

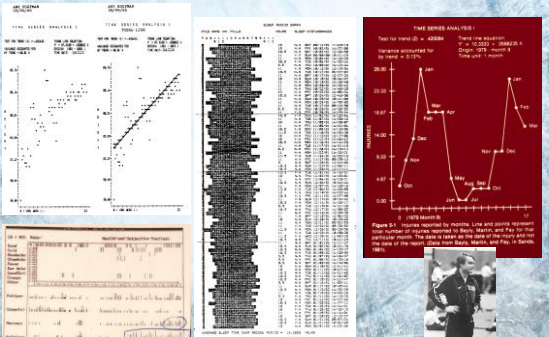
Principles of Monitoring

Link Between Planning and Preparedness

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Monitoring Training

How I got interested in monitoring...



The collage includes a scatter plot with a regression line, a table with multiple columns of data, and a line graph with a red background showing a peak and a dip. A small photo of a person is also visible in the bottom right of the collage.






Why Monitor Training?





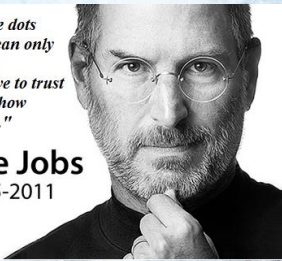


Connecting the Dots











Ya' gotta have dots to connect them

"You can't connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future."



Steve Jobs
1955-2011

Why do coaches and athletes resist connecting the dots?



I'M TOO SMART

FOR THIS S%#T

Monitoring






Training is Complicated

- Evidence Based Coaching
 - Requires ongoing assessment
 - Why would anyone choose ignorance over knowledge?
 - Coaches **are** in the best position to know.
 - But, information is often hidden, subtle, and fragile.



Count the Number of Fs

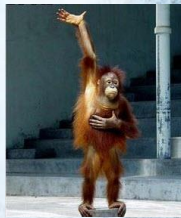
Finished files are the result of years of scientific study combined with the experience of years...



How many did you count?

- Show of hands...

- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8



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Answer: 6



Count the Passes of Players Wearing White

selective attention test

If you've already seen this please stay quiet.



Why Monitor?

- Training is a process
 - to characterize the process.
- Long-term development
- Training is not entirely predictable.
 - Mistakes are expensive
- Avoid overtraining
- Avoid injury



Why Monitor?

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Database: **Is skiing the world's most dangerous sport?**

Severity

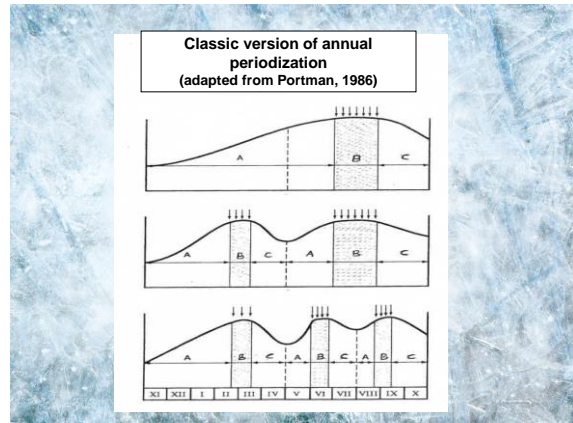
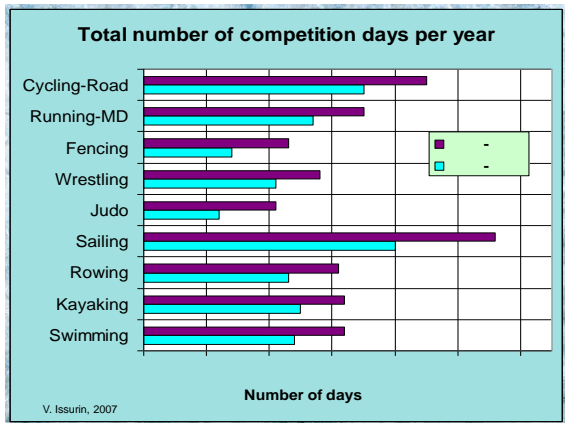
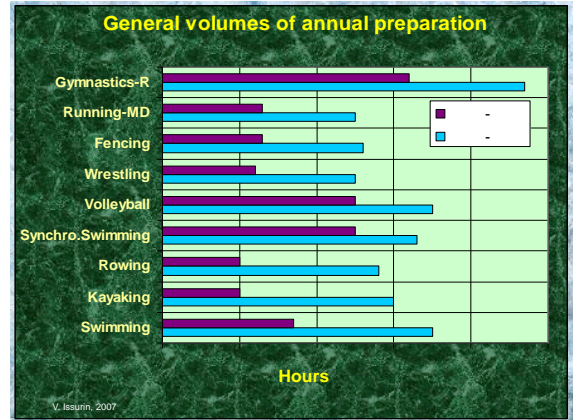
All injuries (n=705)

