Effect of sand training on muscular strength of Intercollegiate large area game players

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Abstract
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Keywords: Sand training and muscular strength

Introduction
Training demands correct understanding and realization of the sportsman’s strength, capacity and weakness. Training improves the function of the circulatory respiratory and muscular system, while practice is largely aimed at improving, the control of muscular activity by the nervous system. Different training methods have been commonly used to improve physical fitness and its related standards of performance of the players. Sport training is a basic preparation of sportsman for better performance through physical exercise. It is based on scientific principles of aiming at education and performance enhancement. Sand is a great training tool for improving speed and agility. It provides resistance that challenges your muscles, helping to make you faster and more explosive. Jim Wnek found that Sand is a great training tool for improving speed and agility. It provides resistance that challenges your muscles, helping to make you faster and more explosive. The constant shifting under your feet engages small stabilizer muscles that improve balance and reduce the risk of injury. Plus, sand training gives you an excuse to work out in the great outdoors. Running in the sand offers maximum conditioning and strengthening of the lower legs. As the sand moves and shifts beneath their weight, their ankles and calves are activated and working very hard. Sand running also helps to improve an athlete’s coordination and balance and this is great for agility training. Physical fitness is one of the most important factors that determine the performance level of an individual. Sports performance depends largely on physical fitness factors such as strength, speed, endurance, flexibility and various abilities requiring co – ordination. The purpose of the study was to find out effect of sand training on selected physical fitness variables of intercollegiate large area players.

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**Training Program**

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<td>Sand Training Exercises</td>
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Load: Max HR 220 Formula followed

**Table 1:** Pre-test and post test mean value of sand training group and control group of muscular strength

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<th>Group</th>
<th>Test</th>
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<td>Sand Training Group</td>
<td>Pre-Test</td>
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<td>25.50</td>
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*Significant Level of significant was fixed at 0.05 with df 29 Table value 2.04

Table-I shows that the pre and post mean values of experimental and control group of muscular strength. The obtained ‘t’ value of 12.07 experimental training group-I is greater than table the value of 2.04 with df 29. The control group of obtained ‘t’ value of 1.87 which is lesser than table value 2.04 with df 29, is insignificant.

![Fig 1: The mean values of muscular strength of sand training group and control group](image)

**Discussion on Findings**

Based on results of the study it is statistically proved that significant improvement of muscular strength of inter collegiate large area game players. The results are in conformity with other studies; The results of the study are in conformity with the findings of Priyanka and Bhargab Borah (2016) [1] Martyn et al (2014) [4], Binnie (2014) [2], Karver, Alicia Anne (2013) [3], Sivamani and Sultana, D. (2014) [5].

**Conclusions**

The sand training group improved on muscular strength compared with control group on inter collegiate large area game players. The control group did not improve muscular strength.

**References**