

# RESISTING THE FINANCIAL TEMPTATION OF THE CONTRACT CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE PLAYER AND THE CLUB IN THE IRAQI PREMIER LEAGUE IN FOOTBALL AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO PSYCHOLOGICAL TOUGHNESS

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## ABSTRACT

*The current study aimed to identify the resistance to financial temptation among the players of the Iraqi Premier League football clubs, as well as to determine the dimensions of the psychological hardness of the players, and then to address the extraction of the relationship between the resistance to financial temptation and the dimensions of psychological hardness, and then the extent of the contribution of the dimensions of psychological hardness to resisting the financial temptation of the players was determined. Then the descriptive approach was used in the style of correlational relations, to select a community and its research sample, who are the players of the Iraqi Premier League football clubs for the 2018-2019 season, who numbered 110 players, and with the help of research tools, which are the measure of resistance to financial temptation and the measure of psychological hardness prepared by the researcher. The researcher, after applying field procedures and analyzing the results, reached conclusions, including that the percentages of the contribution of psychological hardness variables were uneven in the variable of resistance to financial temptation for players, and then the researcher recommended conducting a study of the correlation between resistance to financial temptation and other variables such as (satisfaction of psychological compatibility of players, self-esteem of players, meaning of the environment Sports, sports personality traits) and set up a mentoring program to develop the dimensions of psychological hardness and the relationship of resistance to financial temptation with the dimensions of psychological toughness for the players of first-division football clubs in Iraq.*

**Keywords:** *Financial temptation; psychological toughness; the Iraqi Premier League in football.*

## INTRODUCTION AND IMPORTANCE OF THE RESEARCH

The team's board of directors is an important part of the educational and training administration. It is the main responsible for the educational and sports training process in its various aspects, whether at the administrative, athletic and technical levels. The player

is the active element and the main pillar in the team, in which the movement of development and achievement begins in many areas of training related to the football game, which can be fully digested by the technical staff of the team by focusing on training doses and the like in training work, and as a result of development Knowledge, sports mobility, and the increasing demands of technicians and administrators in the

specialized sports field in the game. The player may be exposed to many financial temptations or pressures that affect his performance, including the financial aspect, which requires attention and an upgrade in his sports efficiency. And due to the specificity of the player's work in the skillful, tactical and psychological aspects, he received the attention of many psychological studies that dealt with his psychological structure in order to achieve a balanced personality for him in the match and the sports environment, and due to the importance of the concept of resisting financial temptation in the player's sports life, the current research dealt with it because it did not receive much attention from researchers To the knowledge of the researcher. Therefore, after resisting financial temptation, it makes the player active and able to confront his whims, desires, and urgent needs directly and by using different methods of confrontation, specifically building his next future by obtaining the temptation side in the cash currency that gets between the player and the club during the administrative agreement by signing the contract between them. This makes that the player's enjoyment of resisting financial temptation is considered an essential factor in his knowledge of the methods that help him to strengthen the desirable behaviors socially and athletically and his technical performance in the match. The sports center and to deliberately choose certain responses that help him benefit from sports situations in a way that enables him to confront them personally and technically. The aforementioned shows the importance of this concept, resisting the financial temptation of the player's contract with the club, as it represents one of the two poles of the relational relationship with more than one component of the personality and other concepts that would contribute to understanding the players' behavior in the cohesion of the team as one group. Psychological studies in the field of educational and sports have shown That the player's sports life is not compatible with the unresolved conflict, whether this internal conflict threatens his psychological entity in the pressure of the match and makes him weak, or it is an external conflict that he receives from the audience and the sports community and shakes his connection with the external presence and his image in front of the sports community, and this is reflected in the level of the player technically and the results achieved in team sequence. Since this state of conflict is determined by the internal personal factors that are represented by the toughness of the player or his

