

SERVE PERFORMANCE OF THE MALE MASTER VOLLEYBALL

RENDIMIENTO DEL SAQUE DEL VOLEIBOL MÁSTER MASCULINO

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ABSTRACT

The objective of the study was to determine of the male master volleyball the performance of the type of serve and the effect of the serve in the reception zone. The study was composed by 15 matches of the male master volleyball of the category 35 years or more. The volleyball matches were filmed and after was analyzed with the scout. The significance p and new statistic detected statistical difference of the serve continuity in two comparisons (16.87±8.92 of the overhand float serve versus 3.85±2.28 of the jump power serve, 14.07±6.47 of the jump float serve versus the jump power serve). Other result the significance p and new statistic detected statistical difference of the serve continuity in the reception zone in four comparisons (1.20±0.44 of the zone 2 versus 10.67±3.79 of the zone 5, zone 2 versus 13.67±5.36 of the zone 6, 2.87±3.39 of the zone 3 versus zone 5 and zone 3 versus zone 6). In conclusion, serve performance is important for the volleyball coach guides the player during the training and during the volleyball match.

Keywords: volleyball, sports, athletic performance, team sport.

RESUMEN

El objetivo del estudio fue determinar el rendimiento del tipo de saque y el efecto del saque en la zona de recepción del voleibol máster masculino. El estudio fue compuesto por 15 partidos del voleibol máster masculino de la categoría de 35 años o más. Los partidos de

voleibol fueron filmadas y después fueron analizadas con un scout. La significación p y la nueva estadística detectaron la diferencia estadística de la continuidad del saque en dos comparaciones (16.87 ± 8.92 del saque flotante versus 3.85 ± 2.28 del saque potente con salto, 14.07 ± 6.47 del saque flotante con salto versus el saque potente con salto). Otro resultado la significancia p y la nueva estadística detectaron la diferencia estadística de la continuidad del saque en la zona de recepción en cuatro comparaciones (1.20 ± 0.44 de la zona 2 versus 10.67 ± 3.79 de la zona 5, zona 2 versus 13.67 ± 5.36 de la zona 6, 2.87 ± 3.39 de la zona 3 versus zona 5 y zona 3 versus zona 6). En conclusión, el rendimiento del saque es importante para que el entrenador de voleibol oriente al jugador durante el entrenamiento y durante el partido de voleibol.

Palabras claves: voleibol, deportes, rendimiento atlético, deporte de equipo.

INTRODUCTION

The volleyball is a complex sport because the athlete needs of good technique and tactic, adequate psychological preparation and excellent physical preparation. The volleyball match is practiced with six skills during the game (Marques Junior and Arruda, 2017). The serve, the attack and the block are the skills that the volleyball player practices point and the reception and the set are the skills of construction and offensive development (Padilla, Marques Junior and Lozada, 2018). The defense has the objective of avoid the point and start the counterattack.

The volleyball skills determinants in the victory of the volleyball team are the skills with high point production (attack, block and serve) (Cieminski, 2017). The serve is the first “attack” of a volleyball team because a power serve has more opportunity of cause a point or difficult the reception. The type of serve has influence on serve ball speed. The jump power serve is the type of serve with more point and more error during the high level professional volleyball because this serve practices greater speed on the ball (Kountouris, Drikos, Aggelonidis and Laios, 2015). However, a greater number of serve studies are about the professional volleyball (Denardi, Clavijo, Oliveira, Silva and Travassos, 2017; Raiola, Altavilla, Luca and Tore, 2016) and with fewer number of research about serve of the young volleyball player (Arruda and Marques Junior, 2015).

What is the serve performance of the male master volleyball? What is the effect of the serve in the reception zone of the male master volleyball?

The volleyball literature has no information about this theme. Then, a study about this theme is important for the male master volleyball. The objective of the study was to determine of the male master volleyball the performance of the type of serve and the effect of the serve in the reception zone.

METHODOLOGY

Participants

The study was composed by 15 matches (total of 34 sets) of the male master volleyball of the category 35 years or more during the Carioca Championship of 2016 and of 2017.