Timeframe	Injuries in percentage
0-1 days	~10
1-3 days	~15
4-7 days	~20
8-28 days	~25
>28 days	~30

Severe injuries >28 days

n=196

Sport	Injuries/100 athletes per season
Alpine	~15
Freestyle	~18
Snowboard	~15
Ski	~10
Nordic combined	~8
Cross country	~5



Sport/Season	Periodization	Training Objectives		Training Objectives		Training Objectives	
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Transferability – Men’s Triple Jump

TABLE 65
Correlational Interrelationship of Preparatory Results of Men Triple Jumpers of Various Qualifications in Several Specialized Preparatory, Specialized-Developmental and Competitive Exercises

Exercise	Sports Results, Coefficient of Correlation				
	17.00-16.50m	16.50-16.00m	16.00-15.50m	15.50-15.00m	15.00-14.00m
50m run with a flying start	0.765	0.740	0.689	0.729	0.696
50m run from the blocks	0.680	0.720	0.654	0.680	0.646
60m run from the blocks	0.876	0.790	0.824	0.756	0.700
100m run from the blocks	0.707	0.744	0.656	0.688	0.624
Long jump from place	0.678	0.645	0.705	0.605	0.645
Triple jump from place	0.788	0.856	0.765	0.780	0.724
5-fold jump from place	0.856	0.905	0.885	0.804	0.783
10-fold jump from place	0.924	0.807	0.900	0.843	0.786
Pump from a short run-up	0.654	0.926	0.924	0.826	0.906
Shot-put snatch	0.178	0.188	0.220	0.200	0.286
Half squat with a barbell	0.308	0.354	0.454	0.370	0.356
Throwing the shot forward	0.124	0.103	0.254	0.165	0.207
Throwing the shot backward	-0.212	-0.167	0.187	0.214	0.288

Bondarchuk, 2007

How should we cope with these demands?

- It's not a problem (the consensus-trance)...
 - Anticipate that athletes will only last one or a few Olympiads and plan for it.
 - JIT approach – heavy emphasis on TID (youngsters) and natural attrition
 - Emphasize optimizing the final year of the quad
- Try to extend the career of veteran athletes (paradigm shift)
 - Keep athletes going at a world level longer.
 - Prepare athletes more patiently and develop better training methods (and understanding) for mature athletes.
 - Emphasize long-term development with junior and “near” world level athletes.
 - Develop better understanding and training for young athletes to keep them developing on a longer and higher preparation arc
 - Develop multiple teams for those with deep talent
 - Plan competitions more carefully
 - Recycle Athletes and Talent-ID in College for late maturing sports



Monitoring Training

- What is worth monitoring?
 - Dose – Response relationship
 - What are skiing “doses?”
 - Training diaries
 - Regular tests
 - Individuals vs Groups/Teams
 - Others



What is worth monitoring?

- “Although researchers have suggested an impressive array of sophisticated tests to detect overtraining, the best measures continue to be the simplest changes in performance and self-rated perception of fatigue and well-being.
- ...A training diary which records and assesses all of these elements in a systematic fashion would seem essential.” (Schiffer, J. Overtraining, *New Studies in Athletics*, 16(4), p 81).

What is worth monitoring?

- The search for markers...
 - Lactate, heart rate variability, ammonia, glutamine, morning heart rate, immune system, POMS, etc.
- Why univariate approaches haven't worked.
 - Anomaly detection
 - The data are actually in the noise...
- What are we really trying to find out?
 - Departures from stability
- Ideographic vs nomothetic approaches
 - Group vs Single-Subject Designs
- Are you willing to devote the time and energy?



