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Editorial

This issue of the Journal carries seven research articles on different sports science subjects.

The lead article analyses the Rio 2016 Olympics Performance of Ms. Dipa Karamkar, the first Indian Women gymnast qualified for participation in Olympics. The researchers find out that Dipa had the highest 'Difficulty Score' than all the other finalists and it was 0-30 greater than the 'Difficulty Score' of the Ist and the 2nd ranking gymnast. However, she had the lowest 'Execution Score' than all the other 7 competitors; and it was 2.700 less than the first ranking gymnast Simone Bites. The authors conclude that Dipa Karamakar has a lots of scope for improving her 'Execution Score' further, in both the vaults.

The second article investigates the selected motor fitness components of male Football and Hockey Players of Kurukshetra University. The results indicated significant difference in explosive leg strength and agility but no significant difference was found between selected motor fitness components of Football and Hockey players.

In the third article the author compares the mental health of college level sportspersons and non-sportspersons of Himachal Pradesh. The researcher finds significant difference in sportspersons and non-sportspersons in overall adjustment, autonomy, intelligence, and total mental health whereas no significant difference was found in components of emotional stability, security-insecurity, and self-concept.

The authors of the fourth article studied the strength of hamstring and quadriceps muscle groups of Track & Field jumpers and concluded that there was a significant difference between quadriceps and hamstring strength and hamstring/quardriceps ratio of dominating and non-dominating side of the muscles. Authors also observed a non-significant difference between the dominating and non-dominating side hamstring muscle group strength and a non-significant difference in angle of peak torque between dominating and non-dominating side muscle groups.

The author of the fifth article compares the maximum leg strength of kicking and non-kicking leg of Football players, at the University level tournaments and finds out that the maximum strength of the kicking leg was greater than the non-kicking leg of Football players.

The authors of the sixth article make assessment of the anthropometric data and macrountrient intake of Table Tennis national players and in view of the results they conclude that adequate nutritional counseling is required to address the nutrient intake of the players for optimizing their performance.

The last article is an anthropometric study of the physique of junior national male Kabaddi players. The researchers found that the junior players were shorter, lighter, with smaller width of femur, lesser girth of upper arm and leaner in skinfold thickness of subscapular than the senior players, as reported in an earlier study.

I hope, you will find these presentations useful and interesting.

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