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SOME SOCCER ASPECTS OF DEL PIERO'S CAREER

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Abstract

Purpose. The aim of this study is to individualize during Alessandro Del Piero's long career the significant aspects that can be referable to a particular development of the results in terms of absolute.

Methods. Case study with ethnographic approach. It uses data on specific aspects and theoretical argumentative by deductive way. Adequate athletic activities were carried out, under form of recreation, guided by a teacher, necessary to carry out the tasks: children without disabilities were put in a position where they were able to live the disability of another child.

Results. Preliminary results showed, that the long career of Alessandro Del Piero, a football season that stands out above all for continuity (and therefore appearances: 47), combined with prolificacy (goals scored: 32). This season no injuries occurred, except for the last match of the season which then lead to the athlete's precarious conditions in the World Championship which took place in France 1998.

Conclusions. The data emerging from a long career as one as that of Alessandro Del Piero, are very significant. The sporting history of an athlete is closely linked to specific events that accompany the athlete's life.

Keywords: performance analysis, ethnographic approach, case study.

Introduction

Soccer is a sport about situation, subject to many dependents variables like field, adversary, teammates, presence of ball and more. Aspects that significantly affecting the training in this sport are: conditional aspect, psychological and technical-tactical.

Team sport activity is composed of conditional, technical, tactical features of performance and uses the periodization to put in practice strategies, methods and teachings to develop the abilities of the individual and the collective group with the aim to get the best goals.

An interesting statistic about given by the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), says that 35 is the average age that football players stop playing professional football. Their career usually lasts for about 8 years. So since one does not start playing at the age of 27, there will be football players that reach playing professional football for 15 years and instead others that score only a few series of attendances to eventually be forgotten while remaining to play on the team. Injuries certainly determine the quality and duration of a player's career, in particular for those football players that play on certain areas of the football field, like the position of the striker, which may prove decisive for the outcome of their team. The unprejudiced summary of this study is to individualize during Alessandro Del Piero's long career the significant aspects that can be referable to a particular development of the results in terms of absolute performance. Most important aspects is the periodization training (Raiola, Napolitano 2013) that could have the influence on career. Furthermore, team sport has the similar variables specifically among soccer, waterpolo (Napolitano et al. 2013), basketball

(Izzo et al. 2013), volleyball (Raiola 2012), futsal (Polidoro et al., 2013). In the same way, the method training has the priority on the career for the specific skill learnings on qualitative aspects, such as in futsal basketball, volley, soccer training.

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study in the logic of step to steps. For further, investigation it could be necessary to organize the whole issue to analyze a new perspective of performance analysis. This new vision must have the holistic paradigm according to heuristic learning in opposition to prescriptive teaching. Teaching method of Physical education in school has to be considered according to the ministerial documents (Raiola 2011ab, Raiola 2012ab). In this way, the knowledge is quickly developing and the changes are too fast to include in revision. It is useful to involve scholars in applied study in educational field of school and of sports club to have the same scientific idea. Too often, the world of school and the sports one are too away each other to collaborate. Cognitive approach is an usual way to understand the movement, that is the historical way to study and investigate the issue in behaviorist/cognitive interpretative key. Ecological Dynamic approach is an extraordinary way to understand the movement, that is the innovation way to study and investigate the issue in gestalt/phenomenology interpretative key. The aim of this study is to individualize during Alessandro Del Piero's long career the significant aspects that can be

referable to a particular development of the results in terms of absolute performance.

Methods

The method is case study. The case study, leads the researcher to focus on the 'fact-finding investigation of a "situation" that may be indicative compared to a larger sample. This way, it is the researcher who distinguishes the "case", making it become through a series of inquiries the object of understanding, application and analysis. It defines historical circumstances, environmental and contextual reaching conclusions that have no claim to finality (Kemmis 1980).

Stenhouse identifies different types of "case studies", including the ethnographic model in which the observer carefully studies the individual case (Stenhouse 1985). In this way, it can consider the ethnographic approach is the best way to analyze the all data and give them the properly way in context that the fact were done. This approach examines the data in development of the time and its relation to the environment.

Results

YEAR	Attendees	GOAL	GAME TIME	INQUIRY	ITALY CUP	UEFA LEAGUE	COP.. INTR	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	ITALY SUPERCUP
93/94	14	5	442	No	1pr-0gol	2pr0 Gol			
94/95	50	10	3331	No	10-1	11-1			
95/96	43	13	3123	No	2-1			11pre 6gol	
96/97	35	15	2489	Uno	4-0		1pre 0gol	6-4	
97/98	47	32	3890	Uno***	4-1			10-10	1pr0gol
98/99	14	3	1134	Uno	1-0			4-0	1-1
99/00	45	12	3433	No	2-1				
00/01	33	9	2324	Uno	2-0	6-1		6-0	
01/02	46	21	3657	No	4-1			10-4	
02/03	38	23	3055	No				13-5	1-2
03/04	31	14	1784	Uno	4-3			4-3	1-0
04/05	41	17	2723	No	1-0			8-2	
05/06	45	20	2393	No	4-5			7-3	
06/07*	37	23	2768	No	2-3				
07/08	41	24	3031	No	4-3				
08/09	41	21	3322	No	3-2			8-5	
09/10	29	11	1910	Uno	1-2			2-0	
10/11	45	11	2654	No	2-0	3-0			
11/12	28	5	960	No	5-2	6-3			
12/13*	24	14	2035	No					

