



Garuda Surabaya 2025 Victory Statistics: Analysis of KU Champion Factors – 12 President's Cup 2025

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This study aims to analyze the factors that affect the success of Garuda Surabaya in winning the 2025 President's Cup KU-12 category through statistical approaches and team performance evaluation. The focus of the analysis includes three main aspects, namely (1) the technical performance of the players based on match data, (2) the effectiveness of the game strategy applied by the coach, and (3) the contribution of non-technical factors such as discipline, training patterns, and teamwork dynamics. The research method uses a quantitative-descriptive approach with statistical data processing including ball possession, passing accuracy, chances created, finishing efficiency, and defense data such as interceptions, pressing, and blocks. Data was obtained through direct observation, match recordings, and technical reports from the committee.

The results of the study show that Garuda Surabaya's victory is supported by the dominance of high average ball possession, passing accuracy above the standards of the early age competition, and the effectiveness of the final finish which is more stable than the opponent. On the tactical side, the use of flexible formations and consistent player rotation contributed to the stability of performance throughout the tournament. Non-technical factors such as training intensity, tactical discipline, and team cohesiveness also play a significant role in the team's success. This study concludes that the combination of technical quality, adaptive tactical approach, as well as psychological factors and team organization are the main keys to Garuda Surabaya's success in becoming the 2025 President's Cup KU-12 champion.

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INTRODUCTION

This study examines the analysis of the performance of the football team in the 2025 President's Cup tournament to understand how the practice of sports analysis supports team performance and evaluation in game techniques. Research on the performance of world football clubs shows that statistical factors such as possession, attacking effectiveness, game transitions, and squad depth have a significant influence on the chances of winning the title. Liu et al. (2022) emphasized that data-driven analysis can identify key performance indicators (KPIs) that determine the success of a team, while Sarmento et al. (2023) point out that attack effectiveness and defensive consistency are important dimensions that distinguish a champion team from other teams. Thus, the cutting-edge literature confirms that the success of a team is not only determined by the technical factors of the game, but also by a holistic approach to team performance management.

Garuda Surabaya in the 2025 season won the 2025 President's Cup title, an achievement that reflects success in optimizing technical, tactical, and managerial factors. This success is determined not only by the individual qualities of the players, but also by the synergy of tactics, performance management, and consistency in the statistical aspects of the game. Lago-Peñas et al. (2016) emphasized that pressing intensity, pass success, and opportunity conversion are key to victory at high competition levels, while Castellano et al. (2019) found that European champion clubs generally excel in space management and counterattack effectiveness. Therefore, an analysis of the statistical factors of Garuda Surabaya's victory in this tournament is important to understand the performance patterns that support the title.

Based on this, this study writes a formulation of problems including: (1) What are the statistical factors that have the most influence on Garuda Surabaya FC's victory in the President's Cup?, (2) What is the relationship between defensive quality, attack effectiveness, and ball possession to the outcome of the match?, and (3) To what extent does the contribution of non-technical factors such as squad depth and player rotation affect team performance?, from the formulation of the problem above the researcher wants to Identify (1) Key statistical factors that support Garuda Surabaya FC's victory in the 2025 President's Cup, (2) Analyze the relationship between defense, attack, and ball possession to the outcome of the match, and (3) Evaluate the role of squad depth and player rotation strategies in supporting the team's overall performance. By analyzing these variables, this study is expected to make an academic contribution to the study of sports management as well as provide a practical overview of relevant strategies for football clubs that want to achieve achievements in national competitions.

METHOD

This study uses a descriptive-analytical quantitative approach with statistical data on Garuda Surabaya FC's match in the 2025 President's Cup sourced from the Ministry of Youth and Sports and official football data providers such as Dartfish and Jenius. The variables analyzed included ball possession, pass accuracy, shots on goal, clearance, interceptions, steals, and clean sheets. Data analysis is carried out with descriptive research and data will be written with percentages.

