



THE EXAMINATION ACCORDING TO THE POSITION OF PLAYERS OF AEROBIC AND ANAEROBIC CAPACITY RELATION IN PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL PLAYERSⁱ

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Abstract:

The aim of this research is to examine the comparison of the aerobic and anaerobic capacity relationship according to positions of the professional football players (FP). The participants in this study were male FP ($n = 32$, $M_{\text{age}} = 22.19$, $SD = 2.33$, $M_{\text{height}} = 178$ cm, $SD = 0.04$, $M_{\text{weight}} = 73.05$ kg, $SD = 7.39$, $M_{\text{bodyfat \%}} = 9.01$, $SD = 3.43$, $M_{\text{bodymasindex}} = 23.25$, $SD = 2.23$), who professional trained regularly. They participated WAnT and shuttle run tests in order to measure anaerobic power (AnP) ($M_{\text{AnP}} = 14.31$ watt/kg, $SD = 1.57$), anaerobic capacity (AnC) ($M_{\text{AnC}} = 7.5$ watt/kg, $SD = 0.4$), maximal heart rate (HR_{max}) ($M_{\text{HRmax}} = 179$ beat per minute, $SD = 16.8$) and maximal oxygen consumpt ($VO_{2\text{max}}$) ($M_{\text{VO'_{max}}} = 51.8$ ml/kg/min, $SD = 4.25$). According the positions (defence – midfield and forward) of the FP, there isn't a statistical difference among HR_{max} , $VO_{2\text{max}}$, AnP and AnC ($p > 0.05$). There is no longer the concept of classical position in today's football so the features specific to classical position change. All of the footballers perform in both attack and defense. In accordance with the coach tactics, midfielder and striker blocks are constantly moving back and forth as the field is shrinks and so each player is about the same distances.

Keywords: explosive strength, flexibility, lower limb strength, speed, strength

1. Introduction

Football is a sport required half-time activity which uses both aerobic and anaerobic system. The training frequency of the player continues potently from walking to sprint during the competition. Abrupt halt, depart and turns should be done by the sportsmen

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are basic factors so that they can represent their performances just like running, strike, jumping in the best possible way and can get the strong aerobic and anaerobic components consisted of strength, speed and power combination during the match (Bangsbo et al., 2006; Tosun et al., 2017; Borrás et al., 2017; Nitzsche et al., 2018).

The way of development as well aerobic and anaerobic endurance, flexibility and neuromuscular coordination features and the way of success with these abilities in the area make sportsmen obligatory to be in a specific point in most of the psychomotor parameters (Acikada et al., 1999; Scott, 2011; Li et al., 2018).

As football is a sports branch having feature of basic aerobic endurance, which can be sometimes very severe at irregular intervals, mostly reflecting the character of an anaerobic game and requiring multiple sports skills, many of scientific studies are need to be made for those who are dealing with this sport (Acikada et al., 1999; Vanderford et al., 2005; Borrás et al., 2017).

Physical and athletic construction differences between defense and forward players disappear in football. This phenomenon must be normal. Advanced players with speed and quickness can resist to the players in high speed and quickness level. In football, sprint isn't long more than 27,5 m. Usually it is about 4-5 meters. Because of the press application which is very important in today's football, successive maximum efforts between 1 and 3 seconds must be done with short rest intervals (Rabson, 1987).

An effective training should be based on the physical methods appropriate to the structure of the individual, as well as on the physical and physiological needs of the sports branch. The aim of the training program applied to footballers is to improve their physical and physiological efficiency. The increasing of sportsmen efficiency is the result of directly quantity and quality of the performance carried out in training (Garganda et al., 1993; Dillern, 2017).