Procedures

The matches of the master volleyball were filmed with the camera Sony® handycam, model DCR-SX20 on the tripod Mirage®. The data were collected with the camera in gymnasium, at a distance and height of 2 meters (m) behind of the court because it was the best place to film the master volleyball (Costa et al., 2016). Only a team filmed behind of the court was analyzed with the scout at a distance of 1 m from the television. The researcher analyzed the performance of the type of serve and determined the effect of the serve in the reception zone with a scout adapted of Collet, Nascimento, Ramos and Stefanello (2011). Serve analysis with the scout was at a distance of 1 meter from the Philips 42 LCD television with the Compaq Presario CQ43 notebook. The analysis time of the serve was with 52.87 ± 12.86 minutes. The scout used during the study had the size of an A4 sheet. The figure 1 illustrates the scout.

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| Performance of the Type of Serve | | | | Effect of the Serve in the Reception Zone | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|------------|-----|---|------------|-----|
| Serve | Error | Continuity | Ace | Net Zone | Continuity | Ace |
| Overhand Float Serve | | | | 2 | | |
| Overhand Power Serve | | | | 3 | | |
| Jump Float Serve | | | | 4 | | |
| Jump Power Serve | | | | | | |
| | | | | Back Zone | Continuity | Ace |
| | | | | 1 | | |
| | | | | 5 | | |
| | | | | 6 | | |

Figure 1. Scout of the study.

The scale of three moments (error, continuity and ace) of the scout for determine the performance of the type of serve and the scale of two moments (continuity and ace) of the scout for determine the effect of the serve in the reception zone was adapted of Costa et al. (2017). The scale of the scout used in the study had the following evaluation of the quantity of actions: error (the volleyball player practiced a serve that did not go to the reception zone and resulted in a point for the opponent, continuity (the volleyball player practiced a serve with reception of the opponent) and ace (the volleyball player practiced a serve with point and the opponent did not practice good reception). The author calculated the performance coefficient (PC) of Coleman (2002) of each type of serve for determine the quality of the skill. The equation was as follows: $PC = [(4 \times \text{point}) + (2 \times \text{continuity})] : \text{total of actions (point, continuity and error)} = ?$. The classification of the performance coefficient of the serve for the male master volleyball of the category 35 years or more was as follows: 0 to 1 is a low performance, 1.1 to 2 is a medium performance and 2.1 to 3 or more is a high performance. The researcher practiced the reliability of the serve performance and of the reception zone.

Statistical analysis

The results were expressed as mean and standard deviation, minimum and maximum, confidence interval of 95%, total and percentage. The effect size (ES) of Hedges and Olkin (1985) was calculated in the Excel®. The classification of the ES was based in Corres, Álvarez and Arderiu (2012), the classification was as follows: 0.20 or less is very small the effect, 0.21 to 0.49 is small the effect, 0.50 to 0.79 is medium the effect and 0.80 or more is great the effect. Based in Weinberg and Goldberg (1990), was calculated the probability of points in the reception zone with the following equation: Probability of Point = [number of points in the reception zone : total of actions in the reception zone (continuity and ace)] x 100 = ?%. The researcher verified the action (error, continuity and ace) and the performance coefficient of the type of serve of all the 15 matches. Then, the normality of the data was assessed by the Shapiro Wilk test ($n = 50$, $p \leq 0.05$) and/or with the Kolmogorov Smirnov test ($n > 50$, $p \leq 0.05$), but was observed the normality of the data through of the histogram. In case of data normal, the difference was analyzed using one way Anova and the Tukey post hoc was used to identify the difference. In case of data not normal, the difference between was analyzed using Kruskal Wallis Anova and the Dunn post hoc was used to identify the difference. After the calculation of the Anova, the new statistic of Cumming (2014) was performed for the significance p to be more precise. The same statistical models of the type of serve were applied in the effect of the serve in the reception zone. All these statistical treatments of the significance p were performed with accepted results with significance level of $p \leq 0.05$ and according to the procedures of the GraphPad Prism, version 5.0.

RESULTS

The male master volleyball player of the category 35 years or more practiced 611 serves during 15 matches or 34 sets. The type of serve the figure 2 illustrates the result, but the player did not practice the overhand power serve.

