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The Analysis of the Game of Blind Tennis

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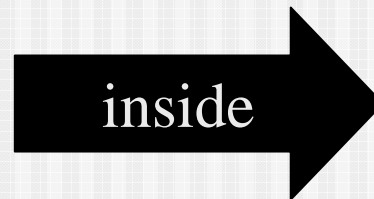
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Introduction

- Blind Tennis was originally created as tennis for the blind by Miyoshi Takei in 1984 and the first tournament was held at the National Rehabilitation Center for the Disabled in 1990.
- Visually impaired versions of various sports are played on the ground and the floor. But Blind Tennis is played in the three dimensions over the net, using a special ball. The exterior of the ball is sponge with a rattling table tennis ball inside.



**a short tennis racket or a tennis racket for junior players
(under 22 inches)**



The ball emits a rattling sound. It contains a table tennis ball for the blind at a core. The table tennis ball has 4 small metal bearings inside.

objective

We have compared the men's finals of Japan Blind Tennis Open with the game of top professional tennis players. We have analyzed some content of two games.

It is one way to clear the distinctive features of blind tennis.

The content of analysis

●Blind Tennis 2008 Men's Finals
Miyoshi Takei VS Yasuji Segawa

●Dilley Beach International 2008 Men's Finals
Kei Nishikiori VS Bleak James

★We compare 4 games, as blind tennis was played 4 games.

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- ①time of play ②time out of play
- ③maximum play time to get one point
- ④minimum play time to get one point ⑤average play time to get one point
- ⑥the maximum number of rallies ⑦the minimum number of rallies
- ⑧the average number of rallies
- ⑨the possibility of first services ⑩the kinds of miss shot

Result

- ① Time of play ② Time out of play

Blind Tennis

The total time of the game 20minutes 53 seconds

Time of play: 6minutes 08 seconds

Time out of play: 14minutes 45 seconds

Normal Tennis

The total time of the game 18minutes 17 seconds

Time of play: 4minutes 09 seconds

Time out of play: 14minutes 08 seconds

Compared these two,time of play takes longer to play blind tennis.

There is hardly any difference in the average number of rallies. The rule of blind tennis, in which players can hit a ball within 3 bounces, is thought to affect the result.

There is any other difference.

③maximum play time ④minimum play time ⑤average play time

Blind Tennis

maximum: 33.3 seconds

minimum: 3.0 seconds

average: 11.9 seconds

Normal Tennis

maximum: 28.0 seconds

minimum: 2.4 seconds

average: 6.7 seconds

Compared these two, the average play time is longer to play blind tennis.

The differences of the tools, the speed of the ball, the size of the tennis court are thought to affect the result.

⑥maximum rallies ⑦minimum rallies ⑧average rallies

Blind Tennis

maximum, : 11

minimum, : 1

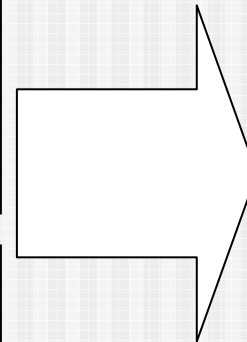
average: 3.1

Normal Tennis

maximum: 11

minimum: 1

average: 4.0



Compared these two, the number of the rallies is almost the same.

There is not much difference in the average play time to get one point.

