

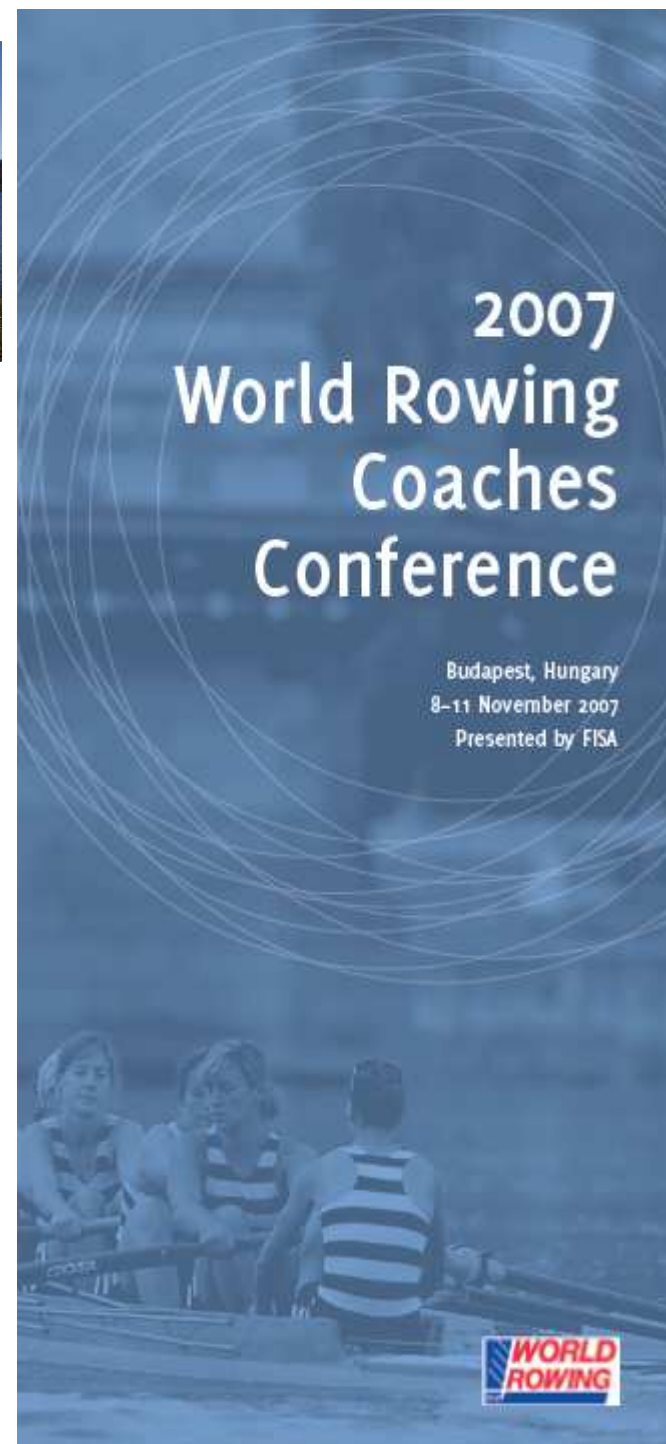


Strength Training For Women Rowers

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Competitive Rowing for Heavyweight = Open Women's Category

Rowing is a sport of "Optimal"(s)
in a variety of boat classes
(5 Olympic + 1 Non Olympic)

Rowing (speed) is a sport of high averages where available maximum speed
could make the difference

Competitive rowing winners are attaining very high (optimal) averages

High rowing performances are achieved by outstanding individuals

Rowing Crew environment brings together individuals in a complementary
approach

Genetic Limitations for women in:

- body size(compare to men)
- functional (way of delivering power)
 - psychology
 - weaknesses