Response to Stress – Characteristic but Idiosyncratic

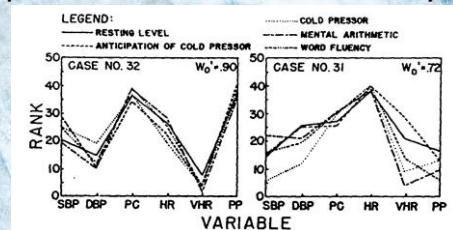
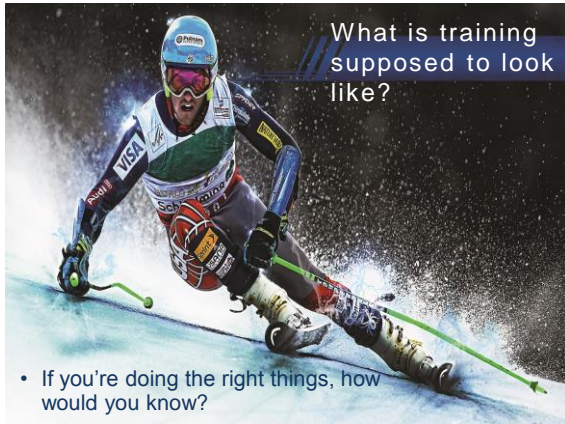


FIG. 1. TWO EXAMPLES OF IDIOSYNCRATIC RESPONSE-PATTERNS (AUTONOMIC-TENSION SCORES) REPRODUCED OVER FIVE OCCASIONS OF MEASUREMENT. Physiological variables are on the abscissa. The ordinates are ranks, showing the relative position of the S in the total group of 42 Ss. High ranks are given to high physiological levels of function. W_0 is the coefficient of pattern-concordance, corrected for continuity.

Lacey, J.; Bateman, D.E.; VanLehn, R. (1953): Autonomic response specificity: An experimental study. *Psychosomatic Med.* 15(1), 8-21.



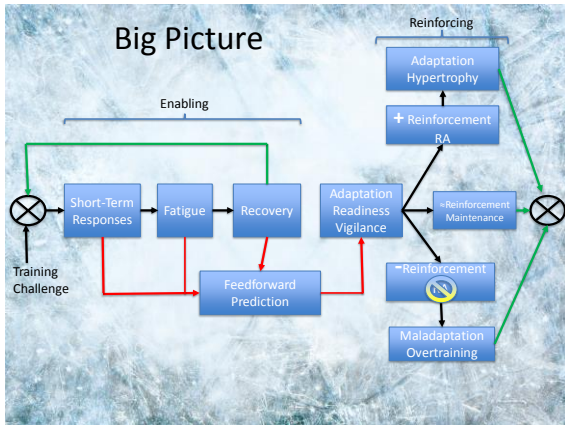
What is training supposed to look like?

- If you're doing the right things, how would you know?

Training Models

Lots of ideas...

- Sleamaker
- Verhoshansky
- Matveyev
- Zatsiorsky
- Nadori
- Bompa
- Bondarchuk
- Counsilman



Training Theory - Models

- At least a dozen training models
 - A "big picture" approach to training management
 - Control of volume (how much) and intensity (how hard). And lots of other stuff.
 - Here are two:

What are the typical patterns of adaptation to training?

Verhoshansky, V. V. (1985). Programming and organization of training. (Translated by A. Charniga, Published by Sportivny Press, Livonia, MI, 1988.) Fizkultura i Sport, Moscow, U.S.S.R.

