY
4	VINIT KUMAR	UNIVERSAL	Indian	6	13	U MUMBA VOLLEY
5	KARTHIK A	BLOCKER	Indian	7	13	CALICUT HEROES

Discussion:

From the above discussion it was very much clear that the Indian players were performed better in respect of foreign player in both positions spike and block. After the analysing the performance in the positions of spiking and blocking, the researcher selected top five Indian spiker and blocker and top five foreign spiker and blocker and after that researcher analysing the overall performance in the top five spiker and blocker in the first edition of pro volley ball league. After analysing the performance the result show that out of five top spiker, three spiker of Indian were enlisted in the list and out of five blocker 4 blocker were Indian enlisted in the list. The result of the study show that Indian attacker and blocker performed better in respect of foreign attacker and blocker. But some foreign attacker and blocker performed better and played as vital players of teams. In the list of top five players in both positions the foreign players were hold the no. 1 position in spiking and blocking positions.

Conclusion:

The result of the present study show that on the basis of performance, the following conclusion drawn:

1. The Indian players were better performing than foreign player.
2. Foreign players were also enlisted in top five spiker and blocker but the no. of foreign players in the top list were less as compared to Indian players.

3. Participation of foreign players does improve the standard of Indian volleyball performance and also great exposure for Indian players to play with them like as participation of foreign players in IPL and ISL has improved the Indian sports performance.

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