

Abstract

Title: Effect of coach change on professional tennis players

Objectives of work: The aim of the thesis is to analyze the impact of coach change on professional tennis players from the psychology perspective, social relationship and player's attitude to the sport itself. The impact of the coach change on player's approach to tennis, game results, personal life and interpersonal relationships will be examined.

Method: The methods that will be used are narrative interviews – annotated transcription technique, quantitative interview, analysis and comparison.

Results:

In the practical part of the dissertation, author answered five research questions through conducted research. Conducted research revealed that coach change affected tennis results of only one of the investigated probands. However, positive psychological impact of coach change was described by both probands. Neither of probands changed his training methods or their approach to tennis after the coach change. Team goals of one of the proband were not achieved, the second proband is still an active player and works on his sports career.

Key words: tennis, professional tennis player, ATP, performance, personal life, sport goals, coach, change