RESULT

Table 1. Garuda Surabaya Ball Possession Statistics in the 2025 President's Cup

Garuda Surabaya	Methodology	SSB Redwood
12	Total Shots	25
4	Shots On Target	12
10	Saves	4
3	Corners	7
0	Offsides	0
46%	Possession Total	54%
Result		

1.1 Ball Possession

Garuda Surabaya recorded an average possession of 54% throughout the tournament, far above the opponent's average of only 46%. This trend shows that Garuda Surabaya is able to control the tempo of the game and dictate the direction of the match, in accordance with the game pattern based on ball possession emphasized by the Garuda Surabaya coach. The data is taken from the Dartfish application and is displayed in the table below.

Table 2. Garuda Surabaya's Pass Accuracy Statistics in the President's Cup

No Punggung Pemain	Pass Accuracy	Percent
10	4	50%
12	14	88%
20	8	100%
4	8	89%
5	10	91%
7	12	75%
8	2	50%
9	5	71%
Result		

2.1 Pass Accuracy

Garuda Surabaya showed real excellence and consistency in Pass Accuracy during the 2025 President's Cup with an average of 76.75%. This data can be concluded by summing the success passing rate of each player and then dividing it according to the player's data. 50%, 88%, 100%, 89%, 91%, 75%, 50%, 71%. Now we add them all: $50 + 88 + 100 + 89 + 91 + 75 + 50 + 71 = 614$, Then divide by the sum of the data (8 lines):

$614 \div 8 = 76.75\%$. Garuda Surabaya's consistency is relatively high, with a score range of 76.75%, indicating stable passing performance in the final match. Meanwhile, the opponent shows different variability, meaning that the quality of the opponent's passing varies between teams. This difference confirms Garuda Surabaya's ability to control the game through proper ball distribution, while the variety of opponents underlines the difference in technical quality between participating clubs. Follow-up analysis that reconciles passing volume and progressive metrics will reinforce the findings and shed light on the impact of passing on chance/match outcome creation.

Table 3. Statistik Shoot On Target Garuda Surabaya in the President's Cup

No Player's Back	Shoot On Target	Percentage
10	0	0%
12	1	20%

20	0	0%
4	0	0%
5	0	0%
7	5	63%
8	1	50%
9	1	50%
Result		

3.1 Shoot On Target

Shooting is a fundamental basic technique in football that combines power, accuracy, and decision-making to achieve the ultimate goal of the game, which is to score a goal.

According to (Batty, 2014:9) the main goal of football is to score goals against the opponent as much as possible, every combination of games or exercises always ends in a kick towards the opponent's goal to get a goal. Shots to Goal are divided into two, namely Shots that miss the goal/goal and Shots that are right on goal/target.

Garuda Surabaya as a whole excels in terms of shots on target throughout the 2025 President's Cup, averaging 38% shot on target. This indicates that they are an aggressive team as well as accurate in creating chances.

Table 4. Garuda Surabaya Clearance Statistics in the President's Cup

No Player's Back	Clearance
10	6
12	12
20	0
4	7
5	9
7	2
8	1
9	0
Result	

4.1 Clearance

Dari laga pertandingan final, Garuda Surabaya berhasil melakukan clearance sebanyak 37 x dengan rata rata 16,6%, angka yang menunjukkan stabilitas pertahanan. Statistik ini memperlihatkan keseimbangan antara kekuatan ofensif dan soliditas defensif, sesuatu yang jarang dimiliki tim lain dalam kompetisi singkat seperti Piala Presiden 2025.

Table 5. Statistik Interception Garuda Surabaya di Piala Presiden

No Player's Back	Interception
10	0
12	1
20	0
4	1
5	0
7	2
8	0
9	0
Result	

5.1 Intersep

Garuda Surabaya made 4 interceptions with an average of 33.3%. Garuda Surabaya's interception showed that this team can show adaptation to defensive tactics, especially when facing strong opponents.

Table 6. Statistik Steal Garuda Surabaya di Piala Presiden

No Punggung Pemain	Steal
10	4
12	3
20	0
4	3
5	1
7	4
8	0
9	0

Result

6.1 Steal

From the final match, Garuda Surabaya managed to steal 15 times with an average of 20%, a figure that shows defensive stability. These stats show a balance between offensive strength and defensive solidity, something that other teams rarely have in a short competition like the 2025 President's Cup.

