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METHODOLOGY

The purpose of the study was to find out the association between the selected physical fitness variables namely speed, agility and cardio respiratory endurance and playing ability among Mannar district men soccer players. To achieve of the study, thirty Mannar district men soccer players, Mannar district soccer players were selected as subjects at random. Their age ranged between 17 to 23 years. The soccer playing ability was selected as dependent variable for this study and also the following physical fitness components like speed, agility, and cardio respiratory endurance were selected as independent variables for this study. The following test items were selected for the study to collect relevant data. The speed was assessed by conducting 50 mts run, agility was assessed through shuttle run (4×10 yd) cardio respiratory endurance was assessed by cooper’s 12 min run and playing ability was measured by using subjective rating method with three judges. The Pearson product moment correlation was used to find out the association between the selected physical fitness components and soccer playing ability of Mannar district men soccer players if any. The .05 level of confidence was fixed to test the level of significance which was considered as an appropriate. The results of the study showed that there was significance which was considered as an appropriate. The results of the study showed that there was significant relationship between selected physical fitness components and playing ability of men mannar district soccer players.

CONCLUSION

There was a significant relationship between selected physical fitness variables such as Cardio Respiratory Endurance, Agility and Speed on soccer ability among mannar district men soccer players. Results

The mean, standard deviation and product moment correlation values between the selected physical fitness components and playing ability of mannar district men soccer players were represented in Table I.

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*Significant at .05 level of confidence

DISCUSSION ON FINDINGS

The result shows that there was a positive correlation soccer playing ability and selected physical fitness variables such as cardio respiratory endurance, agility and speed. Same results agreement with that Yuyi Zhang (2010) and Yogesh Chander (2010) and Juan M Cortell – Tormo et.al., (2013).

KEYWORDS: Playing ability, Physical fitness components, Speed, Agility, Cardio respiratory, endurance.
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