inability to confront everything that happens around him in terms of different playing situations and social life situations, so educational and sports psychologists paid attention to the concept of the dimensions of psychological hardness and its enemy as positive personal variables and weakness in its level contributes to disability. The player's compatibility in the match and with the sporting environment and affects the level of his relations with other players and hinders his performance of his skillful, tactical and psychological duties given by the technical staff, since psychological toughness is one of the most important psychological and social sources that make the player able to withstand the pressures of matches and it also reduces the effects of exposure to those pressures. Which is related to other sources of resistance, such as self-esteem and social support for players in the sports center, and these sources interact with each other in the player's awareness of his psychological toughness, which in turn is affected by the player's high efficiency in his relationships with other players and his self-esteem. Since the psychological toughness in the sports field in its three dimensions acts as a variable that reduces the impact of stressful events on the physical and psychological health of the player, as the soccer player with high psychological toughness has a high ability to withstand pressure in various playing situations, so toughness helps the player to adapt positively and purposefully to deal with events Pressing sports, including the pressure of matches administratively and technically, and it performs operations to support the variables that protect against the effects of negative pressures, such as social support for players, sports social cohesion, and self-efficacy, and thus leads to achieving a strong sports personality that is able to withstand pressure and resist it towards the conditions of different matches, and contributes to the maturity of the player Technically, for playing positions and different match conditions.

Therefore, we find that the importance of the positive role played by the sports family in developing the psychological toughness of their players has a basic and effective role in social and sports support by clarifying alternative means in facing the pressures occurring in and outside the match and urging them to achieve good results and athletic achievement in order to impose what they aspire to in advancing in Rank the league and the

domestic and foreign championships, and thus will help them develop their psychological toughness.

### RESEARCH PROBLEM

Many of the situations of temptation to which the football player is exposed, including the financial aspect, may lead him to perform tense and uneven behaviors, including the weakness in the effectiveness of the technical performance in the match, and this will lead to his poor psychological compatibility in his general form, and the weak resistance of the player to financial temptation may affect his personality, and his sports behavior, whether at the level of the match or at the level of the social aspect and the sports milieu. The player is passive in meeting his desires and needs when his personal relationships are negative and he feels himself a failure as a result of defeatist responses, wrong learning, or his sense of lack of self-importance, and this may be from the sports audience and the technical staff, or he may succumb to situations of financial temptation and pressures from the sports group to which he belongs. Instead of self-control, as failure to resist financial temptation affects the player's success in exercising his sporting role in the various circumstances of the match, as it is considered a kind of failure in self-control for the players. And since the player's feeling of failure and his adoption of it as a justification to escape from facing internal and external pressures in all matches does not mean that the player in this way can get rid of his suffering or that he has found an appropriate solution to his internal and external conflicts, but rather he may add additional burdens on his shoulders represented by feeling physical stress or harm with his psychological and physical activities, and wasting his energies, and thus the player falls under the weight of a new set of pressures generated from his feeling of failure and failure to achieve positive results for the team, and it is necessary for the player to acquire personal characteristics that contribute to maintaining his psychological health effectively. , As the psychological toughness of the players with its three components (commitment, control, and challenge) are positive personal traits that make the player more flexible, optimistic, and able to overcome the problems of the various sports environment, whether in the one-team group or the sports center, as these traits act as a psychological variable that reduces the impact of

stressful events. In training units and the large number of matches, it is rather a source of resistance and prevention of the impact that stressful events may have on the mental and physical health of the player. In this regard, the player's lack of psychological toughness reduces his capabilities and abilities to solve mathematical problems and face the pressures that occur in the matches he is exposed to, which sometimes leads him to deny the existence of some problems or ignore them in the sports situation, and here comes the most important aspect of the studied research problem. Sometimes we see that the player He wants to get the most money when contracting with the club, and it may reach high amounts, and we see that few players contract with the club in loyalty to his club, and others we find that they only continue on financial rewards to keep the player's affairs going technically, economically and financially. As the seductive situations represented by the financial side, which may meet the player's urgent needs, include a kind of conflict in which the player must choose between complying with legal and financial standards according to the agreement prepared and optimal for the contract concluded between the player and the club's management through acceptable behavior or non-compliance with legal standards. Agreed upon to carry out unacceptable behavior mathematically to satisfy his urgent needs in the sports environment and one team group.

### RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

1. Resisting the financial temptation of the players of the Iraqi Premier League football clubs.
2. Dimensions of psychological hardness among the players of the Iraqi Premier League football clubs.
3. The relationship of resisting temptation with the dimensions of psychological hardness among the players of the Iraqi Premier League football clubs.
4. The extent to which dimensions of psychological hardness contribute to resisting financial temptation among the Iraqi Premier League soccer players.

### RESEARCH LIMITS

**Human Frontiers:** Players of Iraqi Premier League Football Clubs.

**Spatial boundaries:** arenas, halls and stadiums of the Iraqi Premier League football clubs.

Temporal boundaries: The football season of the Iraqi Premier League 2018-2019.

### THE MAIN SEARCH PROCEDURES:

This chapter includes a presentation of the research procedures in terms of defining and selecting the community and the sample, the two research tools and the procedures for their construction and application, and the statistical methods used to process the studied research data.

### FIRST. THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY AND ITS SAMPLE:

The current research community is determined by the players of the Iraqi Premier League football clubs for the season 2018-2019 - who number (300) players. The sample was chosen in a stratified random way, as it was chosen in a proportional manner (110) players, and this size is considered appropriate in constructing psychological measures (Al-Zobaie et al., 1981: 73) with a percentage of (36%) of the research community from the research sample. This size is also considered appropriate in the light of Nunnally's opinion (Nunnally, 1978), who indicates that the number of sample members for the purpose of conducting statistical analysis is appropriate to the size of the community. (Nunnally, 1978:179).

In order to measure the two variables of the current research: (resistance to the financial temptation of the player's contract and the dimensions of psychological toughness), the two scales were built, and the following presentation shows the steps for building these two scales:

- Measure of resistance to financial temptation for football players contracts:

In order to build a measure of resistance to financial temptation to contract players of the Iraqi Premier League football clubs, the researcher took the following steps:

- Determine the variable resistance to temptation:

For scientific integrity, the definition of Lazarus (Lazarus, 1994) was adopted for this concept after

adapting the study (Hussein, 2020) from the educational field to the sports field by adding the variable of resistance to (financial) temptation, as it tries to shed light on what is involved in the contract concluded between the player and the club as a football game. The process of attracting the most technically tender players is influenced by the value of the cash currency that takes place between the two parties, as it has the main role in knowing the financial temptation of the player and the amount of money that sometimes reaches a billion Iraqi dinars or half a billion Iraqi dinars, according to the highest, medium and lowest technical level in relation to the level of players in clubs and their financial stock exchange.

### SCALE FOR GATHERING ITEMS:

In order to collect and prepare the items of the measure of resistance to financial temptation, the researcher sought to obtain a measurement tool, and after examining a number of literatures that dealt with this concept theoretically through research and study, the researcher was unable to obtain a ready tool to measure the concept of financially resisting temptation for the contract concluded between the players of the Iraqi Premier League clubs tomorrow. Foot, with the exception of the general educational scale (Al-Qargouli, 2011), which was designed to measure resistance to temptation among university students. As 24 items were prepared with the following alternatives to the answer: (It applies to me completely, it applies to me often, it applies to me sometimes, it rarely applies to me, it does not apply to me at all) which gives the following weights in the case of positive items (5, 4, 3, 2, 1 ) on the sequence and the weights (1, 2, 3, 5,4) on the sequence in the case of the opposite items, emphasizing that there is no right or wrong answer as far as it expresses his opinion, reminding that there is no need to mention the name and that the answer will not be seen by anyone except the researcher This is to reassure the players of the confidentiality of his answer accurately, with an example showing how to answer.

