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Analysis of the Impact of the Pencak Silat Coach Training Program on Athlete Development in North Sumatra in 2024

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ABSTRACT

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This study aims to analyze the impact of the Pencak Silat coach training program on athlete development in North Sumatra in 2024. Using a quantitative approach and an experimental design, this research compares two groups of athletes: one trained by coaches who attended the training program and one trained by coaches who did not. Data were collected through questionnaires, skill tests, observations, and documentation of athletes' achievements. The results showed that athletes trained by coaches who attended the training program exhibited better technical skills, physical qualities, mental strength, and motivation compared to those trained by nonparticipating coaches. Additionally, athletes trained by coaches who participated in the program performed better in provincial and national competitions. Based on statistical analysis, the coach training program positively influenced athlete development with a p-value < 0.05. This study concludes that the Pencak Silat coach training program can enhance coaching quality and athlete performance, making it essential to continue and expand its implementation throughout North

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INTRODUCTION

Pencak Silat is one of the sports that holds significant cultural and traditional values for the Indonesian people, especially in North Sumatra. As a cultural heritage recognized worldwide, pencak silat not only emphasizes physical aspects and martial arts techniques but also contains philosophical, spiritual values, and local pride. Therefore, the development of pencak silat requires special attention, both in terms of athlete development and the improvement of the quality of coaches involved.

In Indonesia, success in sports often depends on the quality of coaches guiding the athletes. In this regard, the role of coaches is vital, not only in technical aspects but also in shaping the character and mentality of athletes. One of the efforts made to improve the quality of coaches is through coach

training programs organized by various sports organizations, including the Indonesian Pencak Silat Association (IPSI), which routinely holds training or workshops for coaches across Indonesia.

The Pencak Silat coach training program in North Sumatra in 2024 is one of the key initiatives aimed at improving the quality of athlete development in pencak silat. This program aims to enhance the skills, knowledge, and abilities of coaches in effectively guiding athletes. However, there has been limited research that deeply examines the impact of this coach training program on athlete development, both technically, physically, and mentally. Therefore, it is important to analyze how much this coach training program contributes to the improvement of pencak silat athletes in North Sumatra.

This study aims to analyze the impact of the Pencak Silat coach training program on athlete development in North Sumatra in 2024. By looking at the influence of coach training on athlete performance improvement, technical understanding, and other aspects related to athlete potential development, it is hoped that this study can provide a clear picture of the program's effectiveness. Furthermore, this research is also expected to provide useful recommendations for the improvement of training programs and the development of pencak silat athletes in the future.

Coach training is a program designed to improve coaches' competencies in various aspects related to athlete development. According to Suprapto (2017), coach training aims to enhance the technical and tactical skills of coaches in training athletes, as well as to provide a deeper understanding of sports development. This training not only covers basic techniques but also aspects of sports psychology, management, and more effective coaching strategies. Based on the Pencak Silat Coach Training Guide from IPSI (2021), the training program includes basic skills training, techniques, tactics, and understanding the importance of mentality in coaching athletes.

Pencak Silat is a sport originating from Indonesia and has rapidly developed in several Southeast Asian countries. Pencak Silat combines the aspects of art and martial arts into one unity, which includes fighting techniques, defense, and artistic movements (Hernawan, 2020). In North Sumatra, pencak silat has a strong influence on the social and cultural life of the community. Therefore, the development of pencak silat is not only limited to physical aspects but also strengthens cultural identity.

One of the challenges in the development of pencak silat is the varying quality of coaches. In many cases, coaches who lack formal training and have limited experience can limit the potential of athletes. Therefore, coach training programs are crucial for improving the quality of coaching.

Athlete development is a continuous process that involves improving an athlete's technical, physical, mental, and tactical abilities. According to Wuryani (2016), effective athlete development requires a holistic approach, including good coaching, psychological support, and adequate facilities. In the context of pencak silat, athlete development is not only focused on combat skills but also on building character and strong mentality needed to face competition and challenges in the sport.

