

Review of: "FIFA World Cup 2022 Qatar Corner Kicks: An Analysis on Effectiveness and Match Context"

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The topic is interesting and relevant to understanding the impact of corner kicks in the context of modern football. However, results can only offer insights about national teams' tournaments during a knockout competition. Furthermore, this study is just descriptive with no other predictive analysis.

Abstract

Please clarify the acronyms throughout the text.

Introduction

The introduction is well structured and well written. The authors state the most relevant literature on this topic and offer some interesting data. Just two minor comments:

Considering corners as a vital area of study is quite pretentious.

Cite Pulling when you mention it first.

Methods

Some redundant information can be removed. For instance, the number of games analysed and the components in the statistical analysis section.

What's the rationale for the choice of the zone system?

It would be interesting to analyse the counterattacks conceded by the taking team after a corner kick.

Results

In the results section, avoid sentences like 'These findings offer valuable insights into the tactical and technical aspects of corner kicks, with implications for strategic planning and team preparation in professional football.' Better in the discussion section.

A variable with a Kappa score of .55 is a limitation, and the conclusions about this variable should be interpreted with caution. Why not better agreement?

Tables should include legends. What exactly does 'Per90' mean? Clarify in the methods section.

A colour guide with the corresponding level of occurrences is missing. It could be helpful for better understanding.

Discussion

This is not a sequential analysis. Considering some sentences in the introduction section and discussion, one can look for something that the authors didn't perform.

The headings of subsections in the discussion might be simpler.

Because this is not a sequential study, some speculations about why something happens are quite pretentious.

For instance, when the authors write 'The limited effectiveness of corner kicks can be attributed to the defensive organization employed by teams to mitigate the risk of conceding goals,' they didn't analyse the relationship between the success of a certain action and the type of defensive organization. Be cautious with such types of speculations.

In general terms, the study is interesting and well structured.