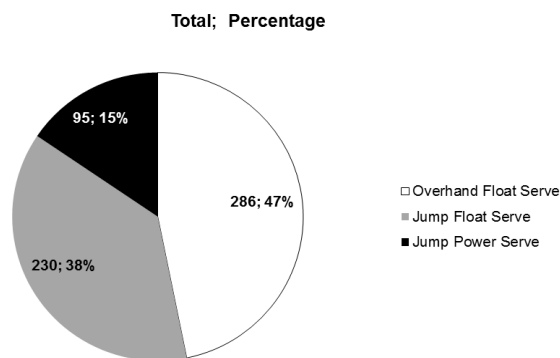
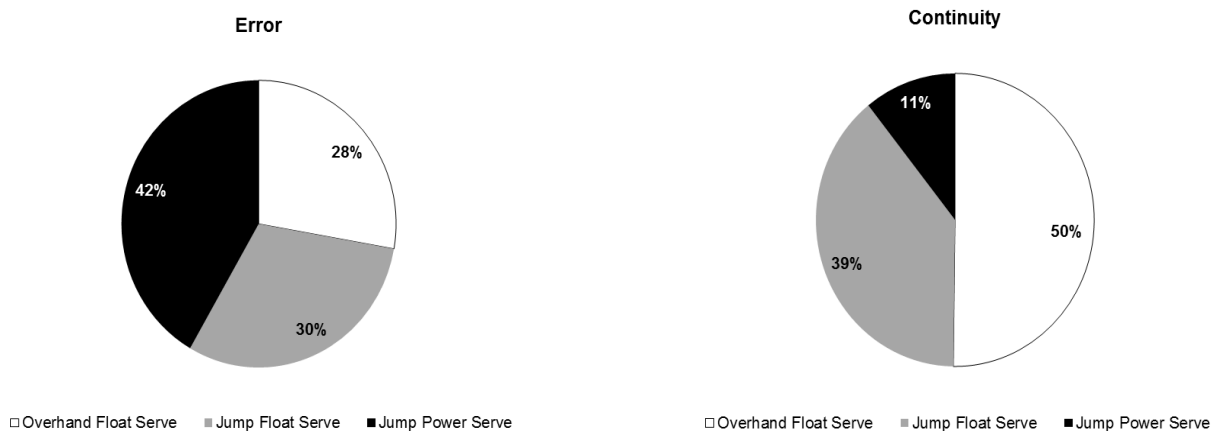


Figure 2. Master volleyball serve.

The jump power serve the player practiced more error, the continuity the overhand float serve the master player practiced more and the overhand float serve had more aces. The figure 3 illustrates the result.



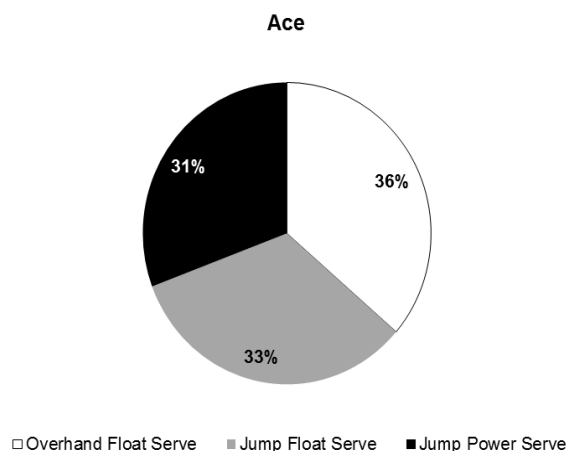


Figure 3. Error, continuity and ace of the master volleyball serve.

The table 1 the study showed the mean and the standard deviation ($M \pm SD$), the minimum and the maximum (min and max), the confidence interval of 95% (CI 95%) of the error, of the continuity, of the ace of each serve.

Table 1. Result of the quantity of error, of continuity and of ace of the type of serve.

| Serve | Error | Continuity | Ace |
|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Overhand Float (OF) | 1.81±0.60 (M±SD) | 16.87±8.92 | 2.16±1.94 |
| | 1 and 3 (min and max) | 2 and 34 | 1 and 6 |
| | 1.41 to 2.22 (CI 95%) | 11.92 to 21.81 | 0.12 to 4.20 |
| Jump Float (JF) | 1.83±0.93 | 14.07±6.47 | 2±1.26 |
| | 1 and 4 | 6 and 25 | 1 and 4 |
| | 1.23 to 2.49 | 10.33 to 17.81 | 0.67 to 3.32 |
| Jump Power (JP) | 2.72±1.55 | 3.85±2.28 | 1.83±0.98 |
| | 1 and 6 | 1 and 9 | 1 and 3 |
| | 1.68 to 3.77 | 2.53 to 5.17 | 0.80 to 2.86 |

The table 2 the study showed the effect size (ES) and the classification of the error, of the continuity, of the ace of each serve.

