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Decline of Hockey in Pakistan: A Survey Research

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ABSTRACT

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Purpose of this study is to know why the importance of hockey has declined in Pakistan. Pakistani team won gold medal in 1960, silver in 1964 again won Gold medal in 1968. In this way Pakistan had won many other medals and prizes in this game but suddenly the game has declined in its popularity in Pakistan. The research methodology is based on quantitative research approach. A self-administered questionnaire was used to collect data. Then researcher has analyzed the data collected by questionnaire from the viewers. The population of the study was students of the different Universities of Punjab. The data was collected from male and female students studying in the different Universities of Bahawalpur. Descriptive statistics (percentage, frequency, and standard deviation) were utilized to analyze the collected survey data. Researcher fined the few results after the analysis, that 63% including males and female are in view there is need of built new astro trough grounds in Pakistan and channels should introdyced. Results show 54% population asked media in not taking intest in hocky. To build new astro trough, and appoint trained staff, facilitate the player with good reward, funds should be provide at due time 78% population agree with that statement.so managements of hockey should do these changes for improvement of hockey.

Introduction

Hockey is a game that is played with a Stick and ball. There are 11 players on each side. This game has been played for thousands of years all over the world such as Egypt, Greece, Rom, South America and Asia. Historical records show that Hockey was played in Egypt 4000 years ago, various museums offer evidences that a form of the game was played by the romans and Greeks. Aztec (2017) argues that Indians and South Americans as well as in several other countries hockey was played before Columbus Landed in the new world (Britannica, 2020).

The hockey was first played at the Olympic Games in 1908, the hockey was played at the commonwealth Games for the first time in 1998. The federation international de Hockey (F.I.H.) was established in1909. The women's games developed quickly in many countries and in1927, the International Federation of women's Hockey association (IFWHA) was formed, the (F.I.H) in 1974 and the

(IFWHA) in 1980. These two organizations came together in 1982 to form the FIH. This game was played in subcontinent Asia.

After the foundation of Pakistan this game was early introduced in 1948 where the Pakistan Hockey federation (PHF) was established. The game hockey was originally brought to Pakistan during the British Raj, and like cricket, became a popular sport among the local population. The Pakistan Hockey Federation came into being in 1948. The Pakistan team had won many medals including international, Olympic medal. Pakistan team was the one of the best teams in the world. The Pakistan is a record achiever country who has won world hockey world cup many times. There is no country that has won hockey world cup for four times. The researcher is eager to know the cause of less popularity of the game that was once favorite game of Pakistan.

The Pakistan had won the gold medal in Rome in 1960 first time after the independence of Pakistan. Pakistani team was defeated in 1964 by India in final. Pakistani team after the four year in 1968 in Mexico again got gold medal. Last achievement of Pakistani team was winning of hockey world cup in 1994. So the researcher is eager to know the causes of downfall of the game and also the loss of prestige of Pakistani hockey team.

Hockey is the national game of Pakistan but this is the game that is declining day by day in Pakistan. There have been few researches conducted on the core issues behind the decline of hockey. Here, the present research aims to know the causes of those factors which contribute downfall of the hockey in Pakistan. The problems and their solution is very necessary if hockey is to achieve place that is lost.

Literature Review

Torlak (2019) is of the view that hockey is a national game of Pakistan that is suffering a great deal of decline at the hands of government as the government is not funding properly. Financial support is a factor influencing the progress and success of the hockey. Moreover, Shabani & Hasani, (2017) asserts that fund raising is essential for advancement of major sporting activities. Humhrey (2010) suggested that revenues were the main factor in all professional sports. In addition, financial issues have a remarkable effect on the incomes obtained from executive sports league and sponsorships. Disturbance of income spill, because of budgetary issues, can influence hereafter games provision restoration. Financial sectors neglected at shocking costs and the rates of reliability deal on big board cut down worldwide. Pakistan field hockey has been facing financial issues from the last two decades (The News, 2016). Ali et al. (2013) suggested that countries facing shortage of sports facilities, infrastructure, poor coaching, and insufficient sports equipment was due to lack of financial resources. Lack of financial resources were a fundamental cause of decline in sports worldwide.

