

Analysis of China's "must win" table tennis environment

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Abstract

Team China of table tennis formed in 1952. Later, because of its overwhelming success, table tennis becomes a national sport. During the past 50 years, team China won nearly all the gold medals in world's top competitions. Team China's mentality is simple: "Only the gold counts; without gold, it's nothing." Following this hard line of spirit, China has developed a "must win" table tennis environment to support her national sport. In this environment, both technical and mental skills of table tennis have been researched and implemented in the competitions. In this study, we aimed to analyze China's "must win" table tennis environment and extract useful information to help our own table tennis development in Taiwan. Examples, discussion, and conclusions are presented in the report.

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