

The Coaches' Perception and Efforts to Build Character of Teenage Football Athletes

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The purpose of this study was to reveal trainers' perception and knowledge about the effort to develop character of teenage football athletes. Descriptive qualitative and quantitative approach were conducted. The population was trainers of 20 Football Schools in Yogyakarta Special Area (Daerah Istimewa Yogyakarta = DIY). Samples were five randomly selected Football Schools and twenty trainers in it. Coach's Character Development Self-Evaluation Checklist was used as research instrument. Results reveal that the character of football athletes are good in category, meaning that trainers see the importance of developing teenage football athlete character. Character development leads to more discipline, sportivity, motivation, and obedience to rules, but the trainers do not know how to develop those characters..

Keywords: perception, effort, trainers, character, teenage football athletes.

Penelitian ini bertujuan mengungkap persepsi, pengetahuan, dan upaya membangun karakter atlet sepak bola usia remaja. Untuk itu dilakukan pendekatan kualitatif dan kuantitatif. Populasi penelitian ini adalah 20 Sekolah Sepakbola (SSB) di Daerah Istimewa Yogyakarta (DIY). Sampel yang dipilih secara acak adalah lima SSB dengan 20 pelatihnya. Instrumen yang digunakan adalah Coach's Character Development Self-Evaluation Checklist. Hasil penelitian menyimpulkan bahwa persepsi pelatih tentang pembangunan karakter atlet sepakbola usia remaja di DIY berada pada kategori baik. Para pelatih memandang bahwa pengembangan karakter melalui sepakbola yaitu terjadinya perubahan perilaku dari yang negatif menjadi positif, lebih berdisiplin, lebih sportif, lebih bermotivasi, dan patuh pada aturan permainan. Namun, secara umum para pelatih tidak mengetahui bagaimana caranya mencapai nilai-nilai karakter tersebut.

Kata kunci: persepsi, pelatih sepakbola, karakter, atlet sepakbola usia remaja

Nowadays character degradation is more intensive and serious. This is signaled by a lot of pornography, corruption, manipulation, violation of values, religious norms, cultural norms, and human ethics. The character decline has also been shown by manager, athletes as well as officials of football organizations. Chaos in board managers since the era of Nurdin Khalid through Djohar Arifin proved that bad character of managers of football is prevailing up to national level.

Bad character of athletes was shown specifically when they played against Vietnam in the "Tiger Cup" semifinal. Indonesian football athletes intentionally kicked the ball onto their own goal with the purpose of choosing opponents in the final. Football fans regretted because that was immoral and not sportive in sport context (Lutan, 2001).

They were loyal to their coach but not good in moral

character (Rudd, 2006). A lot of chaos happened in the football field was shown in the media (Maksum, 2010).

Brutality also happened in the field in Indonesian Football League in 2007 where brutal fight occurred between players. Khamaruk, Persija goalkeeper strangled Gonzales, football player from Gresik ("Bubarkan Panggung Dagelan ...," 2007). Minister of Youth and Sport commented that he supported the application of law enforcement to anybody whose behavior was leading to anarchy. If the Indonesian Football Association (PSSI) did not put itself in order, he was ready to close down the Indonesian League ("Menpora: Berbenah atau ...," 2007). Appeal and threat did not stop chaos in the football field. In the National Sport Festival (PON) XVII in East Kalimantan in 2008, brutality was done by players of West Papua to the referee and assistant referee ("Keroyok Wasit, Diskors ...," 2008). Brutality was done by players of North Maluku to the referee in the Students' National Sport Festival in Yogyakarta so that the game was stopped

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