- The opinions of the arbitrators in the items of the measure of resistance to financial temptation for contracts for football players and its instructions:

The scale was presented in its initial form with 24 items to (20) arbitrators specialized in the field of sports

psychology and sports training, including the aim of the research, and the theoretical definition adopted for the purpose of expressing their opinions regarding the validity of the items of the scale and depending on the opinions and observations of experts, as the acceptance

rate ranged between (85 % - 100% or more For the purpose of accepting or rejecting the paragraph, (24) items were retained, and their approval was obtained on the scale instructions and the answer alternatives, as shown in Table (1).

**Table (1) Rerefers' opinions on the validity of the items of the measure of resistance to financial temptation for contracts for football players**

Item No.	Number of Referees			Percentage	Chi Square Value		Statistical significance at the level (0.05)
	Total	Agreed	Disagreed		Calculated	Tabulated	
1.2.3.4.5.7.8.9.10.12.13.4..16.17.18.19.20.21.23.24.25.26.28.29.30.31.32	20	20	0	%100	20	3.84	Significant
6.15	20	18	2	%90	12.8	3.84	Significant
11.22.27	20	17	3	%85	9.8	3.84	Significant

• Analysis of the items of the financial attractiveness scale for football players contracts:

Statistically analyzing items is one of the basic requirements for constructing psychological measures, since the logical analysis of them may not reveal their validity or honesty in an accurate manner (Ebel, 1972:408). Suitable for statistical analysis (Imam, 114:1990).

In order to analyze the items of the scale of resistance to financial temptation for players according to this method, the scale of (33) items was applied to the research sample of (110) players, then the scores of the answers to the scale items were collected to extract the

total score for each player from the sample and arranged in descending order, starting from the highest score and ending Then (27%) of the questionnaires with the highest scores were chosen, and it was (30) forms and called the upper group, and (27%) of the forms with the lowest degrees were chosen, and it was (30) forms as well, with the aim of identifying two groups that are characterized by the largest size and the maximum possible contrast (Anastasi, 1976: 208). And by using the t-test for two independent samples to test the significance of the differences between the means of the upper and lower groups for each paragraph, it appeared that the t-value calculated for all items of this scale when compared with the tabular value was distinct at the level of significance (0.05), and Table (2) shows that.

**Table (2) The discriminatory power of vertebrae measure resistance to financial temptation to contract football players**

No.	Hight Group 27%			Low Group 27%		T-Calculated Value	Sig.
1.	2.778	1.219	1.643	0.678	4.292	2.778	Significant
2.	2.926	1.412	1.626	1.367	4.756	2.926	Significant

3.	2.963	1.344	1.821	0.723	3.948	2.963	Significant
4.	2.741	1.196	1.607	0.629	4.430	2.741	Significant
5.	3.000	1.240	1.786	0.876	4.213	3.000	Significant
6.	3.222	1.368	1.929	0.716	4.423	3.222	Significant
7.	3.185	1.302	1.821	0.772	4.754	3.185	Significant
8.	3.222	1.396	1.929	0.716	4.354	3.222	Significant
9.	3.074	1.412	1.786	0.738	4.269	3.074	Significant
10.	2.481	1.014	1.607	0.685	3.764	2.481	Significant
11.	3.000	1.144	1.750	0.799	4.722	3.000	Significant
12.	3.222	1.281	1.821	0.723	5.028	3.222	Significant
13.	3.000	1.330	2.107	0.786	3.047	3.000	Significant
14.	2.741	1.228	1.286	0.854	5.601	2.741	Significant
15.	3.037	1.160	2.393	0.786	2.421	3.037	Significant
16.	3.074	1.517	1.786	0.738	4.033	3.074	Significant
17.	2.704	1.265	2.286	1.243	2.236	2.704	Significant
18.	2.741	1.375	1.893	0.832	2.780	2.741	Significant
19.	3.037	1.427	1.679	0.772	4.419	3.037	Significant
20.	3.407	1.118	2.107	0.786	5.014	3.407	Significant
21.	3.185	0.879	2.036	0.637	5.583	3.185	Significant
22.	3.444	1.121	2.071	0.858	5.125	3.444	Significant
23.	3.333	1.000	2.286	0.810	4.284	3.333	Significant
24.	3.296	1.137	2.464	0.637	3.366	3.296	Significant