Table 2. Result of the ES and the classification of the quantity of error, of continuity and of ace of the type of serve.

| Serve | Error | Continuity | Ace |
|---------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| OF x JF | 0.03 (very small) | 1.16 (great) | 0.03 (very small) |
| OF x JP | 0.83 (great) | 6.21 (great) | 0.25 (small) |
| JF x JP | 0.79 (medium) | 5.90 (great) | 0.29 (small) |

The Shapiro Wilk test detected data not normal of the serve error and of the serve ace, but the same test detected data normal of the serve continuity. The histogram illustrates the result.

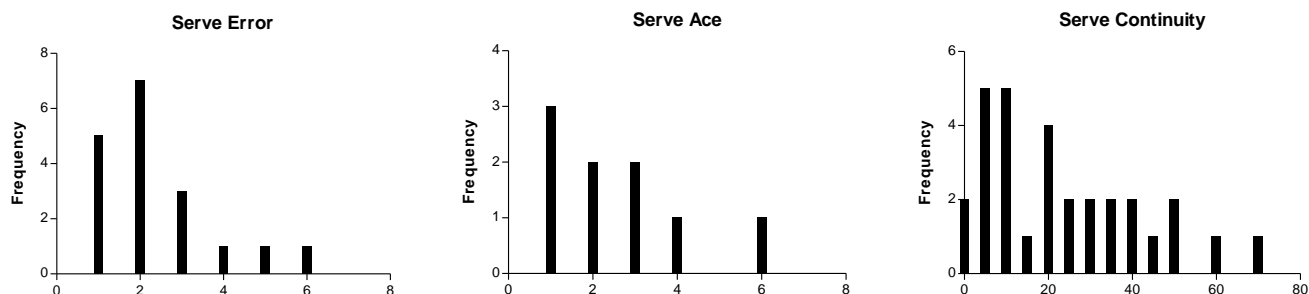


Fig. 4. Histogram.

Kruskal Wallis Anova did not identify statistical difference of the serve error [$H(2) = 3.42$, $p = 0.18$] and of the serve ace [$H(2) = 0.25$, $p = 0.87$]. But the one way Anova identified statistical difference of the serve continuity [$F(2,40) = 15.51$, $p = 0.0001$]. The post hoc Tukey detected statistical difference ($p \leq 0.05$) of the serve continuity between the overhand float serve (mean = 16.87) versus the jump power serve (mean = 3.85) (mean difference =

26.02), jump float serve (mean = 14.07) versus the jump power serve (mean difference = 20.43). The figure 5 illustrates the result with statistical difference.

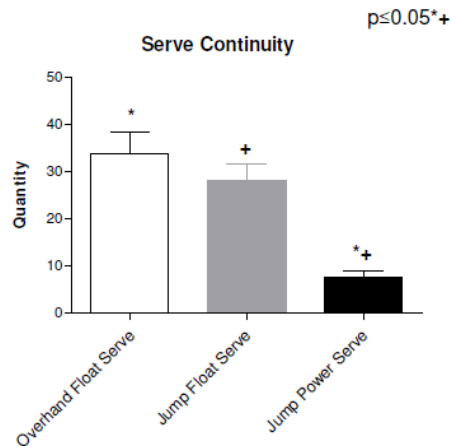


Figure 5. Serve continuity.

After of the calculation of the one way Anova and Kruskal Wallis Anova, the researcher practiced the new statistic of Cumming (2014) with the data of each serve. The new statistic identified statistical difference of the serve continuity in two comparison (overhand float serve versus the jump power serve, jump float serve versus jump power serve) because the p was lower than 0.05 and the gap was greater than 2 for a n equal the 10 or more. The figure 6 shows the results with statistical difference.

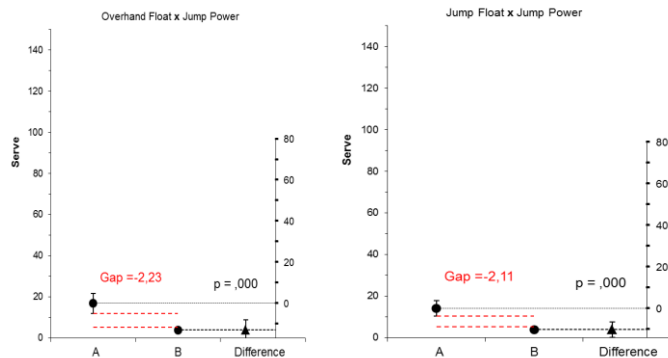


Figure 6. Result of the serve continuity.

