

## ABSTRACT

**Name:** Analysis of selected goalkeeping activities at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar

**Objectives:** Analysis of selected offensive and defensive goalkeeping activities at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, held in the autumn of 2022.

**Methods:** The research sample consisted of goalkeepers from the four best-placed teams who participated in the matches at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. The top teams included Argentina, France, Croatia, and Morocco.

**Results:** We hypothesized that the overall success rate in the activity "playing with feet" (evaluated using "% success") would be higher than 56% for goalkeepers from all teams. This was not confirmed, as French goalkeepers achieved only a 53% success rate in passing. We also hypothesized that goalkeepers would make the most saves from shots taken inside the penalty area compared to other categories ( $g > 0.8$ ). This was confirmed, as the category of shots inside the penalty area was significantly higher compared to other categories, with Hedges'  $g > 0.8$ . Lastly, we evaluated the insignificant differences ( $g \leq 0.8$ ) in the frequency of the parameter "distance of all types of passes" between the categories "short, medium, long." This was also confirmed, as the differences between the categories were not highly significant, with none of the categories exceeding 0.8g.

**Conclusion:** In the category of goalkeeper distribution, we expected a much higher success rate than what we observed, especially considering these were the top teams in the tournament. It is striking that the defending champions, France, performed the worst among the observed teams, with a success rate of only 53%. It is important to focus more on playing with feet during training, particularly on goalkeeper distribution with the team from a tactical perspective. The goalkeeper should consistently be under pressure to reduce mistakes in difficult situations and to maintain team possession.

**Key words:** Soccer, goalkeeper, World Cup, analysis, individual game activities

