

A Survey Study on the Competitive Character of Abhin Shyam Gupta the Arjun Awardee Badminton Player

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Abstract

This study mainly focuses on the competitive character of **Abhin Shyam Gupta** that enables him to overcome his opponents of National and International status. The researcher formulated a questionnaire set of sixteen test items intending to explore the hidden competitive traits of Abhin Shyam Gupta which made him to defeat his opponents. The conclusion drawn upon by the researcher from the responses he got from **Abhin Shyam Gupta's** seniors, Juniors, co-players of the national tournaments and experts who had been associated with his training and coaching programme was that maximum of them agreed with the concept that. He had thorough knowledge of rules and regulation of badminton. His attacking skills are exemplary. He is very technical. He changes his strategy as per his opponent. He does not lose control under pressure. He plays to win. He followed his coach's instruction always. He is a quiet (cool) player. He is pragmatic in his approach. He is committed to his game. He takes his own decisions. He always played a fair game. He has good common sense. He is a defensive player. He could easily misguide his opponent. His backhand smash is very strong. He is an offensive player. He is a quick analyzer. He is a good game planner. He could anticipate the strategy of his opponent. Hooting of spectators does not bother his game. Playing well is important than winning for Abhin. His fundamental skills are perfect. Presence of his near and dear during competition affects his game. Only a very few negligible percentage of the respondents diverge from this view.

Introduction

This study mainly focuses on the competitive character of **Abhin Shyam Gupta** that enables him to overcome his opponents of National and International status. This study would act as a guideline to upcoming budding players for developing these competitive traits of excellence in their personality profile.

The researcher formulated a questionnaire set of sixteen test items intending to explore the hidden competitive traits of Abhin Shyam Gupta which made him to defeat his opponents. The questionnaire reliability and validity were ensured through several trial runs conducted under expert guidance. The Researcher personally gave the questionnaire set to fifty four respondents from Allahabad and other places related closely to him in some or the other form who were witness to his style of play. Some were his seniors, some juniors, some co-players who played with him in many of the national tournaments and certain experts of the game who had closely watched him playing in the competition. The researcher asks them to give their impartial judgment in the form of responses to the questions posed to them in the questionnaire.

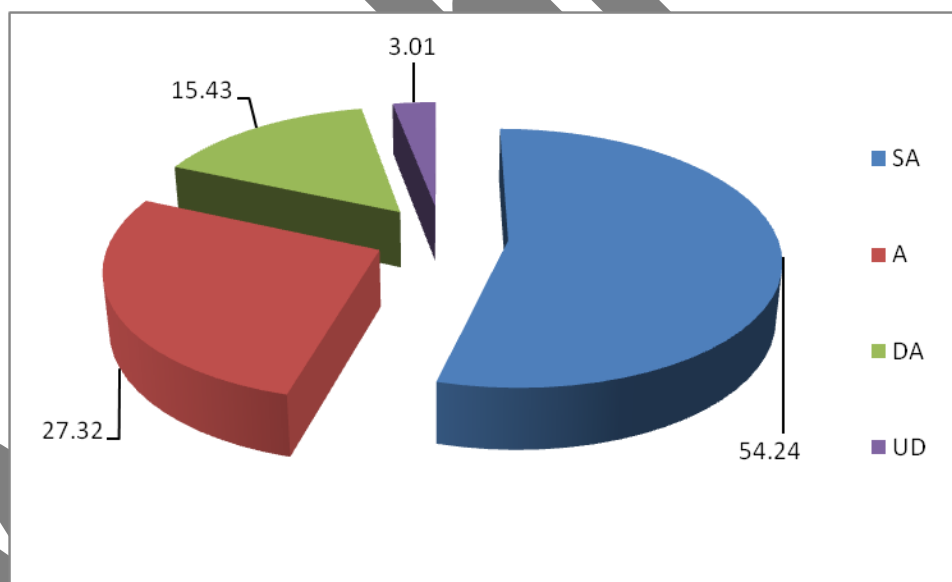
Respondents views of Abhin Shyam Gupta's competitive character.