Therefore, the significance p and new statistic detected statistical difference of the serve continuity in two comparisons (overhand float serve versus the jump power serve, jump float serve versus jump power serve). Then, these two comparisons of the serve continuity were with statistical difference. The overhand float serve and the jump float serve practiced more continuity. The table 3 the study showed the all the results of the new statistic of Cumming (2014) about the serve error, the serve continuity and the serve ace.

Table 3. Result of the new statistic of each type of serve.

| Comparison | Error (n = 11 and 12) | Continuity (n = 14 and 15) | Ace (n = 6) |
|------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| OF x JF | 1.77 (overlap), p = 1 | 1.35 (overlap), p = 0.33 | 1.76 (overlap), p = 0.91 |
| OF x JP | 0.66 (overlap), p = 0.06 | -2.23* (gap), p = 0.001* | 1.85 (overlap), p = 0.79 |
| JF x JP | 0.86 (overlap), p = 0.08 | -2.11* (gap), p = 0.001* | 1.66 (overlap), p = 0.70 |

n = 10 or more: Overlap of 0.50 or less*, Gap of 1 to more* and 2 to more* and $p \leq 0.05^*$ (statistical difference). **n = 3:** Overlap of 1* and of 0.50*, $p \leq 0.05^*$ (statistical difference).

The table 4 was presented the results of the performance coefficient of each serve of the master volleyball of the category 35 years or more.

Table 4. Result of the performance coefficient of the serve.

| Serve | M±SD | Min and Max | CI 95% | ES and Classification |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|---|
| Overhand Float (OF) | 1.89±0.19 (medium) | 1.33 and 2.19 | 1.78 to 2 | OF x JF = 0.05 (very small) OF x JP = 0.22 (small) |
| Jump Float (JF) | 1.84±0.21 (medium) | 1.55 and 2.24 | 1.72 to 1.97 | JF x JP = 0.17 (very small) |
| Jump Power (JP) | 1.66±0.45 (medium) | 1 and 2.66 | 1.40 to 1.92 | - |

The Shapiro Wilk test detected data not normal of the performance coefficient of each serve. The histogram illustrates the result.

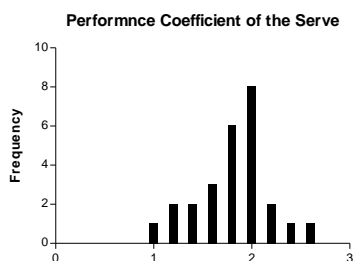


Figure 7. Histogram.

Kruskal Wallis Anova did not identify statistical difference of the performance coefficient (PC) of each serve [$H(2) = 5.09, p = 0.07$]. But the overhand float serve was the best serve and the second serve was the jump float serve. The figure 8 illustrates the result.

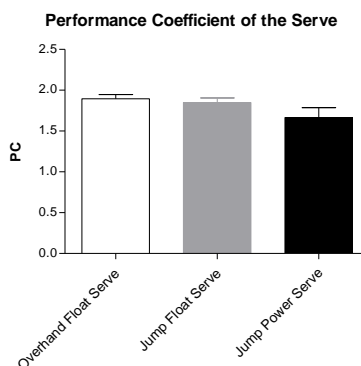


Figure 8. Result of the performance coefficient of the type of serve.

The table 5 the study showed the all the results of the new statistic of Cumming (2014) about the performance coefficient of each serve.

Table 5. Result of the new statistic of the performance coefficient of each serve.

| Comparison | Result |
|------------|--------------------------|
| OF x JF | 1.96 (overlap), p = 1 |
| OF x JP | 0.83 (overlap), p = 0.09 |
| JF x JP | 0.85 (overlap), p = 0.10 |

n = 10 or more: Overlap of 0.50 or less* and $p \leq 0.05^*$ (statistical difference).

The figure 9 illustrates the probability of points of the serve in each reception zone with the calculation of Weinberg and Goldberg (1990).