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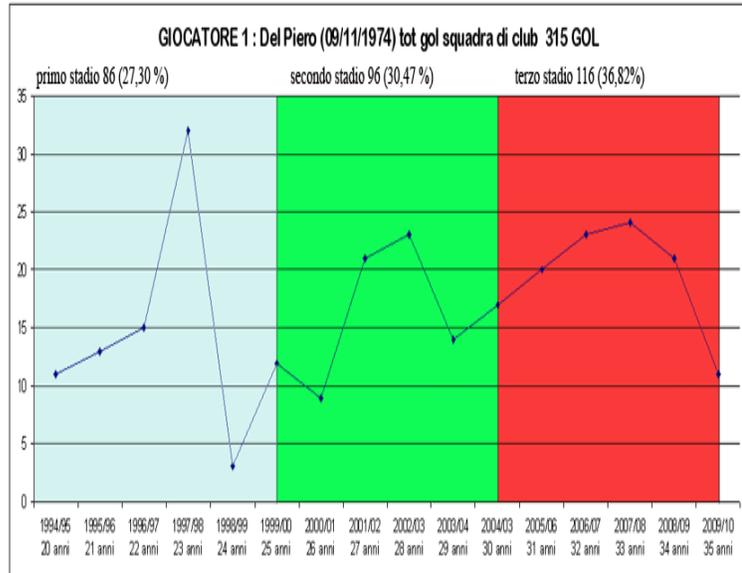
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was the heart of the matter since there were no injuries and for his amazing technical skills, reached very high performing levels, establishing himself as one of the major talents of international football. Linking the data that we can find for the football season 1999/2000 the athlete was recovering from a very serious injury to the ligaments in his left knee, while he still had a high number of attendances (45). Unlike, his performance levels declined and he carried out only two actions during the whole season (99/00).

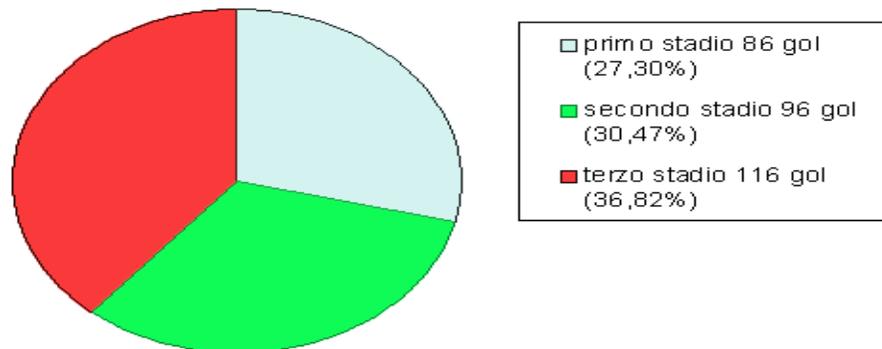
From the long career of Del Piero come out more details in terms of performance, in terms of realization.

Del Piero (09/11/1974) total goal squadra di club 315

STEP 1		
age	year	goal
20	1994/95	11
21	1995/96	13
22	1996/97	15
23	1997/98	32
24	1998/99	3
25	1999/00	12
% 27.30		TOT : 86
STEP 2		
age	year	goal
25	1999/00	12
26	2000/01	9
27	2001/02	21
28	2002/03	23
29	2003/04	14
30	2004/03	17
% 30.47		TOT : 96
STEP 3		
age	year	goal
30	2004/05	17
31	2005/06	20
32	2006/07	23
33	2007/08	24
34	2008/09	21
35	2009/10	11
% 36.82		TOT : 116



Percentuali Gol Del Piero



Discussion

The data emerging from a long career as one as that of Alessandro Del Piero, are very significant. The sporting history of an athlete is closely linked to specific events that accompany the athlete's life. Footballer Del Piero, has achieved in his career 343 goals. In this study, it takes as a sample 260 goal, no to mention 62 goals scored from the penalty.

The video images, are not always good did not allow the precise location of 11 other goals. Analyzing the data we have that: Del Piero has achieved the highest percentage of goals from center-left area. It is from that area of the field where Del Piero has expressed the most of its technical /tactical and athletic. Another fact is very important for this study, is the number of expulsions from the playing field that Del Piero has had on his career. There are only two red cards given to Del Piero in twenty years of his career and only one for misconduct.

Del Piero is a player correct a messenger of good values on the field and off the field. It is engaged in charity as the fight against cancer together with the AIRC (Italian association cancer research). If it thinks to how small the portion of the field where Del Piero has expressed its best you understand well the purposes of this study.

Everyone from birth plays a role, has children and we are trained to be children. You become students have educating, parents, teachers, then employed professionals. What is very important is the educational aspect of each of us is oblie to comply with certain rules, to have respect for people in their diversity and uniqueness. Respect their role as in a football team, respect the rules of the game, opponents playmates, the coach, their specific role.

In this way, each individual can make the most of his potential throughout his life and the sport easily able to convey these values. Returning to the vicarious function, the substitute, think of the youth sector of the Barcelona "cantera"; Small boys brought up to respect a specific form of the game, its role. The results are immediate and positive. The sport, from motives which

in other contexts is not able to have. It is not just the accident itself that can lead to a decrease in the performance levels, but we can just have a look how at the athlete's data to understand how the psychological factor, the lack of clarity, due to a physical condition which is not optimal, can lead to difficulties to accomplishing technical skills that only months before he was able to do naturally.

This study becomes important even in those professions where one needs to develop protocols. It is therefore acceptable as "standardized" working protocols proving to be absolutely inconclusive in terms of absolute performance.

In conclusion it have to investigate on specific recruitment data to focus the single variable. So on for the many variables in multiple correction among of them. Between the aspects that could affect the performance of an athlete is the advance of age. From the data that emerge from the career of Del Piero, there is no linearity between advancing age and declining of the performativity in terms of realization.

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