- The internal consistency of the calves measures the financial attractiveness of contracts for football players:

This method provides a reliable standard for finding the relationship between the scores of the players for each paragraph and the total score of the scale, and the correlation coefficient here refers to the level of measurement of the paragraph of the concept that is measured by the total score of the scale, that is, each paragraph goes in the same path as the whole scale. (Issawi, 51:1985).

And by using the *Pearson Correlation Coefficient* to extract the correlation coefficient between the degree of each paragraph and the total score of the scale, where the forms subject to analysis in this way were (110) forms showing that all correlation coefficients were statistically significant at the level (0.05) and with a degree of freedom (108), where the critical tabular value of the significance of the coefficient Correlation (0.19) and table (3) shows the correlation coefficients between each item and the total score of the scale.

**Table (3) Coefficients of consistency of the items of the material temptation measure for football players contracts**

No.	Consistency Coefficient	Significance	No.	Consistency Coefficient	Significance
F1	0.4984	significant	F13	0.4984	significant
F2	0.5037	significant	F14	0.5037	significant
F3	0.5413	significant	F15	0.5413	significant
F4	0.5123	significant	F16	0.5123	significant
F5	0.4984	significant	F17	0.4984	significant
F6	0.5037	significant	F18	0.5037	significant

F7	0.5413	significant	F19	0.5413	significant
F8	0.5170	significant	F20	0.5170	significant
F9	0.5044	significant	F21	0.5044	significant
F10	0.5369	significant	F21	0.5369	significant
F11	0.5128	significant	F23	0.5128	significant
F12	0.5910	significant	F24	0.5910	significant

### SCALE CONSISTENCY:

#### Test Consistency:

**First: Re-Testing:** The results of the second survey application were relied upon by re-testing a sample consisting of 50 players, two weeks after conducting the initial application, and after emptying the results and using the correlation coefficient (Pearson) for the objective items, the stability ratio reached 0.874.

#### Second: Cronbach's Alpha:

The results of the second exploratory experiment were relied upon to extract the stability of the test if the reliability coefficient in this way reached 0.899.

#### Dimensions of the dimensions of psychological toughness of soccer players:

In order to build a measure of the dimensions of psychological hardness among Premier League soccer players, the researcher took the following steps:

- **Determining The Variable Dimensions of Psychological Hardness Theoretically:**

The theoretical definition was determined by adopting the definition of Kobza (1979) for this concept that was previously referred to in the study of (Hussein, 2020) after adapting the two measures of resistance to temptation and the dimensions of psychological toughness from the educational field to the sports field.

#### Gather scale items:

In order to collect and prepare items for measuring the dimensions of psychological toughness of football players, the researcher looked at a number of scales that measured this variable or dealt with it theoretically, including the study of (Hamada and Abdel-Latif, 272: 2002) and the study of (Mukhaimer, 138: 1997). And the study of (Al-Bayrakdar, 2011:382).

As the researcher looked at these scales, none of them adopted that they measure psychological hardness as a one-dimensional concept, and this is contrary to the goal of the current research represented in measuring the concept of dimensions of psychological hardness according to the definition of Kobza (1979), in addition to the following reasons:

- The standards that the researcher looked at were built in cultural environments that differ from the current research environment, as well as not being suitable for the targeted research sample.
- And if the researcher was able to obtain summaries of Arab studies that dealt with the concept of dimensions of psychological hardness, he was unable to obtain the approved standards.
- The sports library specifically - as far as the researcher knows - did not have a scale to measure the dimensions of psychological toughness of Premier League soccer players, so it was necessary for him to build a scale to measure this concept.

