The Analysis of Badminton Referee Performance

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Abstract—In every badminton match, athletes will compete to be the best in a sport by taking into account the norms or rules that apply in the match. And the one who can set and run the rules of the game is the referee. The presence of the referee in a match is very important, because the referee is the spearhead for the success of the match. Therefore, this research was conducted with the aim to determine the performance of badminton referees in the Badminton National Championship match in Jakarta. The samples involved in this study were 13 referees who led the team competition at the National Championship in Jakarta. The results related to the performance of the referee showed that they had very good results in matches with high difficulty. It was indicated by the average value obtained (9.1). It shows that a referee must be equipped with knowledge about the rules of the game in force, have a clear voice, and have a firm attitude.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Based on the explanation above, it can be said that the task of a referee must be able to make effective decisions. Because effective decision making is a key component of performance in games for athletes [1]. Errors in decisions made by the referee when leading will damage the game. Not just tarnishing the match sometimes in a match if the referee makes a mistake there will be some reaction from various groups both players, line judges, coaches, officials and supporters. So that will trigger the emergence of aggressive actions from players or spectators. This is supported by Fruchart which states that the decision making mistakes or unethical decisions made by referees make it possible to make the game more rough and show observers about their ability to control the match [2]. Therefore, an understanding of the rules held by the referee can make the match go well as expected and provide satisfaction for players who compete, namely victory. This is supported by Donahue which states that passionate athletes may be so involved in their sport that they are likely to be aggressive if victory is on the line. And an understanding of the rules held by the referees can help them make the right decision [3].

The frequency of right and wrong decisions made in sports is called performance decision making. According to Corrigan, decision making is influenced by a complex mix of physical, social, psychological and environmental factors. And there is a fundamental difference between the player and the referee in the decision making process, namely the referee’s decision only includes the identification of violations of the rules according to the laws of the game and does not include executing playing skills [4]. Research on decision making was also carried out by Catteeuw which showed the results that referees have a common goal, namely to apply the rules of the game that apply uniformly and consistently [5]. To be able to apply uniform and consistent rules of the game requires decision-making skills. So, the research recommends making the referees’ decision-making skills training program outside the competition.

However, previous studies have not discussed much about the performance of referees in individual game sports such as badminton. In addition, there are not many studies conducted that discuss the decision made when the referee leads the match. Moreover, badminton is one sport that has experienced several changes to the rules of the game. With this change in regulation, it is necessary to conduct research on how the referee’s performance is seen in every decision made when leading the match. Therefore, researchers are interested in conducting research on the performance of badminton referees when leading a match. The purpose of this study is to provide a qualitative picture, especially for badminton organizations in the field of referees, how the performance of badminton referees has been leading the badminton competition.

II. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

A. Data Analysis Method and Technique

The research method used in this research is descriptive method. The research data taken was then analysed to be able to give an idea of how the rules of the referees’ game were judged by how they were currently leading the badminton competition at the national championship in Jakarta. The data analysis technique used is descriptive statistics relating to the application of statistical methods to collect, process, present and analyse quantitative data so as to provide an explanation of the results of research related to the performance of Indonesian national badminton referees.

B. Subjects

This research was conducted at the sports club of the Faculty of Sports, Jakarta State University. The population in this study was the National referee of Indonesia (PB. PBSI) who led in the 2018 National Championship. Total referee who led the national championship were 40 referees. The Referee who can lead the match at the National Championship must have a national license. The research sample used as many as 13 referees using purposive sampling techniques. The
consideration used in this study is the national referee who leads the match in the semifinal and final senior team.

C. Instruments

The research instrument used in this study was the standard form issued directly by PB. PBSI as the parent of the Badminton sports organization. Referee performance evaluation is done when the referee leads the match. As for what is assessed on the referee performance appraisal form contains two points, namely: about field control and cooperation. Field control assesses how a referee starts entering the field, leading the match until he exits the field. As for cooperation, assess how the referee cooperates with the service judge and line judge during the competition.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Results

The results showed descriptive data that contains a description of the data about the general distribution of data distribution in the form of a frequency distribution location size that is average, maximum value, minimum value, standard deviation, mode, median. The results of the study are based on descriptive data and the frequency distribution of overall referee performance from the semi-final and final rounds can be seen in the table below:

| Description  | Score |
|--------------|-------|
| Median       | 9.2   |
| Modus        | 9.3   |
| Mean         | 9.1   |
| Standard Deviation | 0.35 |
| Maximum      | 9.5   |
| Minimum      | 8.5   |

Furthermore, the tendency of the frequency distribution of referee's performance in the semifinal I match is illustrated in the histogram diagram as illustrated in graph 1 below.

![Histogram tendency of referee performance](image1)

The following is the description data for each round of matches starting from the semi-finals and finals. The Semi Final Round is described in two parts, namely the semi-final round I and the semi-final round II. The data description per round is as follows:

1) Semifinal I: Following is a description of the descriptive data and frequency distribution of the referee's performance in the semifinal I match:

| Description | Score |
|-------------|-------|
| Median      | 9.2   |
| Modus       | 9.3   |
| Mean        | 9.1   |
| Standard Deviation | 0.24 |
| Maximum     | 9.3   |
| Minimum     | 8.8   |

Furthermore, the tendency of the semifinal I performance referee frequency distribution above is illustrated in the histogram diagram as illustrated in diagram 2 below.

