

# Chapter 10

## THE EFFECT OF SHOTS ON TARGET ON WINNING THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINAL GAME

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### 1.INTRODUCTION

Football is a game that can be played with any parts of the body except hand, is based on scoring goals without conceding any during the match, and the final result is decided upon goals scored (Emre, 2000). It has evolved into an important industry thanks to its popularity among people and media support (Özbar, 2002), and is now one of the most watched sports around the world. Scientific and technological developments, advancements of communication systems, new applications of FIFA in national football leagues and remarkable transfer fees in recent years have been increasing the interest in this game more and more. All actors in the football world need to keep up with these changes and developments to be successful. Therefore, it is of vital importance to display a high performance and reach new skills and information as well as monitoring new methods and technologies (Çakıroğlu *et al.*, 2002). It is necessary for a football coach to analyze the match and his players. These analyses enable coaches to efficiently use his players and players to complete their task satisfactorily on the pitch. Thus, coaches are required to analyze all matches in order to minimize errors in assessment and tactical research and monitor the performance of all players during the game (Tiryaki, 1995).

Analysis programs can be used to collect information about all action during the game and immediately yield the related data. Additionally, they make it possible to analyze physical, technical and tactical performances of football players during the match (Balyan *et al.*, 2007). It is often difficult to observe footballers' movements during a football match and to exactly remember them later. For this purpose, many different analysis methods were developed by observers and administrators. Paper and pen method is one of the simplest methods as it allows observers to record frequency length and data ( Ziyagil, M.A., Çebi, M., "1998).

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In conclusion, while no statistically significant differences were found among percentages of shots in the present study, it is evident that winning teams had more shots on target. This can be explained by the fact that winning teams look for a goal compared to their rivals and, as a result, score a goal and that the players in the winning team take more effective shots.

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