1. Out of 54 respondents, 87.03% strongly agree and 12.97% only agree that Abhin Shyam Gupta had thorough knowledge of rules and regulation of badminton.
2. Out of 54 respondents, 11.11% strongly agree and 33.33% only agree that Abhin Shyam Gupta's attacking skills are exemplary, while 51.85% of the respondents disagree for the same and rest of 3.70% were undecided.
3. Out of 54 respondents, 68.59% strongly agree and 24.07% agree that Abhin Shyam Gupta is very technical, while 7.41% of the respondents disagree for the same.
4. Out of 54 respondents, 55.56% strongly agree and 40.75% only agree that he changes his strategy as per his opponent, while 3.70% were undecided on this issue.
5. From 54 respondents, 74.07% strongly agree and 20.37% only agree that He does not lose control under pressure, while 5.55% of the respondents disagree for the same.
6. Abhin Shyam Gupta plays to win, of 54 respondents, 74.07% strongly agreed and 20.37% only agree, while 5.55% of the respondents disagreed to this view.
7. He followed his coach's instruction always, of 54 respondents 53.70% strongly agree and 3.48% only agree that, while 9.25% of the respondents disagreed to this view and rest 5.5% were undecided.
8. Out of 54 respondents, 79.62% strongly agree and 16.67% only agree that he is a quiet (cool) player, while 1.85% of the respondents disagreed to this view and rest 1.85% were undecided.
9. Out of 54 respondents, 46.29% strongly agree and 37.04% only agree that he is a pragmatic in his approach, while 12.96% of the respondents disagree with this view and rest 3.70% were undecided.
10. Out of 54 respondents, 87.03% strongly agree and 12.97% agree that Abhin Shyam Gupta is committed to his game.
11. Out of 54 respondents, 25.92% strongly agree and 38.89% only agree that **He takes his own decisions**, while 29.63% of the respondents disagree with this view and rest 5.5% were undecided.
12. Abhin Shyam Gupta always played a fair game, of 54 respondents, 81.48% strongly agree and 18.56% only agree.
13. From 54 respondents, 51.85% strongly agree and 46.29% only agree that **He has good common sense**, while 1.85% were undecided.
14. Out of 54 respondents, 83.33% strongly agree and 14.81% only agree that He is a defensive player, while 1.85% of the respondents disagree on this issue.
15. Abhin Shyam Gupta could easily misguide his opponent, of 54 respondents, 22.22% strongly agree and 37.03% only agree, while 33.33% of the respondents disagree on this view and rest 7.40% were undecided.
16. From 54 respondents, 7.40% strongly agree and 27.77% only agree that His backhand smash is very strong, while 62.96% of the respondents disagree on this view and rest of 1.85% were undecided.
17. Abhin Shyam Gupta is an offensive player, of 54 respondents, 7.40% strongly agree and 14.81% only agree while 72.22% of the respondents disagree on this view and rest of 5.55% were undecided.
18. Out of 54 respondents, 51.85% strongly agree and 40.74% only agree that He is a quick analyzer, while 5.55% of the respondents disagree for it and rest 1.85% were undecided.

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19. From 54 respondents, 62.96% strongly agree and 35.18% only agree that He is a good game planner, while 1.85% of the respondents disagree on this issue.
20. Out of 54 respondents, 53.70% strongly agree and 33.33% only agree that He could anticipate the strategy of his opponent, while 7.40% of the respondents disagree on this view and rest 5.55% were undecided.
21. Out of 54 respondents, 64.81% strongly agree and 27.77% only agree that Hooting of spectators does not bother his game, while 3.70% of the respondents disagree on this view and rest 3.70% were undecided.
22. Playing well is important than winning for Abhinn, of 54 respondents, 53.70% strongly agree and 31.48% only agree, while 12.96% of the respondents disagree for it and rest 1.85% were undecided.
23. From 54 respondents, 70.37% strongly agree and 25.92% only agree that His fundamental skills are perfect, while 1.85% of the respondents disagree on this view and rest 1.85% were undecided.
24. Presence of his near and dear during competition affects his game, of 54 respondents, 27.77% strongly agree and 12.96% only agree, while 42.59% of the respondents disagree on this issue and rest 16.67% were undecided.

Figure-1
Mean % of all the Responses obtained from twenty-three Questions



SA= STRONGLY AGREE
 DA= DISAGREE

A= AGREE
 UD= UNDECIDED

Conclusion

The conclusion drawn upon by the researcher from the responses he got from **Abhinn Shyam Gupta's** seniors, Juniors, co-players of the national tournaments and experts who had been associated with his training and coaching programme was that maximum of them agreed with the concept that. He had thorough knowledge of rules and regulation of badminton. His attacking skills are exemplary. He is very technical. He changes his strategy as per his

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On the other hand in another study by **Miroslav Vanek (1970)** on Personality test of Jan, a former Olympic thrower, revealed that high needs for achievement were accompanied by several traits that were likely to interfere with his performance. He proved to be introverted and at times would exhibit paranoid tendencies. His level of sociality was low. He intended to try to dominate those around him. His frustration tolerance was low and he would evidence extra punitive reactions to frustrations for a bad performance such as blaming himself. When he lost, he would invariably blame judges, the equipment, the climate or an old injury. His intelligence was average. At times, he would seem to be aware that others on the team are intellectually superior but he could be careful not to show his awareness of their superiority. His tension level was high. His moods fluctuated from one day to next and were characterized by feeling of relation.

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