Football is related to anaerobic energy actions required sudden accelerations, direction changing, abrupt halts, head out to ball and shooting (Bompa, 1998; Scott, 2011). The increasingly gradually content and intensity of football make their anaerobic strength and capacities much more important. Football is a sport required intermediate activity which uses both aerobic and anaerobic system. The footballers must have strong aerobic and anaerobic components consisting of a combination of strength, speed and power in order to display their performances ideally such as running, hitting and jumping during the match. (Bangsbo and Michalsik, 2002; Dillern, 2017; Scott, 2011).

This research was to examine and compare according to their positions of aerobic and anaerobic capacity relation in professional footballers.

2. Method

2.1. Participants

From a professional football team which takes place in third league of Turkish Football Federation, 32 FP were targeted. The participants in this study were male FP (n=32,

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This research was conducted in accordance with the ethics statement of committee of the Kirikkale University before participation (Decision No: 127 Date; 29/06/2012.). Written parental permission was also provided for all volunteers.

2.2. Measures

In this study, after taken weight, height, body fat rate belonging to all players, WAnT and 20 meters' shuttle run test was applied.

2.2.1. Body weight: In the measurement of person body weight, sensitive 0.01 kg electronic scale with printer was used, produced by Huray Baskul Istanbul. There were only shorts on them; they were registered with barefoot and in anatomic upright position. The weighing results were recorded in the computer after to be seen on electronic indicator.

2.2.2. Height: The height of experimental group is measured by Soehnle Ultrasonic Height measure when they are stand up and the values are recorded in cm in the positive of anatomic position, bare foot, abreast of wheels, hold his/her breath, frontal head and overhead tray is the same line of vertex point.

2.2.3. Heart Rate Measurements: The heart rate measurements of research group were identified Polars 810 measuring device and Polar Precision Software computer packaged software. Before installing, sticking, transmitter electrodes found within of transmitters are humidified sufficiently because in this way the conductance increases so they are contacted with skin. Transmitter is placed just above on chest cage. During the pulse measurement cell phone, television and just like this magnetics have been avoided.

2.2.4. Body Composition Measurements: On the purpose of determination of experimental group of body fat rate is used "Tanita Body Composition Analyzer TBF-300 Japan" bioelectric impedance analyzer. After the values of experimental group has been done to the analyzer monitor to determine their body composition. As for their heights, ages, genders and exercise levels; they are asked for step up on the Tanita Body composition analyser device with bare foot and especially non-wet. Body mass index, body fat mass, body fat rate, body mass, fat free body mass are measured and confirmed. Before the measure steel scale is cleaned and dried the body weight, body fat percentage and the quality of muscle are measured automatically in kilograms.

2.2.5. Wingate Anaerobic Test (WAnT): For this test, Monark brand 834 E model bicycle with weight bridge and a computer set up related to this bicycle is used. Before they were tested, they were informed about this test and the bicycle is made fit for each person. In bicycle ergo meter between 60-70 pedal period/minute at speed of pedal, between 4-8 second timing including 2 or 3 sprint and 4-5 minutes' warm-up exercises were applied. After warming between 3-5 handlebar setting minute passive recreation is given to them. After warming and rest, saddle and settings are made for each research member. The level of sitting of each research member in the saddle is arranged

to the point of extension, while he/she is pedaling in the lowest point of pedal and his/her feet are locked onto pedal by the help of clips. The weight corresponding to 7.5% of each research member body weight, during the test, is placed as a resistance weight on scale of bicycle and so test is started. First, they are demanded to maintain their pedal speed firstly 3-4 seconds unloaded, later with 30 seconds as loaded the highest possible maximal pedal speed. They are encouraged verbally during the test.

2.2.6. 20-meter Shuttle Run Test: This test designed for measuring aerobic power is realized on non-slippery floor. During test, signal is arranged according to the signal from producer. In the case of access to the line before signal tone. The signal tone is waited for running another direction and if signal tone is missed two times, test has been finalized. For this application, marker funnels are placed on every two sides of 20-meter distance (Winnick and Short, 1999).

