Abstract

Abstract Title: The analysis of mental skills and mental training in professional tennis players

Objectives: The purpose of this thesis is to determine and analyze the level of mental skills as

well as elucidate which techniques from the field of mental training are used by professional

tennis players.

Methods: In this thesis, a qualitative type of research was used. A case study of seven

professional tennis players was conducted in which the following methods were used:

structured interview with open questions, participant observation and document analysis.

Results: The final findings of this thesis are that top tennis players have different levels of

mental skills. The results have proven that the higher a tennis player ranks, the better results

were showed. Accordingly, players who are ranked higher than the 50th place according to the

ATP ranking achieved significantly better results.

Keywords: Mental skills, mental training