According to Ali, F., Omar, R., & Amin, M. (2013) Pakistani hockey has been facing with severe decline for the last two decades. According to Bhatti (2013) and Haji Hasani, M. (2017).) Pakistani hockey grieved a main shock. A team that was once four times title winner remained unsuccessful for its participation in the World Cup 2014.

The big matter which was faced to the Pakistani players was lack of proper training and coaching. Pakistani hockey players were generally coached by few trainers or coaches. There were many chances to remain many things uncertain, this caused the instability to the players and in their performance. In the same way many other causes were faced by the hockey players that became cause of decline of hockey in Pakistan.

Hypothesis

Hockey was once the most favorite played and viewed in Pakistan but with the passage of time its importance has been decreased and suddenly it has almost vanished. It is the national game of Pakistan that is undergoing a downfall at the present moment and its significance is decreasing day by day instead of increasing.

Material and Methods

Researcher has applied the quantitative approach of methodology to find out the “causes of decline of hockey in Pakistan”. Data was collected from the different university male and female students with the help of questionnaire. The collected data was analyzed to find and achieve the objectives of the study.

Data analysis technology

The researcher used the statistics formula to analysis the questionnaires and got the results in percentage, frequency and standard deviations of the collected data.

Sample

Convenience sampling method was used for data collection, this data was collected in the form of questionnaires which were 13 in numbers. The data was collected from male and female viewers, population of the study was 100 people to obtain the objectives of this study.

Delimitations

The study is delimited to the game of hockey. Moreover it is delimited to the universities of Punjab where the issue of decline of hockey is core issue to deal. So the research is delimited to find the causes of decline of hockey in Pakistan.

Results and Discussion

Table 1
Is hockey declined in Pakistan due to lack of funds

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes.	78	78.0	78.0
	No.	22	22.0	100.0
Total:	100	100.0	100.0	

In the table 1 the viewer’s gave their opinion that the decline of hockey in Pakistan is due to the lack of funds. Here the 78% viewers including the male and females were of the view that maximum viewers are agreed that due to lack of funds Hockey has been declined

Table 2

		Gender		Total
		Male	Female	
Is hockey declined in Pakistan due to unavailability of Astor trough?	Yes	29	34	63
	No	12	25	37
Total		41	59	100

Table 2 showed that the decline of hockey in Pakistan is due to the lack of Astor trough grounds. In this statement the viewer's respond that 29% male and 34% female said yes and 12% male and 25% female said no it mean maximum viewers said that unavailability of Astor trough grounds also cause of decline in hockey in Pakistan.

Table 3

		Gender		Total
		Male	Female	
Is hockey declined due to the inattention of the media?	Yes	19	35	54
	No	22	24	46
Total		41	59	100

Table 3 in this statement the viewers were of the view that 22% male shows that hockey did not decline due to media and 19% showed that media is influencing on the fall of hockey in Pakistan. Females viewers said that 35% was in view that media is effecting on hockey promotions and 24% female said that media in not effecting on fall of hockey in Pakistan

Table 4

		Gender		Total
		Male	Female	
Is Pakistani hockey declined due to the lack of sports channels?	Yes	22	41	63
	No	19	18	37
Total		41	59	100

Table no showed that the declined in hockey in our country is due to the lack of sports channels Because 22% male and 41% female were agree and total 63% viewers said sports channels are effecting on hockey fields. Where the 19% male and 18% female their total 37% said that TV channels were not effecting.

Table 5

		Gender		Total
		Male	Female	
Is Players are not selected on merit in Pakistan?	Yes	22	30	52
	No	19	29	48
Total		41	59	100

Where the table 5 showed 52% of the views included male and females said in selection of players were not on merit. There male and female are 48% they said merit was not denied.

Table 6

		Gender		Total
		Male	Female	
Does not hockey played at root level in Pakistan?	Yes	24	38	62
	No	17	21	38
Total		41	59	100

Table no 6 showed the cause of hockey decline in Pakistan is due to that hockey is not played from the root level in Pakistan. Male 24% and female 38% total 62 % of the population were agree that decline of hockey was due to hockey was not played at root level .only 38% viewers are not agree with this statements.

