Performing under pressure: what can we learn from football penalty shoot-outs?

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In this paper, I outline a programme of research that has examined the antecedents of choking in sport through an analysis of successful and unsuccessful kicks in football penalty shoot-outs at the World Cup, the European Championships and in the UEFA Champions League. This body of research attests to the role of ego-threat, emotional distress and self-regulation breakdown for unsuccessful kicks and choking under pressure. The paper also outlines how this knowledge has informed interventions with professional football teams.
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