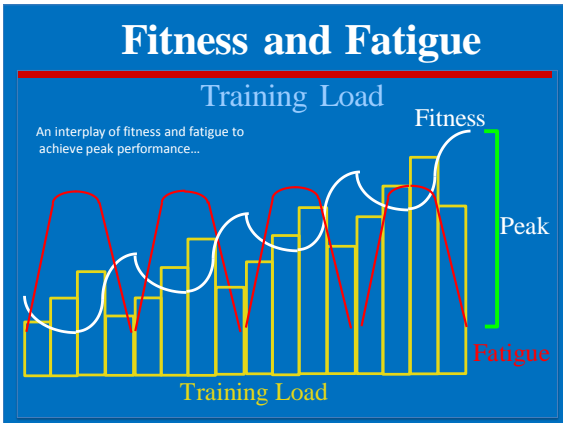
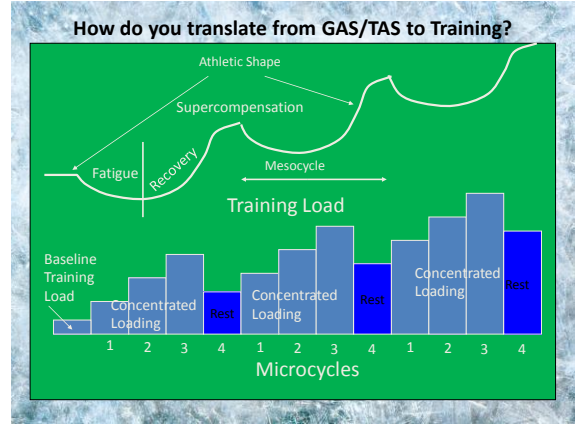
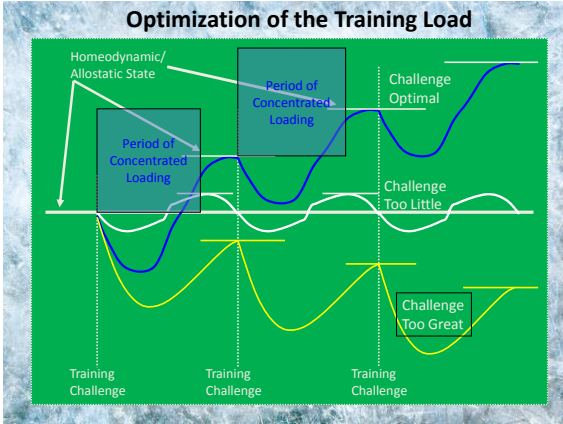
General Adaptation Syndrome (GAS)

Training Adaptation Syndrome (TAS)

New Training Challenge Begins	Fatigue	Recover	Supercompensation	Involution	Overtraining
	Alarm		Resistance		Exhaustion
	Overreaching		Supercompensation		Overtraining
	Acquisition of Athletic Form		Stabilization of Athletic Form		Temporary Loss of Athletic Form

Allostasis "Stability through change"

"Athletic Preparedness"

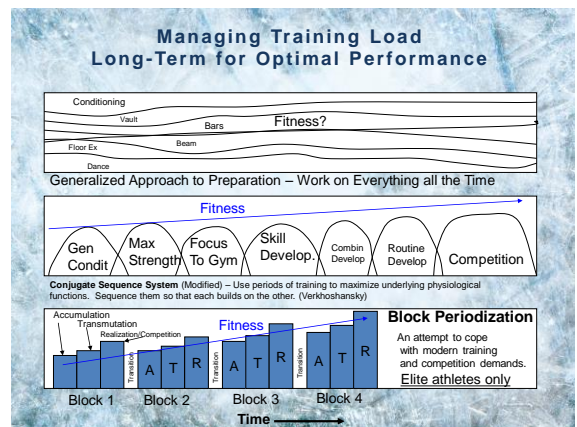


Block Periodization

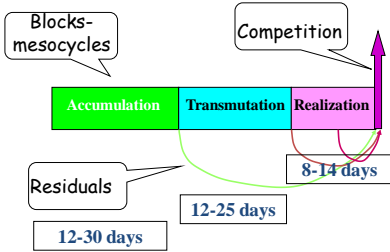
Proposed Method to Cope with These New Demands

Paradigm Shift

- Do not train concurrently; train in sequence
- Follow the sequence : *basic abilities* → *more specific abilities* → *tapering* → *Competition*