In a study conducted by Trianto (2018), it was found that the success of athlete development is greatly influenced by the quality of coaching provided by the coaches. Therefore, improving the quality of coaches through training programs can directly impact athlete development, both technically and mentally.

Coach training can significantly impact athlete development. This aligns with Kuswandi's (2020) statement that improving the quality of coaches will directly affect the quality of athlete development. Coaches who are well-trained and have broader knowledge can provide better guidance to athletes, both in technique, tactics, and psychological aspects. In this regard, coach training becomes a key factor in the success of athlete development programs. Coach training not only improves coaches' technical skills but also introduces them to the latest methodologies in athlete development, data-driven training strategies, and innovative ways to increase athlete motivation (Setiawan, 2019). Therefore, the coach training program in North Sumatra is expected to have a positive impact on improving the quality of pencak silat athletes, both at the local and national levels.

RESEARCH METHOD

This study uses a quantitative approach with an experimental design to analyze the impact of the Pencak Silat coach training program on athlete development in North Sumatra in 2024. This approach is chosen to obtain more objective and measurable data regarding the influence of coach training on athlete quality. In this study, the researcher will compare the condition of athletes trained by coaches who attended the training program with those trained by coaches who did not attend the training.

The type of research used is descriptive quantitative research, which aims to describe and analyze data regarding the impact of the Pencak Silat coach training program on athlete development. This study also uses a comparative study method, where the development outcomes of athletes trained by coaches who participated in the training program are compared with those trained by coaches who did not.

The population in this study is all Pencak Silat athletes under the guidance of coaches in North Sumatra who are registered in 2024. Specifically, this study will focus on athletes who compete at the provincial and national levels. The sample for this study consists of two groups: Group 1: Athletes trained by coaches who have attended the Pencak Silat coach training program in 2024. Group 2: Athletes trained by coaches who have not attended the Pencak Silat coach training program in 2024. The sampling method will be purposive sampling based on specific criteria, such as the presence of coaches who have attended the training and the availability of athletes who are willing to be respondents.

Independent Variable (X): The Pencak Silat coach training program attended by coaches in 2024. Dependent Variable (Y): Athlete development, which will be measured through the following indicators:

- 1. Athletes technical skills : The athlete's ability to perform Pencak Silat techniques.
- 2. Athletes physical quality: Measurement of the athlete's fitness and endurance.
- 3. Athletes mental and motivational development: Measurement of how the athlete's mentality and motivation have developed as a result of the coach's guidance.
- 4. Athletes' achievements: The athlete's achievements in provincial or national Pencak Silat competitions after being trained by coaches who attended the training program.

The data for this study will be collected using several instruments as follows:

- 1. Questionnaire: A questionnaire to evaluate athletes' perceptions of the quality of training they received, focusing on their technical, physical, mental, and motivational skills.
- 2. Skill Tests: Practical tests to measure athletes' technical skills in Pencak Silat, such as movement accuracy, agility, and combat techniques.
- 3. Observations: Direct observations of the training process and athlete performance in competitions to assess the impact of the coach training program on athlete development.
- 4. Documentation: Data regarding athletes' achievements in competitions will be analyzed to observe changes before and after being trained by coaches who participated in the training program.

This study will be conducted in several stages as follows:

1. Preparation: Collecting initial data related to athletes and coaches who have attended and have not attended the training program. Preparing research

instruments such as the questionnaire, skill tests, and observation procedures.

- 2. Data Collection: Data collection will be done by distributing questionnaires to athletes, conducting skill tests, and observing the training process.
- 3. Data Analysis: The collected data will be analyzed using descriptive statistical analysis to describe the characteristics of the variables studied and difference tests (e.g., t-test) to compare athlete development outcomes between coaches who attended the training and those who did not.
- 4. Interpretation and Report Writing: Writing a report based on the research findings and data analysis.