In the light of the foregoing, the researcher adopted what is suitable from the items of those standards in accordance with the approved theoretical framework, as well as developing a number of items by taking advantage of the theoretical framework and some previous studies that were interrelated with the theoretical framework of the current research variable, as well as useful ideas that were derived through dialogue With trainers and specialists in the field of sports training science, sports psychology and educational psychology. As (31) items were chosen to measure the dimensions of the psychological hardness of the players, they were answered according to a five-point gradient.

• **Analysis of the psychological hardness dimensions of soccer players:**

The research followed the steps taken by the researcher on the scale of financial attractiveness in terms of exposure to experts and specialists, as all items reached an approval rate ranging between (80%-100%).

And then the scale was applied to the same sample of 110 players with the help of the assistant work team, if the discriminatory power of the items was extracted using the T law for two independent samples, as the results of all the items showed significant when compared with the tabular value of 1.98 at the level of significance 0.05 and the degree of freedom 108.

Then the researcher resorted to extracting the consistency of the paragraph with the total score using the simple correlation coefficient (Pearson), as all the items were significant when compared with the tabular value of 0.19 and a degree of freedom of 108.

**THE CONSISTENCY OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL HARDNESS SCALE:**

**First. Re-test:** The results of the second survey application were relied upon by re-testing a

sample of 50 players two weeks after the initial application. After unpacking the results and using the correlation coefficient (Pearson) for the objective items, the stability ratio was 0.834.

**Second. Cronbach's Alpha:**

The results of the second exploratory experiment were relied upon to extract the stability of the test, as the reliability coefficient in this way reached 0.865. Thus, the two scales became their final form, with modification and without deleting any of their items. Therefore, the results of the exploratory application were relied upon to analyze and interpret the final results.

**ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS:**

To answer the objectives of the current research, the results of the statistical analysis were relied upon to extract and answer the objectives of the research, which are as follows:

- **The first objective:** It stipulates to identify "the resistance to financial temptation among the players of the Premier League clubs in Iraq." The t-test was used for one sample, and the results appeared as shown in Table (4).

**(Table 4) The Differences Between the Arithmetic and Hypothetical Mean of The Financial Temptation Scale**

Variable	Sample Size	Mean	Dev. Std.	Hypothetical Mean	T-Value		Sig.
					Calculated	Tabulated	
Material Temptation Measure	100	67.764	4.097	69	-3.66	1.98	0.03

From Table (4) above, we notice that the arithmetic mean of the research sample in the financial temptation scale was (67.764) with a standard deviation of (4.097), and when compared with the hypothetical mean of (69) using the t-test for one sample, there were statistically significant differences in favor of the hypothetical mean. The researcher attributes this to the fact that the players have resistance to financial temptation, and this

result can be explained in the fact that the financial value, the agreement on the value of the contract, and the positive relations in the club and the sports community are factors that contribute significantly to building the personality of the soccer player and make him able to face the pressures of matches and their various temptations, and aware and aware of reality. The athlete in which he lives and thus enables him to possess

different methods that help him to strengthen the desired behaviors socially and sportively. This is consistent with the nature of the community of players in terms of the nature of their work in sports competitions and the nature of the game, and thus will contribute to achieving positive achievement in the team, and (Al-Tamimi et al., 2019, 54) indicate that the actual preferred behavior of the athlete is affected by the characteristics of the athlete's personality and the characteristics, abilities and skills he possesses, as well as the specific behavior For the attitude and preferred behavior of the group of team members as a whole. This may be due to the fact that the football player has acquired the capabilities necessary to

face the challenges of the success of the match, as well as their awareness of their needs, goals and responsibilities that fall upon them within an educational and social sports environment that provides them with the necessary requirements for that, and thus reaching the prestigious sporting achievement and climbing the ladder of the league standings.