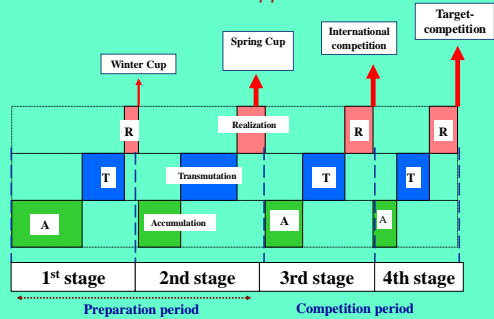
Superposition of Residual Training Effects – Timing



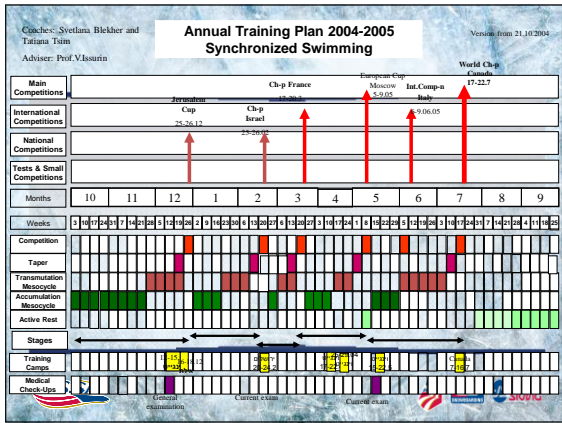
V. Issurin, 2007

Annual Preparation Chart

– Block Approach



V. Issurin, 2007



Know the athlete See their future...

- What is the athlete going to face in the next quad, or the quad after that?
- What drives the athlete's development?
- Where are the components of performance headed?
 - Physical
 - Technical
 - Tactical
 - Psychological
 - Theoretical/Logistical



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Know your training...

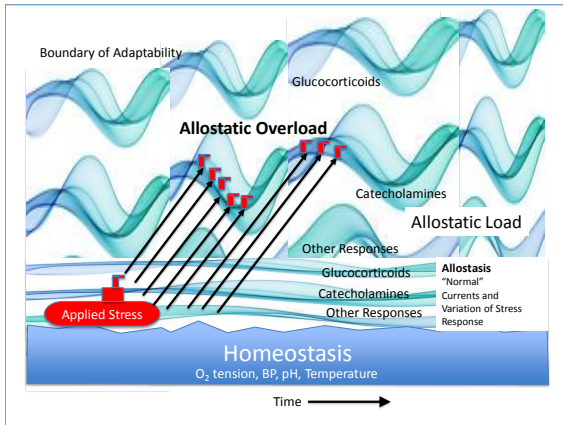
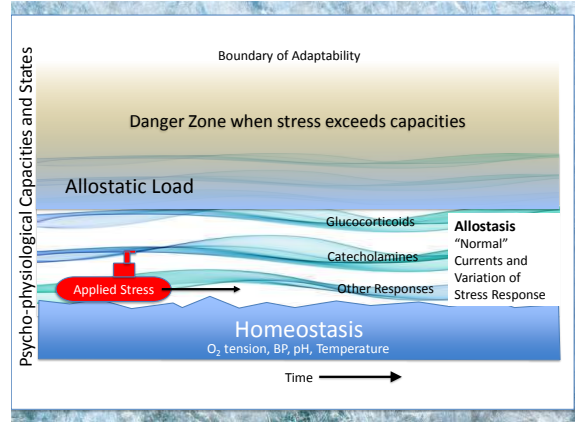
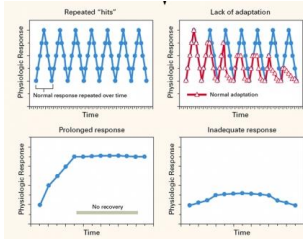
- Training Design
- Monitoring
- Transferability of Training Tasks to Performance
- The Garden of Performance
 - Career Advancement and Development Plans
 - Quad Plans
 - Annual Plans
 - Mesocycle (monthly) plans
 - Microcycle (weekly) plans
 - Training lesson plans
 - The roles of volume, intensity, density, frequency, recovery/adaptation

Stone, M.H., Stone, M.E., Sands, W.A., (2007) Principles and practice of resistance training. Champaign, IL, Human Kinetics. 376 pages.



What about process?