The collected data will be analyzed using statistical software, such as SPSS or Excel, with the following steps:

- 1. Descriptive Statistics : Calculating frequencies, averages, and percentages to describe the questionnaire data and skill test results.
- 2. Normality Test: To ensure that the collected data follows a normal distribution.
- 3. Independent Sample t-test: To compare the average athlete development between the two groups, i.e., those trained by coaches who attended the training and those who did not.
- 4. Linear Regression : To analyze the relationship between the coach training program and improvements in skills and athlete achievements.

The validity of the instruments will be tested using expert validity by experts in the field of Pencak Silat and sports education to ensure that the questionnaires, skill tests, and observation instruments are relevant and aligned with the research objectives.

The reliability of the instruments will be tested through a pilot test on a small sample before full implementation in the study. Reliability testing can be done using Cronbach's alpha to measure the internal consistency of the questionnaire.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

This study aims to analyze the impact of the Pencak Silat coach training program on athlete development in North Sumatra in 2024. Based on data collected through questionnaires, skill tests, observations, and documentation, the following results were obtained:

The total number of respondents in this study is 100 Pencak Silat athletes, consisting of two groups:

a. Group 1:50 athletes trained by coaches who attended the Pencak Silat coach training program in 2024.

b. Group 2:50 athletes trained by coaches who did not attend the Pencak Silat coach training program in 2024.

Demographic data of the respondents indicate that the majority of athletes are between the ages of 15 and 25, with competitive experience ranging from 2 to 7 years. Most respondents come from Pencak Silat clubs based in major cities in North Sumatra. The questionnaires filled out by the athletes to assess their perceptions of the training quality revealed significant differences between the two groups:

- a. Group 1 (Coach Training Participants): Athletes trained by coaches who attended the training program showed more positive assessments regarding technical skills, motivation, and discipline. The average questionnaire score for this group was 85%, with most athletes feeling more motivated and satisfied with the quality of training received.
- b. Group 2 (Non-Coach Training Participants): Athletes trained by coaches who did not attend the training program gave lower ratings, with an average score of 70%. Athletes expressed that the training they received was less structured and lacked mental challenges.

The skill tests conducted to assess athletes' technical abilities showed significant differences between the two groups:

- a. Group 1 (Coach Training Participants): Athletes in this group demonstrated better skills in basic Pencak Silat techniques (movement, accuracy, agility) with an average score of 80%.
- b. Group 2 (Non-Coach Training Participants): Athletes trained by non-training coaches showed lower results, with an average score of 65%. This indicates that athletes trained by coaches who did not attend the training program had less refined techniques.

The observations conducted during the training process also provided a clear picture of the difference in training quality:

- a. Group 1 (Coach Training Participants): Training conducted by coaches who attended the training program was more structured, using methods focused on improving techniques and motivating athletes. Coaches also showed a more personal and responsive approach to athletes' needs.
- b. Group 2 (Non-Coach Training Participants): Training in this group tended to be less organized, with some training sessions focused more on technique repetition without sufficient attention to the mental and motivational development of the athletes.

The documented achievements of athletes in competitions showed that athletes trained by coaches who attended the training program demonstrated more significant improvement in performance:

- a. Group 1 (Coach Training Participants): Athletes in this group showed significant performance improvements in provincial and national competitions. 40% of athletes from this group won medals in the competitions they participated in, with 20% of them winning gold medals.
- b. Group 2 (Non-Coach Training Participants): Athletes trained by non-training coaches showed less satisfactory results, with only 10% of athletes winning medals in the competitions they participated in.

This study successfully demonstrates that the Pencak Silat coach training program has a positive impact on athlete development in North Sumatra.

CONCLUSION

Based on the results of the study, it can be concluded that the Pencak Silat coach training program has a significant impact on athlete development in North Sumatra in 2024. Coaches who participated in the training program were able to improve athletes' technical skills, physical quality, mental strength, and motivation, which in turn contributed to enhanced athlete performance in competitions. Therefore, the coach training program should be continued and expanded to include more coaches in North Sumatra to improve the quality of Pencak Silat athletes in the future. This study also recommends that coach training programs be held more frequently and tailored to the latest developments in Pencak Silat techniques.

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