![Histogram tendency of referee performance semifinal I](image2)

2) Semifinal II: Following is a description of the descriptive data and frequency distribution of the referee's performance in the semifinal II match:
TABLE V. DESCRIPTION OF REFEREE PERFORMANCE SEMIFINAL II

| Description   | Score |
|---------------|-------|
| Median        | 9.2   |
| Modus         | 8.7   |
| Mean          | 9.1   |
| Standard Deviation | 0.38 |
| Maximum       | 9.5   |
| Minimum       | 8.7   |

TABLE VI. FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF REFEREE PERFORMANCE SEMIFINAL II

| No | Score | Frequency |
|----|-------|-----------|
| 1  | 8.7   | 2         |
| 2  | 9.2   | 1         |
| 3  | 9.4   | 1         |
| 4  | 9.5   | 1         |
|    | Total | 5         |

Furthermore, the tendency of the semifinal II performance referee frequency distribution above is illustrated in the histogram diagram as illustrated in graph 3 below.

Fig. 3. Histogram tendency of referee performance semifinal II.

3) Final: Following is a description of the descriptive data and frequency distribution of the referee's performance in the Final match:

TABLE VII. DESCRIPTION OF REFEREE PERFORMANCE FINAL

| Description   | Score |
|---------------|-------|
| Median        | 9.2   |
| Modus         | 9.2   |
| Mean          | 9.1   |
| Standard Deviation | 0.43 |
| Maximum       | 9.5   |
| Minimum       | 8.5   |

TABLE VIII. FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF REFEREE PERFORMANCE FINAL

| No | Score | Frequency |
|----|-------|-----------|
| 1  | 8.5   | 1         |
| 2  | 9     | 1         |
| 3  | 9.3   | 1         |
| 4  | 9.5   | 1         |

Furthermore, the tendency of Final round performance referee frequency distribution above is illustrated in the histogram diagram as illustrated in diagram 4 below.

Fig. 4. Histogram tendency of referee performance final round.

IV. DISCUSSION

Referee performance implementation data is taken from senior team matches from the Semi-Final and Final. The total matches that occurred during the Semi Final and Final were 13 matches. This is because in the semi-final and final matches there is no match for all match numbers. One of the Semi Final matches that does not compete with all numbers is Djarum against Mutiara with a score of 3 - 1. Whereas for the Final only matches 4 (four) numbers. Because the winner, Jaya Raya, had obtained a score of 3 (three) beforehand from his opponent, namely Mutiara.

Referee performance evaluation is done when the referee leads the match. As for what is assessed from the referee's performance is field control and cooperation. The results of the referee's performance assessment have three criteria by also looking at the level of difficulty of the match itself. The three criteria are very good, good and very bad. Very good results are obtained if the referee who leads the match can explain and respond to incidents that are considered to affect the course of the match, such as when a player slows the tempo of the game, then the referee must reprimand him and others. While bad results are obtained if the referee who leads the match cannot explain and respond to incidents that affect the course of the match, such as slowing down the game, then the referee leaves it until the player does it repeatedly and others.

In addition, the difficulty factor of the match was also seen from the match which brought together players who were ranked almost the same at both the national and world level. Besides having the same rank, the player is also a player who dropped in the International championships. So, of course this has an impact on the experience of the players in playing and how they deal with the rules of the match.

The results of the referee's performance during the Semi-Final I, Semi-Final II and Final stages showed that the implementation of the referee's performance when leading the match was very good in matches with high difficulty, both for field control and in terms of cooperation. This is because the referee who leads the match is able to explain and respond to incidents that affect the course of the match and the players who meet have almost the same rankings both nationally and internationally. In addition, these players also often go down in the international championship event. However, there are some notes that must be corrected by the referees who lead in this championship, namely:
• When introducing a player, reduce the pauses and slightly speed up the delivery method.
• When starting a match, the pronunciation should be harder and clearer when introducing players.
• Before starting the match, the referee should ensure that there are no things that interfere with the game.

Based on the discussion above, it can be said that a referee has a great responsibility in managing the competition and one that must be obeyed by the referee is fair or impartial. Appropriate decision making is considered the role of the most important referee in the match, because the referee ensures that the match is played in a fair and safe manner while maintaining the integrity of the game [6]. Thus, a badminton referee must know and fully understand all the rules of badminton games, tournament regulations, codes of conduct and duties in accordance with the rules made by BWF.

The purpose of using decision making has a positive and direct impact on the outcome of the competition. And to be able to make good decisions, a referee must have cognitive perception [7]. That is what makes the difference between skilled and less skilled referees lies in perception skills at the time of decision making [8]. Perceptual-cognitive expertise refers to the ability of performers to identify and process (environmental) information for integration with existing knowledge to facilitate the selection of appropriate responses under time pressure [9,10].

Every referee has a strong desire to run rules and regulations that are free from mistakes. Because referees are given the task of implementing game laws and ensuring that players comply with regulations [11]. Erroneous decisions taken by referees can make players act aggressively because they consider referees’ decisions unfair [12]. Therefore, to improve the quality of badminton ranging from regional, national to world, it requires qualified and professional referees to lead a match. The referee is said to be professional can be seen through mastering the rules of the game well, having good conditions, having and mentally in leading a match. A good referee must have good concentration and accuracy because the referee could be an enemy to the player if in the match is not concentrated or inaccurate. The researcher suggests to conduct further research related to the analysis of the time span of problem solving required by the referee or how the emotion of the referee when resolving the problem that occurs.

V. CONCLUSION

Based on the research results obtained, it can be concluded that the decision of the referee has very good results in matches with high difficulty. This is indicated by the average value obtained which is 9.1. The grading points that are judged are the field control and cooperation considered to have been done very well by the referee when leading the match. However, there are still some notes that must be repaired by the badminton referee who is leading the match. So, it is expected that PBSI will schedule referees regularly and continuously. And other researchers are expected to be able to conduct research on referees, which can still be studied in more depth.

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