- **The Second Objective:** which provides for "identifying the dimensions of psychological hardness among the players of the Iraqi Premier League clubs." The t-test was used for one sample, and the results appeared as shown in Table (5).

**Table (5) The differences between the arithmetic and hypothetical means of measuring the dimensions of psychological hardness for soccer players**

Variable	Dimensions	Sample Size	Mean	Dev. Std.	Hypothetical Mean	T-Value		Sig.
						Calculated	Tabulated	
Psychological Hardness Scale	Commitment	100	41.674	5.117	33	8.66	1.98	0.000
	Control	100	35.845	3.053	30	4.954	1.98	0.001
	The Challenge	100	32.998	4.3837	30	2.195	1.98	0.04
	Scale As a Whole	100	108.863	5.945	93	3.956	1.98	0.002

From Table (5) above, we note that the arithmetic mean of the research sample in the measure of psychological hardness dimensions as a whole amounted to ((108.863) with a standard deviation (5.945) and when compared with the hypothetical mean of (93) using the t-test for one sample, there were statistically significant differences in favor of the hypothetical mean The researcher attributes this to the fact that the players enjoy the dimensions of psychological toughness represented by commitment, control, and challenge. This result may be due to the fact that the players' awareness of the stressful situations they are exposed to in matches and the sports environment at different times and in different areas as situations that can coexist and that they have the capabilities to confront them under stress. (Al-Hashhoush, 2013, 37) indicates that much of the sporting activity is achieved through the so-called behavioral circles, and these circles must proceed accurately and subjectively so that the athlete can control his psychological and muscular feeling, which is

necessary in applying technical performance and achieving the motor goal. On performance and motor behaviour. This is consistent with the nature of the work of football players, as they continue their lives and work despite the psychological, social and sports pressures they are exposed to that threaten to reduce or strengthen their psychological toughness, and yet they exert their utmost capabilities and energies to achieve their competitive goals and aspirations in achieving the positive results of winning the match by the team by assuming their responsibilities towards themselves And towards other players and be more active and motivated to win matches.

- **The third objective:** which provides for "identifying the relationship of resistance to financial temptation with the dimensions of psychological hardness among the players of the Iraqi Premier League clubs." The simple Pearson test was used to show the results as shown in Table (6).

**Table (6) shows the correlation coefficients of the studied research variables**

Variable	Dimensions	Sample Size	Mean	Dev. Std.	Hypothetical Mean	T-Value		Sig.
						Calculated	Tabulated	
Psychological Hardness Scale	Commitment	0.674	0.454	14.064	1.98	0.000	0.674	0.454
	Control	0.398	0.158	11.325	1.98	0.042	0.398	0.158
	The Challenge	0.582	0.339	12.782	1.98	0.013	0.582	0.339

From the above table, it is clear that the correlation coefficient of the field of commitment to the scale of resistance to financial temptation was (0.678), while the correlation coefficient of the field of control with resistance to temptation was (0.398), while the correlation coefficient of the field of challenge was (0.582). The correlations are positive, that is, whenever the player feels obligated, controlled, or challenged, his resistance to financial temptation increases in the value of the contract between the two parties. . This result can be explained by the fact that the players' enjoyment of the dimensions of psychological toughness makes them more active in the match and the ability to face urgent needs and temptations as a result of their ability to

perceive reality in a positive way in the various circumstances of the matches and thus their possession of different methods that help them to strengthen the desired behaviors socially and athletically, including resisting financial temptation and distancing As much as possible to reduce the crises that they may fall into in their sports and social future.