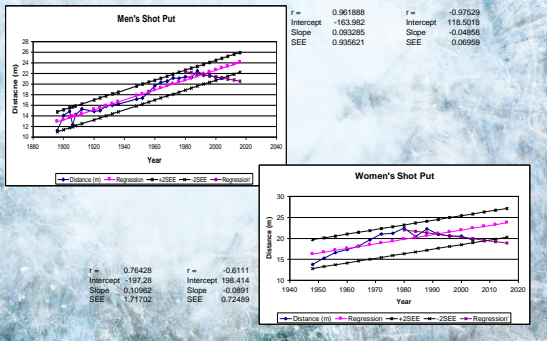
- Homeostasis
 - Set point regulation
 - Narrow range of change
 - Survival importance
 - Reactive
- Allostasis
 - Internal viability through bodily change
 - Feedforward
 - Predictive
- Allostatic State
 - Chronic over-activation, beyond set points
- Allostatic Overload
 - Pathological overstimulation



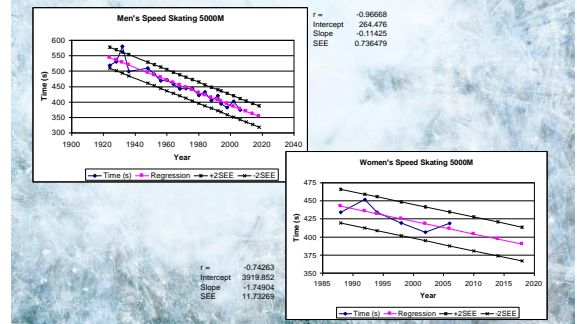
You need to monitor...Everything



Track and Field Examples



Winter Sports: Different Pattern



Monitoring Isometric Breaking Strength and Body Composition

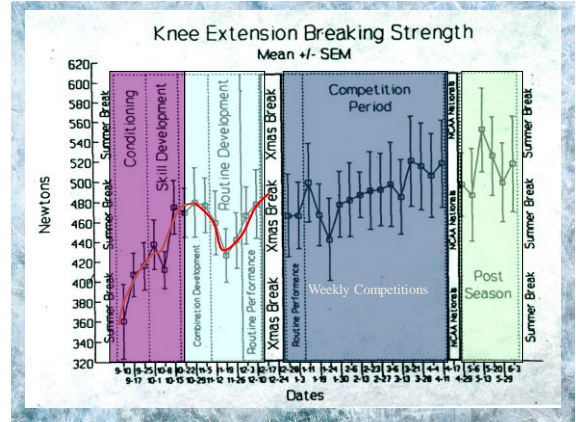
Isometric knee extension breaking strength
Sum of Four Skinfolds

University of Utah
Women's Gymnastics
Team (2nd NCAA)

1. Weekly tests
2. One academic year
3. Entire team



Sands,WA, Irvin,RC; Major,JA (1995). Women's gymnastics: The time course of fitness acquisition. A 1 year study. *J. Str. and Cond. Res.* 9(2), 110-115.



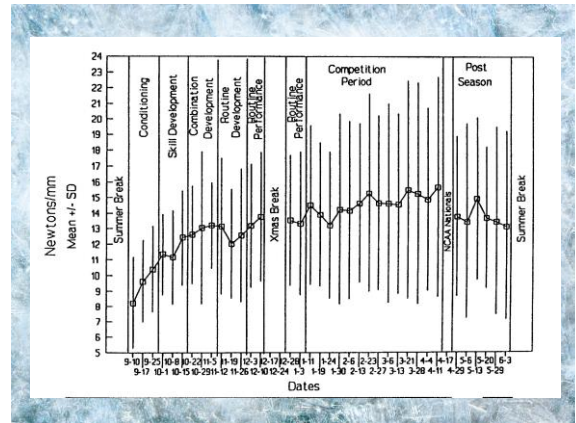
Skinfold Sums

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Reflective of Change
in body composition

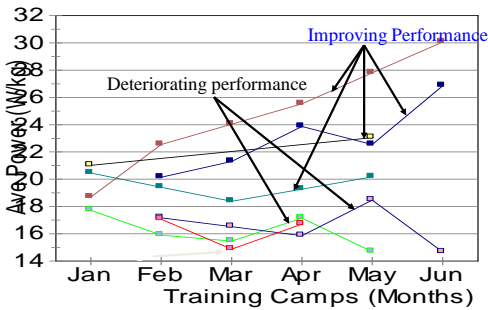


Winters, RH (1985). Basic Concepts for Medical Research in Body Composition Assessment in Coach and Athlete. *Brass Libraries, Columbus, OH*, 26-28.