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|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| zone 4 0% | zone 3 0% | zone 2 0% |
| zone 5 6.43% | zone 6 6.81% | zone 1 8.18% |

Figure 9. Probability of points of the volleyball serves in the reception zone.

The table 6 the study showed the mean and the standard deviation ($M \pm SD$), the minimum and the maximum (min and max), the confidence interval of 95% (CI 95%) of the serve continuity in each reception zone.

Table 6. Result of the serve continuity in each reception zone.

| Zone | $M \pm SD$ | Min and Max | CI 95% | ES and Classification |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|--|
| 2 (net zone) | 1.20 ± 0.44 | 1 and 2 | 0.64 to 1.75 | 2 x 3 = 1.06 (great) 2 x 4 = 0.88 (great) |

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|---------------|------------|----------|----------------|---------------------------|
| | | | | 2 x 1 = 3.87 (great) |
| | | | | 2 x 5 = 6.62 (great) |
| | | | | 2 x 6 = 7.36 (great) |
| 3 (net zone) | 2.87±3.39 | 1 and 11 | 0.03 to 5.71 | 3 x 4 = 0.06 (very small) |
| | | | | 3 x 1 = 2.46 (great) |
| | | | | 3 x 5 = 5.01 (great) |
| | | | | 3 x 6 = 6.07 (great) |
| 4 (net zone) | 2.75±2.87 | 1 and 7 | -1.82 to 7.32 | 4 x 1 = 2.45 (great) |
| | | | | 4 x 5 = 4.93 (great) |
| | | | | 4 x 6 = 5.82 (great) |
| 1 (back zone) | 6.73±3.90 | 2 and 17 | 4.57 to 8.89 | 1 x 5 = 2.67 (great) |
| | | | | 1 x 6 = 4.20 (great) |
| 5 (back zone) | 10.67±3.79 | 2 and 16 | 8.56 to 12.77 | 5 x 6 = 1.83 (great) |
| 6 (back zone) | 13.67±5.36 | 4 and 27 | 10.69 to 16.64 | - |

The Shapiro Wilk test detected data not normal of the serve continuity in each reception zone. The histogram illustrates the result.

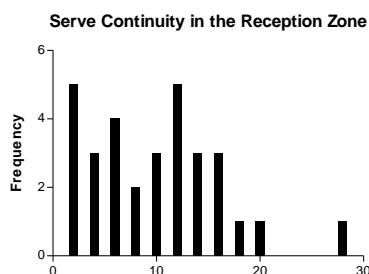


Figure. 10. Histogram.

Kruskal Wallis Anova identified statistical difference of the serve continuity in each reception zone, $H(5) = 37.53, p = 0.0001$. The post hoc Dunn detected statistical difference ($p \leq 0.05$) of the serve continuity between the zone 2 (mean = 1.20) versus the zone 5 (mean = 10.67) (difference in rank sum = -33.63), zone 2 versus the zone 6 (mean =

13.67) (difference in rank sum = -40.67), zone 3 (mean = 2.87) versus the zone 5 (difference in rank sum = -26.61), zone 3 versus the zone 6 (difference in rank sum = -33.64), zone 4 (mean = 2.75) versus the zone 6 (difference in rank sum = -34.39) and zone 1 (mean = 6.73) versus the zone 6 (difference in rank sum = -19.53). The figure 11 illustrates the result with statistical difference.

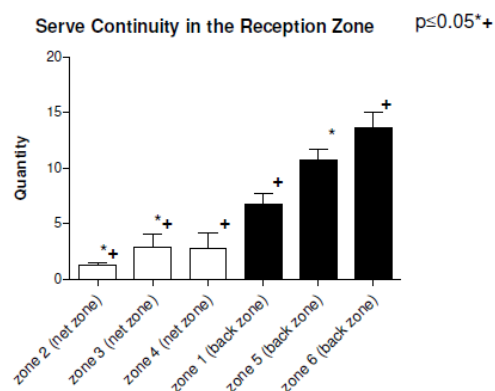


Figure 11. Serve continuity in each reception zone.

After of the calculation of the Kruskal Wallis Anova, the researcher practiced the new statistic of Cumming (2014) with the data of the serve continuity in each reception. The new statistic identified statistical difference of the serve continuity in each reception in six comparisons because the p was lower than 0.05 and the gap was greater than 1 and the overlap was lower than 0.50 (n = 10 or more). The table 7 the study showed the all the results of the new statistic of Cumming (2014) about the serve continuity in the reception zone.