2.3. Procedure

Before the tests, calibration and linearity control has been made and reliability has been tested. Test and measurements are in 2 days. First day in the morning, player's height, weight, body mass, body fat percentage and pulse indications have been taken. In the afternoon, 20-meter shuttle run test has been executed. The measurement has been made in sports hall.

2.4. Data analyses

Age (year), body weight (kg), height (cm), BMI (W/H²), body fat percentage and heart rate of the group have been obtained. Descriptive statistics (average, standard deviation, minimum-maximum) Kruskal Wallis H-test has been applied to find differences according to the different age groups of footballers' anaerobic power, capacity number of shuttle and max VO₂ values and according to their positions. Height, body weight and descriptive statistics belonging to VKI values have been obtained. For statistical analysis, SPSS 17.0 package software is used.

3. Results

In this part, table and comments related to descriptive results of some parameters acquired from research group according to the differences relevant to positions and age groups have been showed. Ages, weights, heights, body mass index, maximal heart rate speeds, AnP, AnC values of football players are given in Table 1.

Table 1: Antropometric and Physiologic values according to the status of Professional Men Professional Footballers

Status	Defender N:13 X±SD	Midfield N:10 X±SD	Striker N:9 X±SD	Total N:32 X±SD
Age (Year)	21.85±2.544	22.20±2.658	22.67±1.732	23.68±2.36
Weight (kg)	79.77±8.21	71.59±4.30	72.36±7.84	73.05±7.39
Height (meter)	1.80±0.04	1.75±0.03	1.79±0.05	1.78±0.04

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BF (%)	10.77±3.48	7.47±2.54	8.18±3.38	9.01±3.43
BMI	23.81±2.62	23.32±1.91	22.35±1.85	23.25±2.23
AnP (W/kg)	14.31±1.65	13.60±1.73	15.11±0.89	14.31±1.57
AnC (W/kg)	7.55±0.38	7.44±0.53	7.73±0.36	7.57±0.43
Hrmax (beat/min.)	185.6±16.4	176.5±17.5	172.1±14.6	179.0±16.8
VO2max (ml/kg/mn)	50.67±5.08	51.525±2.871	53.75±3.96	51.80±4.25

Descriptive values have been calculated according to the status of those consisting research groups and finally by dealing with all footballers.

According to the difference in age groups and status of anaerobic power capacity, the number of shuttle and max VO₂ values, tales and comments are given below.

Average and standard deviation values according to the age groups of research team are given in Table 2.

Table 2: Average and standard deviation values according to the age groups of research team

Age		Weight	Height	BMI
19-22 age (n=9)	X±SD	73.98 ±6.53	1.80±.05	22.81±1.93
23-24 age (n=13)	X±SD	73.12±9.05	1.78±.04	23.05±2.76
25 age and over (n=10)	X±SD	75.66±6.10	1.77±.04	23.90±1.72
Total (n=32)	X±SD	74.15±7.39	1.78±.04	23.25±2.23

When Table 2 was examined, it seems that age group 25 and over body weight and VKI values are higher than others and the height of 19-22 age groups is more than other age groups. According to the VKI parameters from research group, the highest VKI value is 25 and over.

Table 3: Average and standard deviation values according to their status

Status		Weight	Height	V.K.I.
Defender (n=13)	X±SD	77.37±8.21	1.81±.043	23.81±2.62
Striker (n=9)	X±SD	72.36±7.84	1.79±.051	22.35±1.85
Midfield (n=10)	X±SD	71.59±4.30	1.75±.030	23.32±1.91
Total (n=32)	X±SD	74.15±7.39	1.78±.04	23.25±2.23

Examined Table 3, it seems that body weight, height and VKI values of defense players are higher than other players. Kruskal Wallis H-test results are given in Table 4 according to the status of anaerobic power, capacity, number shuttle, and Max VO₂ values of research team.