Table 7

		Gender		Total
		Male	Female	
Is the feature of hockey players not full bright in Pakistan?	Yes	21	32	53
	No	20	27	47
Total		41	59	100

Future of hockey is bright where the viewer's 53% said .where the 47% of both genders said future of hockey is not brighten in Pakistan.

Table 8

		Gender		Total
		Male	Female	
Is there no trained staff of hockey in Pakistan	Yes	28	27	55
	No	13	32	45
Total		41	59	100

In this statements Pakistani hockey was declined due the non-trained staff in this field because the viewer's 55% said yes and the only 45% said no. so the both male and female in maximum numbers said hockey declined due to untrained staff.

Table 9

		Gender		Total
		Male	Female	
Are there no basic clubs for hockey in Pakistan?	Yes	30	37	67
	No	11	22	33
Total		41	59	100

Accordinging this statement the viewer's said yes they were in 67% that in Pakistan there are no basics clubs and only 33% male and female said no about this statements.

Table 10

		Gender		Total
		Male	Female	

Whether to select hockey player from the initial level in the Pakistan?	Yes	23	44	67
	No	18	15	33
Total		41	59	100

Selection of hockey players should be from the basic level the 67% populations said yes and the 33% viewers said no. So this statements showed basic level clubs were required.

Table 11

		Gender		Total
		Male	Female	
Is in the field of hockey in the Pakistan politician involved?	Yes	29	25	54
	No	12	34	46
Total		41	59	100

Statements no 11 showed the involvement of politician in the hockey field was involved that is why 54% viewers said Yes and the 46% male and female said politicians was no involved.

Table 12

		Gender		Total
		Male	Female	
Is in Pakistan has potential to grow in the hockey field?	Yes	32	30	62
	No	9	29	38
Total		41	59	100

Last statement showed that in Pakistan there is potential to grow where the 62% viewers including male and females said Yes it mean hockey can be promote potentials is exist in Pakistan. Where the only 38 % male and female said there is No potential in Pakistan in future.

Conclusion

In this article the researcher distributed the questionnaire to students of different universities of the Punjab in Pakistan. Their population was 100 and question were 12. The viewer gave their opinion by ticking option Yes/ NO on delivered questions. The questionnaire was analyzed and results of analysis showed that fall of hockey in Pakistan was due to many reasons, that is why in Pakistan hockey has been declined. Twelve statements were delivered to the viewers, including male and female, researcher got the result through analysis that hockey mainly declined due to lack of fund 78% viewer were agreed with this statements. Secondly they showed that declined in hockey was due to unavailability of Astor trough ground where 63% population said yes. On the other hand the viewers were of the view that there is great role of the media for decline in hockey. The viewer was given statement that sports TV channels are less as compare to other countries where 63% said yes that in Pakistan has less sports channels. The results also show that merits are not practiced in Pakistan for the selection of the players. Viewers are also of the view that hockey is not played from the root level in Pakistan they were 62%.

In Pakistan the future of the players is not bright. Pakistani staff for hockey players is not fully trained 55% population said yes. The clubs in Pakistan for the training of the players were less due to that case hockey was declined here 67% population agreed with this statement. Another statements the viewer said Pakistan hockey player's selection is not from the initial level where the 67% agreed with this question. Pakistan hockey declined due to the involvements of the politics 54% population agreed with this statements. Lastly the viewers agreed with the statement that in Pakistan there are potential to grow in hockey in Pakistan 62% population were in favor of this view. So the researcher found out the causes of decline of hockey in Pakistan, by adopting these causes in the field of hockey the institution which deals with hockey organizations in Pakistan.

Recommendations

Hockey in Pakistan can be improved if few changes should be adopted. The researcher found that there were many changes required for the promotions of hockey in Pakistan few of them which researcher found were very important these were as "Pakistani administrator should assure the availability of required funds, they should construct Astor Trough grounds, train their staff, clubs should be opened at root level, selections of the players must be from initial level clubs and totally on the merit basis on the best performance of the players. The remuneration of the players should be according to their requirements. If these suggestions be are adopted there are some prospectuses that future of hockey in Pakistan will be bright.

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