Bosco Test - Average Power Tr

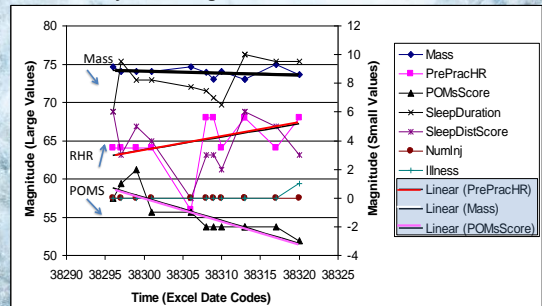
Women's Gymnastics - Sydney 2000



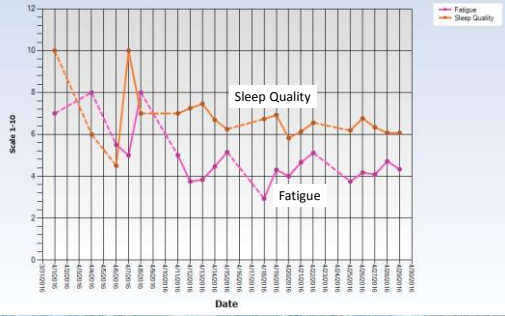
Sands WA. Olympic Preparation Camps 2000 Physical Abilities Testing. *Technique* 20(10): 6-19, 2000.

Response: Weightlifting (Female)

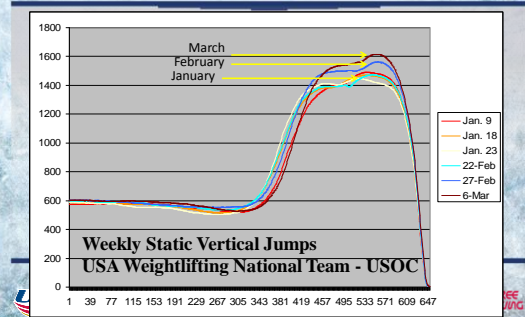
Daily Training - National Team - USOC



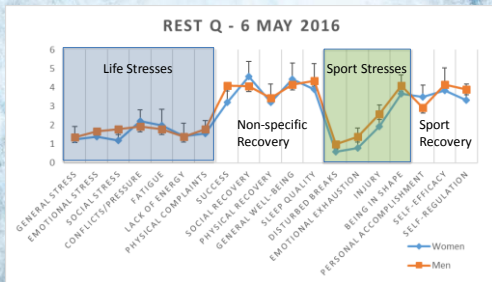
Aerials Skiers National Team



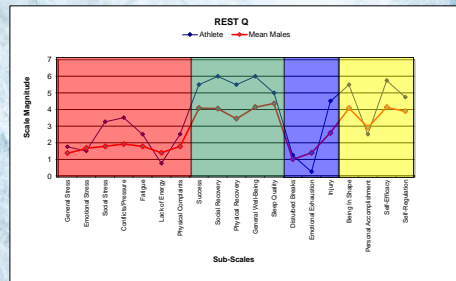
Response: Force-Time Curves Weightlifting



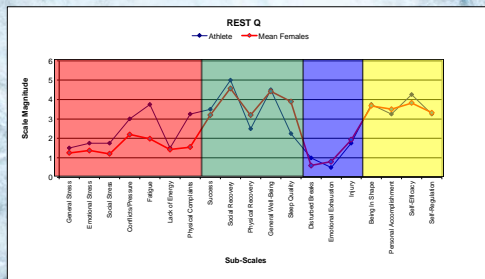
RESTQ - Aerials



Individual Athlete



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Local Monitoring

- Monitoring Local Dose/Response is also important
- Dose
 - Runs counts
 - Attempted vs completed
 - Turns counts
 - Attempted vs completed
 - Altitude change
 - Compliance with drills
- Response