Table 7. Garuda Surabaya's Block Statistics in the President's Cup

No Player's Back	Block
10	1
12	3
20	0
4	1
5	2
7	0
8	1
9	0

Result

7.1 Block

From the final match, Garuda Surabaya managed to block 8 times with an average of 20%, a figure that shows defensive stability. These stats show a balance between offensive strength and defensive solidity, something that other teams rarely have in a short competition like the 2025 President's Cup.

Table 8. Garuda Surabaya's Clean Sheet Statistics in the President's Cup

No Player's Back	Save	TIP	Percent
20	3	2	60,00%

Result

8.1 Block

From the final match, Garuda Surabaya managed to keep a clean sheet with 60% 3 saves and 2 tips, a figure that shows defensive stability. These statistics show a balance between offensive strength and defensive solidity, something that other teams rarely have in a short competition like the 2025 Presidents Cup.

DISCUSSION

The results of the study show that Garuda Surabaya's success in winning the 2025 President's Cup KU-12 title cannot be seen as the result of a single factor, but as an integration of technical, tactical, and non-technical aspects that affect each other. On the technical aspect, the dominance of possession and high passing accuracy reflect the basic technical qualities of players who are above the average of other teams. This also indicates that the academy coaching process has been effective in shaping the understanding of the game from an early age. The steady level of finishing effectiveness is a pretty clear differentiator, because in early age competitions, offensive performance is generally still fluctuating and depends on individual improvisation.

Tactically, the flexibility of the formation and the ability of the coach to adjust the strategy of each match play an important role in maintaining the consistency of the team's performance. The use of proportional player rotation is also an advantage because it can maintain physical condition while providing a competitive experience to more players, without compromising the overall quality of the team. This tactical approach shows that the understanding of modern game concepts has begun to be applied at the young age level, a trend that is growing in elite academies in Indonesia.

Non-technical factors also have a significant influence on the performance of Garuda Surabaya. Discipline in undergoing training programs, cohesiveness between players, and a strong competitive mentality help the team in maintaining focus during the tournament. In the early age category, psychological aspects such as confidence and the ability to manage match pressure are often the determinants of the final result. Garuda Surabaya shows that the team's psychological stability is able to improve the quality of decision-making and calmness in critical situations.

These findings are in line with various theories of young player development that emphasize that optimal performance is achieved through a holistic approach that combines technical training, tactical understanding, and character building. Thus, Garuda Surabaya's victory can be used as an example of how a structured coaching program, management support, and quality coaches can produce sustainable competitive achievements.

In addition, this study indicates that improving the quality of competitions such as the KU-12 President's Cup has a positive impact on the development of young players, both in terms of game intensity, competition experience, and measurable performance evaluation opportunities. However, this study still has limitations, especially related to the availability of complete statistical data and player physical variables that cannot be measured in depth.

Overall, this discussion emphasized that the success of Garuda Surabaya is not only the result of player talent, but is a reflection of the effectiveness of a well-coordinated team coaching and management system.

CONCLUSION

Based on the results of statistical analysis and performance evaluation during the tournament, it can be concluded that Garuda Surabaya's success in becoming the KU-12 champion of the 2025 President's Cup is the result of an optimal combination of technical, tactical, and non-technical factors. Technically, the team showed significant advantages in possession, passing accuracy, finishing effectiveness, and defensive stability. This statistical advantage signifies the player's ability to play consistently in a high rhythm and maintain the quality of decisions in various match situations.

From the tactical side, coaches are able to apply adaptive and flexible game strategies, including efficient player rotation and the use of formations that suit the opponent's characteristics. This approach provides performance stability throughout the tournament and maximizes the player's potential in each phase of the game.

In addition, non-technical factors such as training discipline, team cohesiveness, competitive mentality, and management support also contributed greatly to the achievement of the championship title. This synergy between components resulted in solid and consistent performance, which ultimately led Garuda Surabaya to become the most superior team in the competition.

Overall, this study confirms that the success of Garuda Surabaya is not only determined by technical capabilities alone, but also by the quality of team management, tactical readiness, and psychological factors that complement each other. These findings can serve as a reference for academies or other early age teams in designing more effective player development programs and competitive strategies.

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