

## OPPONENT'S OPINION

**Thesis opponent:**

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**Title:**

Rally Pace in Tennis Practice

**Aim:**

Purpose of this study was to examine rally pace and other performance variables in recreational tennis players at an advanced skill level.

**Formal Processing of the Thesis:**

	Excellent	Very Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Selection and definition of the topic, originality	X			
Degree of fulfillment of the thesis objective		X		
Logical structure and balance of chapters		X		
Quality of work with literature, including citation standards		X		
Formatting of the thesis (text, graphs, images, tables)		X		
Stylistic level of the text		X		

**Criteria for Assessment of the Theoretical Part of the Thesis:**

	Excellent	Very Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Understanding of the topic and orientation in the subject		X		
Analysis and interpretation of the literature review		X		
Application of the literature review results to the experimental part			X	

**Criteria for Assessment of the Experimental Part of the Thesis:**

	Excellent	Very Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Research questions, hypotheses - relevance and quality of definition			X	
Research sample - adequacy of selection			X	
Methodology - methods used and their quality		X		
Results - presentation and interpretation		X		
Statistical processing and data analysis	X			
Discussion - interpretation of results in relation to current knowledge		X		
Conclusion - level of evaluation of the work		X		

**Practical Application of the Results of the Thesis:**

Above average

Average

Below average

**Additional Comments, Suggestions, Questions:**

*The thesis focuses on a specific problem of tennis practice. It has a good level of style and shows very good academic English.*

*The problem addressed - pace of play - is an interesting stimulus for contemporary perspectives on tennis practice.*

*Somewhat more relevant studies could have been mentioned in the theoretical. However, the basic information needed forms a good background for the subsequent research project.*

*What is missing, are the research questions that tend to be the established standard in these types of papers. The author hints at them in the text of the paper, but it would have been good to list them separately and clearly.*

*The results of the study are clearly evaluated and interpreted. Only two players were observed, which does not entitle us to draw more general conclusions.*

*However, it may serve as a good inspiration for further research and its direction. I miss here more personal comments by the author of the paper on the numerical results.*

*This is where my next two questions are directed:*

*How did the fact that one player was at a better level affect the pace of play or other variables?*

*Do you find any correlation of the observed variables with the mental state of the players?*

**Conclusion of the Assessment:**

The thesis meets the requirements for this type of work.

**Recommendation for thesis defense:**

yes	Yes with reservation	no
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**Proposed grade:**

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