• **The Fourth Objective:** which states "the extent to which psychological hardness dimensions contribute to resisting the financial temptation of the players of the Iraqi Premier League clubs: Through the use of regression, the contribution percentages were extracted as in Table (7)

**Table (7) Percentages of the contribution of psychological toughness to the financial attractiveness of soccer players**

Variables	Non-Standard Coefficients		B Standard Coefficient	T-Value	Sig.
	Error Standard	B			
Fixed Limit	38.457	3.285	-	9.657	0.000
Commitment	0.436	0.136	0.345	3.975	0.002
Control	0.385	0.152	0.754	3.215	0.002
Challenge	0.417	0.118	0.471	4.956	0.000

From Table (7) above, it is clear that the contribution of the commitment domain to the scale of psychological hardness dimensions was (0.345), while the contribution of the control domain to resisting financial temptation was (0.754). As for the field of challenge, the percentage of its contribution was (0.471), and this indicates the presence of significant contribution percentages in a different way, as the highest percentage of contribution is for the control scale, and the researcher attributes the

achievement of this goal. , control, and challenge) and to predict the dependent variable (resistance to financial temptation) by knowing the percentage of the contribution of each independent variable in it through the following:

With regard to the percentage of the contribution of the independent variables (commitment, control, and challenge) in predicting the dependent variable

(resistance to financial temptation), the square of the coefficient of determination was extracted and its value was (0.25). This indicates that the independent variables make a statistically significant contribution to the dependent variable, since The square of the coefficient of determination of the variance in the degrees of players in resisting financial temptation (the dependent variable) can be explained by the information of the independent variables, and this variance is called the covariance between the variables, and the remainder of this ratio is due to factors other than the factors specified in this research. The researcher explains the higher contribution of the control dimension by comparing it with the two dimensions of commitment and challenge through what is in this dimension. The player who has a positive feeling about change is experienced in facing stressful events in the match well through what he shows of successful and appropriate responses to the expected or unexpected situation or event alike, in addition to being a player who is able to discover the sources in his sporting environment that help him. He is able to deal with internal and external crises well and has a flexible cognitive tendency to estimate the seriousness of events that may occur as a result of the changing circumstances of the football match. In addition, it is advisable to provide attractive financial and moral incentives that work to prepare and motivate the soccer player towards achieving winning the matches, because the commitment to physical, skillful and tactical factors is separate from psychological matters, especially the financial factor represented by the value of the contract concluded between the two parties and moving the motives cannot be reached to stages Advanced achievement of the prestigious sporting achievement.

### CONCLUSIONS:

Based on the research findings, the researcher concludes the following:

1. Holding workshops and scientific seminars to introduce the concept of resisting financial temptation regarding the value of a football player's contract, ways to understand the players from a technical and legal point of view, and the consequent benefit for the player administratively and technically, and for his psychological and sports health, whether it is at the level of public life or at the level of the football game at all.
2. Sports, media and educational institutions should play their role in developing and improving social relations between players in the sports community in general and sports club administrations in order to achieve successful sports educational goals.
3. The need to spread sports cultural awareness of the importance of acquiring and developing the positive aspects of the sports personality, including the dimensions of psychological toughness represented by (commitment, control, and challenge) for its effective role in building a healthy personality that benefits itself and the sports community of football players and the various classifications of Iraqi clubs in the game of football.
4. The contribution percentages of the psychological hardness dimensions variables were uneven with the variable of resistance to financial temptation for the players of the Iraqi Premier League football clubs.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The researcher recommends conducting the research that he learned during the completion of the research to complete the benefit from it, which are:

1. Studying the correlation between the variable of resistance to financial temptation and other variables such as: (satisfaction of the psychological compatibility of the players, the self-esteem of the players, the meaning of the sports environment, the attributes of the sports personality).
2. The effect of a counseling program on developing dimensions of psychological toughness for players of first-division football clubs in Iraq.
3. Studying the relationship of resisting financial temptation with the dimensions of psychological toughness of the players of the first-division football clubs in Iraq.
4. Studying the contribution of the dimensions of psychological hardness as a mediating variable in resisting psychological pressures and satisfaction with the technical performance of members of the sport's administrative bodies.
5. The need to take advantage of the current research standards in future studies to identify the level of resistance to financial temptation and the dimensions of psychological hardness in different

sports segments, whether at the level of team games or at the level of individual games and in various theoretical and practical disciplines.

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