# **RECOVERY: LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT MATCH**

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## **The Congested Calendar...**





# **Training and Match Load**

- Fatigue
- Recovery
- Injury Prevention
- Rehabilitation

## Virginia Tech vs Notre Dame







# **Match Performance and Recovery**

Session = Warm Up + 90 min Match + 20 min Overtime

Average Heart Rate: Total Distance: High Intensity Dist: Sprints: Collisions: Energy Expended:

## **<u>College Male</u>**

162 bpm 19,391 m (~12 mi) 4,7058 m 93 12 1,905 kcal

#### **<u>College Female</u>**

164 bpm 15,996 m (~10 mi) 3,282 m 73 10 1,220 kcal





# Long-Term Recovery and Adaptation



# **Goals for Recovery**

- 1. Recover for the next session (*day short term*)
- 1. Recover for the next match (week intermediate term)
- 1. Adapt to training (months long term)





# What Happens Post-Match?

Energy and Fluid Stores *Glycogen Depletion and Dehydration* 

Rest – Sleep

#### Muscle Recovery

- Performance
- Soreness
- Adaptation







# **Where Can We Intervene?**

Immediate – Term	0-30 min Post-Match
Short - Term	0-45 min Post-Match
Intermediate – Term	Several Hours Post-Match
Long - Term	Several Days Post-Match





# **Diet and Hydration**



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#### **Recovery Diet and Hydration**

- Carbohydrates and fluids
- Within first 45-60 min post-exercise

Follow with a high carbohydrate meal

Solid, high carbohydrate, low fat diet



2014 NSCAA Convention



This week: "Fueling Up for Match Day/Tournament" Angel Planells, Nutrition Consultant, ACP Nutrition

"Nutritional Supplements to Enhance Soccer Performance: Debunking the Myths" Dr. Ajit Korgaokar, Assistant Professor for Health & Human Performance, University of Tennessee-Martin



# Sleep

"Student-athletes say Sleep is the number one thing their athletic time commitments prevent them from doing, ultimately hindering their athletic and academic performance" PAC 12 Survey, 2015



# **Sleep - Consequences**

# Athletes generally do not get enough sleep

• College and high school

## Can impact physical and mental performance

- Cognitive, decision making
- Reaction time
- Strength
- Power
- Endurance





# **Sleep – Injury Risk in Young Athletes**



# What is "Delayed Onset Muscle Soreness?

- Definition
  - Occurs following "novel" exercise
    - Single or repeated contractions
  - Often eccentric exercise
    - Greater force, more novel
- Time Course
  - Appears within 24 hrs of exercise
  - Peaks between 24-72 hrs post-exercise
  - Disappears within 72 hrs
- Not Due To:
  - Strain, tear, cramps or chronic pain
  - A pathological / disease condition





#### Muscle

# What Causes Muscle Soreness?





#### Muscle Fiber

#### **Muscle Fiber Damage**

- *Not metabolic (lactic acid)*
- Not temperature









# **Muscle Damage and Repair**



# **How Best to Deal with Muscle Soreness?**

- Physical
  - Cool Down
  - Massage and Compression
  - Ice and Cryotherapy
- Nutrition / Supplements
  - Antioxidants
  - Medications
- **Training**



## Autogenic Damage

# Pain / Inflammation

Repair



# **Physical Strategies – COOL DOWN**

## Muscle Strength and Soreness

## **Confusing effects**

- Limited research data
- Small benefit
- No benefit

## **No** adverse effects

Psychological benefits (??)





# **Physical Strategies – MASSAGE**

## Physic<mark>al D</mark>amage

## Theory:

- Passively increase blood flow
- Alleviate pain, aid recovery



## Autogenic Damage

Pain / Inflammation

## **Practice:**

- Some benefits but are highly variable, *often temporary*
- Large psychological effect
  - Relaxation
  - Meditation





# **Physical Strategies – COMPRESSION**

## Physical Damage



## **Theory:**

- Reduces blood pooling
- Limits autogenic damage



Pain / Inflammation

Repair



# **Physical Strategies – COMPRESSION**

## **Practice:**

- Some benefits, but are highly variable
- Limit pain and damage
- Largest effect with inactive, longterm recovery
  - Bus / car ride home





Jakeman et al., 2010

# **Physical Strategies - ICE**

Ice and Cryotherapy

## Theory:

- Reduce inflammation and swelling
- Arrest autogenic damage (protein breakdown)





Physical Damage

Autoge<mark>nic D</mark>amage

Pain / Inflammation

Repair

# **Physical Strategies - ICE**

## **Practice:**

- Perhaps a minor effect
- May be psychological
- Adverse effects ??? (more later)



Bailey et al, 2007



# **Nutritional and Supplement Strategies**

Physical Damage

Must consider the cycle of soreness and long-term adaptation





Pain / Inflammation

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# **Does Muscle Have to Be Torn Down to Be Built Up?**





# **Supplements – ANTIOXIDANTS**

MEGA-VITAMI

## Theory

- Reduce oxidative stress during exercise
- Limit autogenic damage
- Alleviate pain



## Physical Damage



# Pain / In<mark>fla</mark>mmation

Repair

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# **Supplements – ANTIOXIDANTS**

Short-Term



Bryer and Goldfarb, 2006

# **Supplements – ANTIOXIDANTS**

Long-Term

## Physical Damage

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Skaug et al., 2014

# **Does Muscle Have to Be Torn Down to Be Built Up?**





# **Supplements – BCAAs / PROTEINS**

# Physical Damage

## Theory

- Promote a positive protein balance
- Provide "building blocks" for protein synthesis
- Enhance recovery and repair
- Improves glycogen sythesis energy replenishment



Autoge<mark>nic D</mark>amage

Pain / Inflammation

Repair

# **Supplements – BCAAs / PROTEINS**

#### BCAAs supplemented after exercise





Howatson et al., 2012

# **Supplements – HMB**

## **Practice:**

- Blunts protein & membrane breakdown
- Reduces soreness
- Enhances protein synthesis





# **Does Muscle Have to Be Torn Down to Be Built Up?**





**Training** Making the Activity *"Less Novel"* 





Autogenic Damage

Pain / Inflammation

Repair



# **Does Muscle Have to Be Torn Down to Be Built Up?**



# **Recovery Strategies – What Works?**

## *Immediate Term* (<15 min)

- $\checkmark$  Cool Down
- $\checkmark$  Stretching

# Short Term (15 – 120 min)

✓ Nutrition and Hydration
✓ Cryotherapy– Cold Water Immersion

## Intermediate Term (2-6 hrs)

- $\checkmark$  Compression
- ✓ Massage
- $\checkmark$  BCAA / HMB

Long Term (4-48 hrs) ✓ Training ✓ Sleep ✓ BCAA / HMB





# **For More Info...**

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#### **Science Behind Soccer Nutrition**

• Amazon

#### US Youth Soccer & NSCAA Websites

- Nutrition articles
- This presentation