Table 4: Kruskal Wallis H-test results according to the status of anaerobic power, capacity, number shuttle, and Max VO₂ values of research team

Variance* Status		N	X±SD	X ²	Sd	P
Anaerobic power	Defense	13	14.31±1.65	2.351	2-29	.113
	Striker	9	15.11±.89			
	Midfield	10	13.60±1.73			
Anaerobic capacity	Defense	13	7.55±.38	1.041	2-29	.366
	Striker	9	7.73±.36			
	Midfield	10	7.44±.53			
Number of shuttle	Defense	13	93.00±15.75	2.107	2-29	.140
	Striker	9	104.22±10.76			
	Midfield	10	95.50±10.04			
MaxVO ₂	Defense	13	50.67±5.08	1.469	2-29	.247
	Striker	9	53.75±3.96			
	Midfield	10	51.52±2.87			

When Table 5 is examined it seems that anaerobic power, capacity, number of shuttle and Max VO₂ values don't show any differences in terms of the status (p>0.05). Considering this finding, it is estimated that defender, striker and midfields have similarities in terms of anaerobic power, capacity, number of shuttle and Max VO₂ values.

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Examined Table 4 there are no differences through age groups in terms of anaerobic power, capacity, number shuttle, and Max VO₂ values of research team (p>0.05). In regards of this finding, the footballers in different age groups have similarities values in terms of anaerobic power, capacity, number shuttle, and Max VO₂ values.

4. Discussion

The height and weight are the most distinct and observable physical qualities for choosing footballer. In nowadays football, the importance of struggle shows an advance. The players who are powerful physically can survive. It can be seen differences according to the status in height and weight of footballers. These differences can be normal. The excess of weight and fat tissue can affect physical performance negatively. It is known that those whose body fat level is low, can show higher performance in comparison with those whose body fat level is higher (Kizilet et al., 2004). It is detected that the average of age is $24,75 \pm 5.17$ -year, height is $179,58 \pm 6.1$ cm, body mass is 72.43 ± 8.31 of the footballers from third team who participate to the study made by Marangoz and Gencay (2017). In the study made by Duyul (2005) it is found that average of age is 23.33 ± 1.33 -year, height is $173,85 \pm 4.75$ cm, body mass is 72.43 ± 8.31 . In the study made by Tas (2006) it is detected that average of age is 23.53 ± 3.6 -year, height is 173 ± 5.1 cm, body mass is 67.84 ± 5.1 , and finally in this study made by Kutlu et al. (2007) to Kirikkale sport professional players, the height has found as 178 ± 3.05 .

Statistical data in each four studies show similarities in this study. Anthropometric features (heights, weights, body fat rates) can affect the performances of footballers. Weight of anthropometric features is an important factor in skill. The excess of body weight and body fat rate will be able to limit the skill in proportion to muscles. As for Alemdaroglu et al. (2007), the footballers with normal value will be more successful in body weight parameter.

In the study made by Casajus (2001), in Espanola league 15 elite professional footballers' body fat percentage is determined as 8.2 ± 0.91 . Another study realized by Sergezj (2003), has shown that total body fat percentage of footballers who participate in this study is 9.6 ± 2.5 . In the study made by Tamer (1995), they found Galatasaray football team's body fat percentage average is 7.36 ± 0.48 , that of Konyaspor is 7.03 ± 0.64 . One another study made by Marangoz and Gencay (2017), it is shown that average fat percentage of footballers is registered as 8.35 ± 3.24 . The study made by Sergezj (2003) shows some similarities with our study. The differences between studies made by Ozberk et al. (2009) and Marangoz and Gencay (2017) and our study show less fat percentages of elite footballers and also group, and personnel differences can be delivered from league and period differences.

There is no absolute data about ideal total body fat percentage intended for sport branches. Although sportsmen are in the same sport branches according as genetic and other factors, they can have body fat which they can present different performances. That's why there can be some similarities and differences between body fat percentage averages that we obtained in the literature. These differences may be related to the difference of practice levels, eating habits or method and formulations used for calculation.