Table 7. Result of the new statistic of the serve continuity in the reception zone.

| Comparison | Result | Comparison | Result |
|------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| 2 x 3 | 1.50 (overlap), p = 0.54 | 3 x 6 | -1.70* (gap), p = 0.001* |

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|-------|----------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| 2 x 4 | 1.63 (overlap), p = 0.51 | 4 x 1 | 0.80 (overlap), p = 0.08 |
| 2 x 1 | 0.11* (overlap), p = 0.07 | 4 x 5 | -0.37 (gap), p = 0.002* |
| 2 x 5 | -1.30* (gap), p = 0.04* | 4 x 6 | -0.93 (gap), p = 0.001* |
| 2 x 6 | 1.83* (gap), p = 0.005* | 1 x 5 | 0.24* (overlap), p = 0.01* |
| 3 x 4 | 1.56 (overlap), p = 0.96 | 1 x 6 | -0.65 (gap), p = 0.001* |
| 3 x 1 | 1.46* (overlap), p = 0.02* | 5 x 6 | 0.85 (overlap), p = 0.09 |
| 3 x 5 | -1.15* (gap), p = 0.001* | | |

n = 10 or more: Overlap of 0.50 or less*, Gap of 1 to more* and 2 to more* and $p \leq 0.05^*$ (statistical difference).

Therefore, the significance p and new statistic detected statistical difference of the serve continuity in the reception zone in four comparisons (zone 2 versus zone 5, zone 2 versus zone 6, zone 3 versus zone 5 and zone 3 versus zone 6). Then, these four comparisons of the serve continuity in the reception zone were with statistical difference.

The table 8 the study showed the mean and the standard deviation ($M \pm SD$), the minimum and the maximum (min and max), the confidence interval of 95% (CI 95%) of the serve ace in each reception zone.

Table 8. Result of the serve ace in each reception zone.

| Zone | $M \pm SD$ | Min and Max | CI 95% | ES and Classification |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|--|
| 1 (back zone) | 1.80 \pm 1.09 | 1 and 3 | 0.43 to 3.16 | 1 x 5 = 0.19 (very small) 1 x 6 = 0.50 (medium) |
| 5 (back zone) | 1.57 \pm 0.78 | 1 and 3 | 0.84 to 2.29 | 5 x 6 = 0.30 (small) |
| 6 (back zone) | 1.25 \pm 0.45 | 1 and 2 | 0.96 to 1.53 | - |

The Shapiro Wilk test detected data not normal of the serve ace in each reception zone. The histogram illustrates the result.



Figure. 12. Histogram.

Kruskal Wallis Anova did not identify statistical difference of the serve ace in each reception zone [$H(2) = 3.07, p = 0.21$]. The figure 14 illustrates the result.

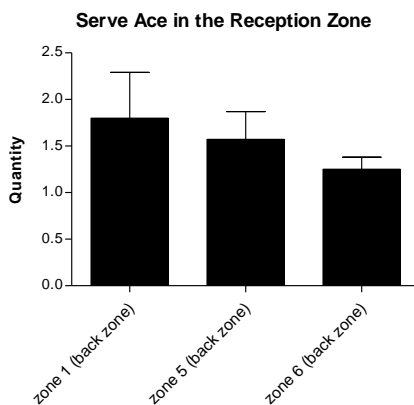


Figure 13. Result of the serve ace in each reception zone.

The table 9 the study showed the all the results of the new statistic of Cumming (2014) about the serve ace in each reception zone.

Table 9. Result of the new statistic of the serve ace in each reception zone.

| Comparison | Result |
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| zone 1 x zone 5 | 1.49 (overlap), p = 0.57 |
| zone 1 x zone 6 | 0.68 (overlap), p = 0.08 |
| zone 5 x zone 6 | 1.02 (overlap), p = 0.28 |

n = 10 or more: Overlap of 0.50 or less* and $p \leq 0.05^*$ (statistical difference).

DISCUSSION

The study detected a total of 611 serves. The quantity of serves was greater than the study of the female university volleyball (76 to 480 serves) (Carrillo et al., 2016). The study had different result (15% of the jump power serve, 38% of the jump float serve and 47% of the overhand float serve, see figure 2) than the volleyball under 23 because the master player practiced more the overhand float serve and men`s under 23 practiced more the jump float serve (54.9 to 77.3%) (Stankovic, Llamas, Peric and Escudero, 2018). Perhaps the master volleyball player practiced more the overhand float serve because this serve requires less effort than the jump serves.