⑨ The possibilities of first services

Blind Tennis

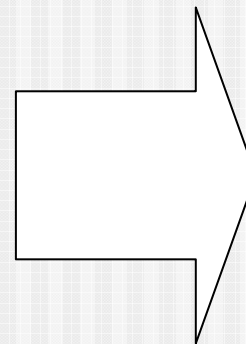
Takei = 72%

Segawa = 53%

Normal

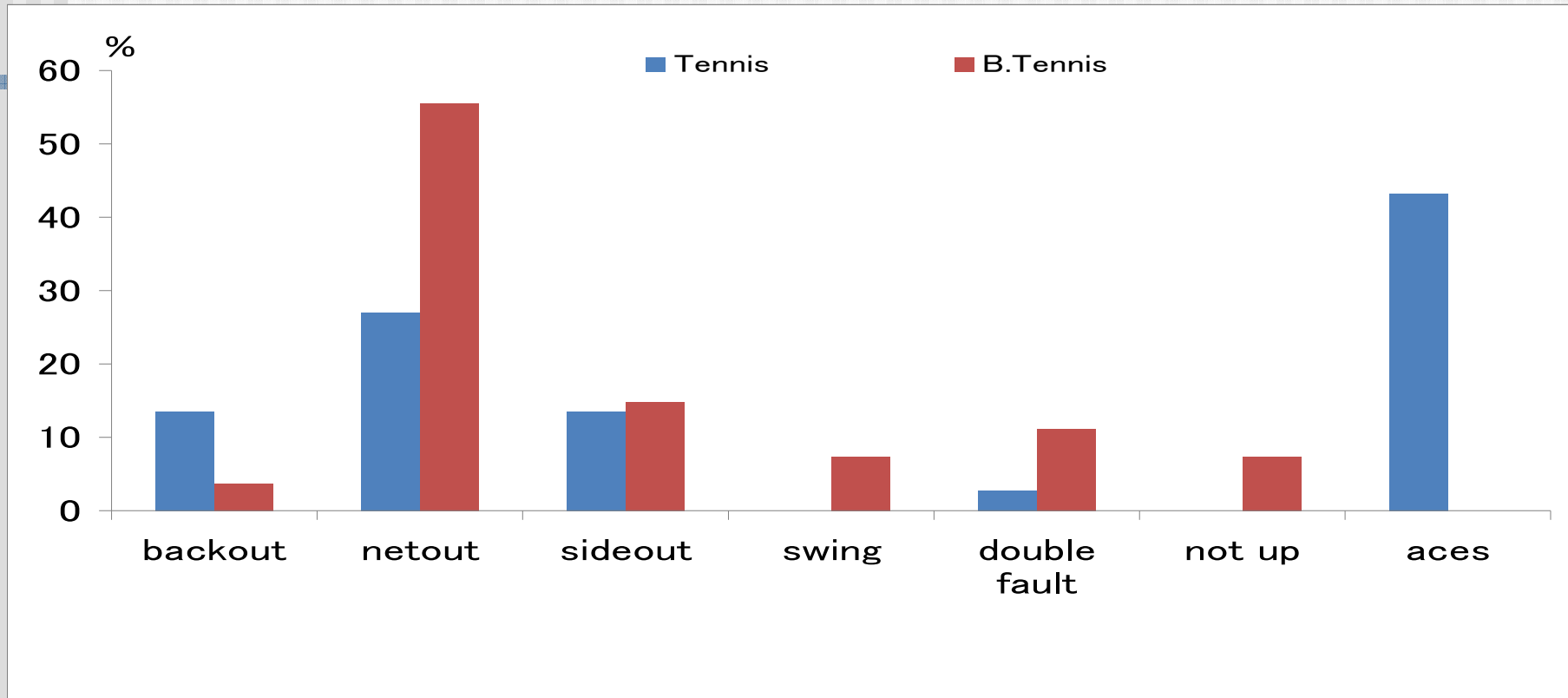
Nishikori = 85%

Blake = 71%



Compared these two, The possibilities of first services are higher in normal tennis.

⑩ The kinds of miss shot



- Compared these two, there are marked differences in swing, not up, and aces.

result

Compared blind tennis with normal tennis, there is a marked difference in the playing time. The speed of the ball affects the result, but most importantly, the number of the bounces thought to be the main cause. (Totally blind players are allowed three bounces.

And we can find differences in the kinds of miss shots.

But there are a lot of similarities between blind tennis and normal tennis in the other points.

The present regulations and rules are sufficient for the visually impaired to play tennis.

As a result, it can be said that visually impaired people can enjoy tennis using this form.