There is no a statistical difference through maximal oxygen capacities ($VO_2\max$), anaerobic power (Anp) and anaerobic capacity (AnC) values according to the status of

footballers consisting research group. ($p>0.005$). Although there is an approximate 55% correlation positively between maximal oxygen capacities ($VO_2\max$) and anaerobic capacities (AnC), the correlation values obtained is meaningless statistically ($p>0.05$).

Although there is an approximate 19% correlation positively between maximal oxygen using capacities ($VO_2\max$) of midfielders and anaerobic capacities (AnC), correlation values obtained isn't meaningfully statistically ($p>0.05$). Although there is an approximate 36% correlation positively between maximal oxygen using capacities ($VO_2\max$) of strikers and anaerobic capacities (AnC), correlation values obtained isn't meaningfully statistically ($p>0.05$). Although it is found 9% correlation between maximal oxygen using capacities ($VO_2\max$) of defenders and anaerobic powers (AnP), correlation values obtained is meaningless statistically ($p>0.05$). Although it is found 2% correlation between maximal oxygen using capacities ($VO_2\max$) of defenders and anaerobic powers (AnP), correlation values obtained is meaningless statistically ($p>0.05$). Although it is found 0.3% correlation negatively between maximal oxygen using capacities ($VO_2\max$) of strikers and anaerobic powers (AnP), correlation values obtained is meaningless statistically ($p>0.05$).

In the conclusion of ANOVA test made in terms of maximal heart rate (KAHmax) showing whether there is a difference or not, there has no significant difference ($p>0.05$). There was no significant difference between aerobic and anaerobic capacities relation according to the status (Defense, midfield- striker, defense-striker) of professional footballers' constituent research group ($p>0.05$).

In the study that Minahan et al. (2007) have made, the relation between anaerobic power and anaerobic capacity has been evaluated. 7 men and 7 women have been tested Wingate anaerobic and anaerobic power, anaerobic capacity and tiredness index have been detected. According to the findings of this study, high anaerobic power doesn't indicate better anaerobic capacity and additionally there is relation about anaerobic capacity to be able to protect power problem for 30 seconds bicycle sprint (Minahan et al., 2007; Ostojic, 2003).

The aim of the study made by Al-Hazzaa *et al.* (2001) is to detect the relation between aerobic and anaerobic power data of elite footballers. 23 national team footballers have participated in this study. Anaerobic powers of the footballers were tested by Wingate anaerobic test and in 5, 10, 20 and 30 seconds anaerobic power and anaerobic capacity values have been taken. Respiratory anaerobic step value of footballers is 43, 6ml.kg-1. min.-1 and when body fat percentages ($12,3\pm 2.7\%$), anaerobic power values $873,6\pm 141.8W$, anaerobic capacities are recorded as $587.7\pm 55.4 W$ (Al-Hazzaa et al., 2001).

Examining anaerobic performance and body compositions of elite young wrestlers, Vardar et al. (2007) have found a positive meaningful relation between anaerobic power, anaerobic capacity, minimum power and lean body mass. Additionally, there have been some similarities relations between the same variables and body weight but there has no meaningful relation between body fat percentage and anaerobic parameters (Vardar et al., 2007). In the studies according to the status

physiological profiles the sportsmen playing in Irish football examined by McIntyre and Hall (2005), they have found that midfielders players can produce more power in vertical jumping than defenders and attackers. There is no meaningful difference among defend, attack and midfield players in Wingate test both absolute and relative power values (McIntyre and Hall, 2005).