The number of jump power serve error was higher (42% in figure 3, 2.72 ± 1.55 in table 1) than the overhand float serve (28%, 1.81 ± 0.60) and the jump float serve (30%, 1.83 ± 0.93). The result of the study was similar to the professional volleyball (Lirola, 2006). Other result of the study was equal to the professional volleyball because the overhand float serve had least quantity of error. The study detected more aces of the overhand float serve (36% in figure 3, 2.16 ± 1.94 in table 1), in second place was the jump float serve (33%, 2 ± 1.26) and in last was the jump power serve (31%, 1.83 ± 0.98). This result was different of the professional volleyball because the professional volleyball player practices more aces with the jump power serve than the other serve (Ciuffarella et al., 2013). The study does not know the cause, but perhaps the male master volleyball of the category 35 years or more has less strength and power for the jump power serve has high performance. Then, the

volleyball player needs to use this serve at appropriate moments of the volleyball match. However, the serve error and the serve ace had no statistical difference.

The serve continuity had statistical difference in two comparisons (overhand float serve versus jump power serve, jump float serve versus jump power serve). Then, overhand float serve (50% in figure 3, 16.87 ± 8.92 in table 1) and jump float serve (39%, 14.07 ± 6.47) had more continuity than the jump power serve (11%, 3.85 ± 2.28). The study had the same result of the professional volleyball because the jump power serve causes less continuity, but this serve causes more aces and errors (Lirola, 2006). However, the study detected more error, less ace of the jump power serve and the master volleyball player practiced less this serve.

The type of serve practiced by the male master volleyball player had limitation of the study because the researcher did not determine the type of serve practiced by the player's position, the type of serve of the winner and of the loser and the best moment for the player practices a type of serve. However, the study determined the best serve for the male master volleyball of the category 35 years or more. The overhand float serve had the best performance coefficient with 1.89 ± 0.19 (medium), in second place was the jump float serve with 1.84 ± 0.21 (medium) and in last was the jump power serve with 1.66 ± 0.45 (medium). These serves did not have statistical difference, but the master volleyball player needs to practice more during the match the overhand float serve and the jump float serve because these serve had the best performance. The master volleyball player of the category 35 years did not practice overhand power serve, but the volleyball coach needs to guide the athlete for practice this serve with the objective of verify the performance of the overhand power serve during the volleyball match.

The study detected more serve continuity of the reception zone 1 (6.73 ± 3.90 in table 6), 5 (10.67 ± 3.79) and 6 (13.67 ± 5.36). All these zones are of the back zone. In four comparisons with statistical difference (zone 2 versus zone 5, zone 2 versus zone 6, zone 3 versus zone 5

and zone 3 versus zone 6), the back zone (zone 5 and 6) had more serve continuity of the reception zone than the net zone (zone 2 and 3). These results of the study were similar to the Spanish university volleyball because the back zone the player practiced more serve continuity (Moreno, Alcaraz, Moreno, Molina and Santos, 2007).

However, the net zone the player did not practice serve ace and the back zone the master volleyball player practiced serve ace. The zone 1 the player practiced more serve ace with 1.80 ± 1.09 and had more probability of point with 8.18% - see table 8. The others zones with serve ace were the zone 5 (1.57 ± 0.78 and 6.43% of probability of point) and the zone 6 (1.25 ± 0.45 and 6.81% of probability of point). These results were different of the Spanish university volleyball, the zone 6 had more serve ace (47 aces), in second was the zone 5 (16 aces) and 1 (15 aces) (Moreno et al., 2007).

Therefore, the male master volleyball of the category 35 years or more needs practice more serve for the zone 1 because the study detected more serve ace. But the result about the serve in the reception zone had a limitation because the author did no determine the performance of the type of serve in the reception zone.

CONCLUSIONS

The study about the serve of the male master volleyball of the category 35 years or more identified the performance of the type of serve and the serve performance in the reception zone. The results determined the overhand float serve with the best serve and the serve ace occurred more in the reception zone 1. In conclusion, serve performance is important for the volleyball coach guides the player during the training and during the volleyball match.

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