AN ANALYSIS OF RACISM IN SPORT THROUGH DON HASKINS CHARACTER IN GLORY ROAD MOVIE

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Abstract

The research was focused on the historical event of a basketball coach who formed a basketball team with African American players as majority. The main purpose of this research was to determine the factors that influenced Don Haskins to recruit African Americans to Texas Western University in Texas and to identify the roles of sport in racial issue. The research method applied was library research. The analysis was done by taking some dialogues, observing the character of Don Haskins, and applied the Critical Race Theory. As the result of the analysis, it is implied that the Don Haskins recruits African American players because of his childhood experience and his ethic code of coaching. Besides that, the university also does not have enough budgets to recruit talented White American players. Sport was identified to have two roles in racial issue. Racism did occur in sport, but the sport itself was considered as a medium to decrease racism of minorities. (SO).

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