In the studies compared of young footballers' anaerobic tests of Alemdaroglu et al. (2007), it hasn't been found any relation in anaerobic power, anaerobic capacity and fatigue indications. Additionally, there was a meaningful relation in anaerobic power, heart rate and average oxygen consumption (Alemdaroglu et al., 2007). In the studies of Bostanci et al. (2004), on amateur footballers, they compared the footballers according to their status, but they can't find a meaningful difference (Bostanci et al., 2004). In the studies compared of 125 young footballers' anaerobic tests of Alemdaroglu et al. (2007), they haven't found a meaningful relation in anaerobic power, anaerobic capacity and fatigue indications (Alemdaroglu et al., 2007). Vardar et al. (2001), have compared wingate anaerobic power test and speed running test values according to the statuses of professional footballers and in these test, they especially emphasized that strikers are better in both Wingate test values and speed tests (Vardar et al., 2001). Whereas the heights of players participated in our study are parallel with the height values in literature, their weights are lower than the literature values. In the study made by Arnason et al. (2004), about total 301 elite players from on Iceland football first and second league team, they determined that body fat percentage is average 10,5%, in Al Hazzaa Saudi professional football players' body fat percentage 12,3%, Rico Snaz Spain elite footballers' body fat 10% (Arnason et al., 2004).

In our study, body mass index values in defenders is 23.81 ± 2.62 kg/m², in midfielders is 23.32 ± 1.91 kg/m², in strikers is 22.35 ± 1.85 kg/m². As to body fat percentage is 10.77 ± 3.43 in defenders, in midfielders is 7.47 ± 2.54 , in strikers is 8.18 ± 3.38 . These values match up with body mass index values in literature, but the body fat percentages are lower than literature values. The reason of these low values can be probably related to low age averages and for this reason, the fat rate of body mass is lower because of the age. In our study, all group of body fat rate is the same value, so we believe it results from the difference age groups of footballers and different exercises. In his study, Karakoc (2009) has studied for determining aerobic and anaerobic energy systems with 12 volunteers in the age group of 15 struggling on the background of professional football team consequently it has been no significant relation in distance following Yo-Yo tests. Compared with VO₂max values directly measured and the distance, it has been no important difference, either. The relation between Yo-Yo IR tests and VO₂max isn't parallel so the results from Yo-Yo IR tests don't reflect exactly direct measure results made on treadmill; it reflects better repetitive exercises construction including violent actions (Bangsbo et al., 2006). Based on these results, it is thought it will be better to use these tests for determining endurance performance and for pursuit of endurance performance instead of specifying of VO₂ max indirectly and using for pursuit of VO₂ max development. As for compared

KAH_{max} values, a significant difference was found. This difference is related to KAH_{max} value obtained from KAH_{max} from endurance test and VO_{2max} test. It can be said that according to these results, IRT1 and IRT2 tests are interchangeable. When the anaerobic construction of anaerobic is examined, an important difference was not found in average power from Wingate test and highest power values with distance following Yo-Yo tests. According these results, anaerobic capacity contents of Yo-Yo tests contents can be interpreted as low. 41 professional football players from Turkey Super league (22 persons) and Turkey Bank Asya League (19 persons) have participated in the study of Taka. They are grouped by their statues as defenders, midfielder and striker and it was studied to be compared with footballers' physical convenience levels according to their statues. As a result, there is a difference in physical convenience parameters according to their statues. Between the groups, there was no difference in related to flexibility, agility, BKI, weight, speed, fat rate values and the reason of these was thought that most of the footballers' life has the same background and also has the same exercises programs. With the chance of nowadays football, unfortunately notion of classic football is eliminated. For this reason, the features special to classic position required for each position change. All footballers have both attack and defense missions. In parallel with requirements of coaches, as the field gets smaller, defense, midfield and strike blocks move constantly so each footballer approximately pass the same distance.

5. Conclusion

There is a difference in physical convenience parameters according to their statues. Between the groups, there was no difference in related to flexibility, agility, BKI, weight, speed, fat rate values and the reason of these was thought that most of the footballers' life has the same background and also has the same exercises programs. With the chance of nowadays football, unfortunately notion of classic football is eliminated. For this reason, the features special to classic position required for each position change. All footballers have both attack and defense missions. In parallel with requirements of coaches, as the field gets smaller, defense, midfield and strike blocks move constantly so each footballer approximately pass the same distance.

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