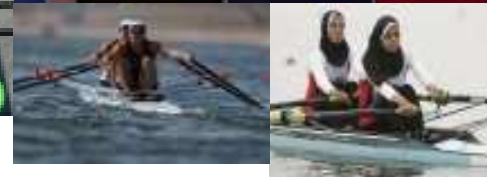
Women's Rowing in the 1980's



Women's Rowing in the 1990's



Women's Rowing in Our Day



Today's Rowing Women

ANTHROPOMETRICAL REQUIRED ATTRIBUTES - RECRUITING

1980 - 1988

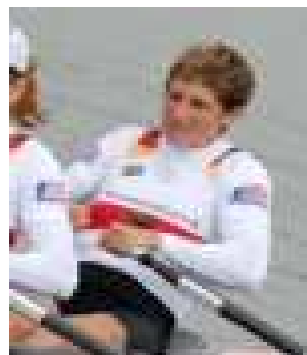
HWT WOMEN

1		2		3	
HEIGHT(cm)	%	SPAN(cm)	%	WEIGHT(Kg)	%
188	104.44	194	104.30	11	88.30
187	103.89	193	103.76	10	89.25
186	103.33	192	103.23	9	90.22
185	102.78	191	102.69	8	91.21
184	102.22	190	102.15	7	92.22
183	101.67	189	101.61	6	93.26
182	101.11	188	101.08	5	94.32
181	100.56	187	100.54	4	95.40
180	100.00	186	100.00	[H-100]+3-7	100.00
179	99.44	185	99.46	-8	90.00
178	98.89	184	98.92	-9	88.75
177	98.33	183	98.39	-10	87.50
176	97.78	182	97.85	-11	86.25
175	97.22	181	97.31	-12	85.00
174	96.67	180	96.77	-13	83.75
173	96.11	179	96.24	-14	82.50
172	95.56	178	95.70	-15	81.25
171	95.00	177	95.16	-16	80.00
170	94.44	176	94.62	-17	78.75
169	93.89	175	94.09	-18	77.50
168	93.33	174	93.55	-19	76.25

[(1)+(2)+(3)]/3		%			
		MINIMUM %			
AGE Y.O.	19	99.0			
	18	98.5			
	17	98.0			
	16	97.5			
	15	97.0			

LWT WOMEN (> 18)

176+/- 5	100	+ (4 - 6)	100	62*	[+2-2]
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ANTHROPOMETRICAL REQUIRED ATTRIBUTES - RECRUITING

2005 -2012

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HEIGHT(cm)	%	SPAN(cm)	%	WEIGHT(Kg)	%
194	104.44	200	104.17	4	88.30
193	103.89	199	103.65	3.5	89.25
192	103.33	198	103.13	3	90.22
191	102.78	197	102.60	2.5	91.21
190	102.22	196	102.08	2	92.22
189	101.67	195	101.56	1.5	93.26
188	101.11	194	101.04	1	94.32
187	100.56	193	100.52	0.5	96.51
186	100.00	192	100.00	[H-100]From: -4 - (-14)	100.00
185	99.44	191	99.48	-13	90.00
184	98.89	190	98.96	-14	88.75
183	98.33	189	98.44	-10	87.50
182	97.78	188	97.92	-11	86.25
181	97.22	187	97.40	-12	85.00
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179	96.11	185	96.35	-14	82.50
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177	95.00	183	95.31	-16	80.00
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175	93.89	181	94.27	-18	77.50
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Rowing Forces

✓ ...**Maximal force** applied to the oar handle can be evaluated using the table

Force Max.(N)	Very Low (Less than)	Low (Less than)	Average	High (More than)	Very High (More than)
Men Scull	593	680	766	853	940
M.Light Scull	579	636	692	749	805
Men Sweep	491	581	671	761	850
M.Light Sweep	467	528	590	652	714
Women Scull	394	471	547	624	701
W.Light Scull	355	416	477	538	599
Women Sweep	345	412	479	547	614

✓ ...**Average force** applied to the oar handle during the drive phase can be evaluated using the table:

Force Aver.(N)	Very Low	Low	Average	High	Very High
Men Scull	308	356	405	454	502
M.Light Scull	284	322	360	398	435
Men Sweep	242	286	331	376	421
M.Light Sweep	224	259	294	329	364
Women Scull	194	240	286	332	378
W.Light Scull	189	221	253	285	317
Women Sweep	169	203	238	273	307



Applied Forces in women's rowing

Boat	Time	Body Weight	Height	Power	Rate	Angle	Fmax	Fav
W1x	7:07.7	85	1.85	410	34.1	107	74.8	38.9
W2x	6:38.8	80	1.85	390	35.9	107	67.6	35.1
W4x	6:10.8	80	1.85	392	37.4	110	65.4	34.0
W2-	6:53.8	85	1.85	394	37.4	87	65.6	34.1
W8+	5:55.5	80	1.85	397	39.1	89	63.3	32.9
LW2x	6:49.8	60	1.70	324	36.1	99	60.7	31.6

Women's Rowing – Required Qualities

1. Anthropometric:

1.1 Body Sizes

1.2 Body Composition

2. Functional:

2.1 Endurance = > 80%

2.2 Strength

2.3 Speed

2.4 Balance and Coordination

3. Attitude and Commitment

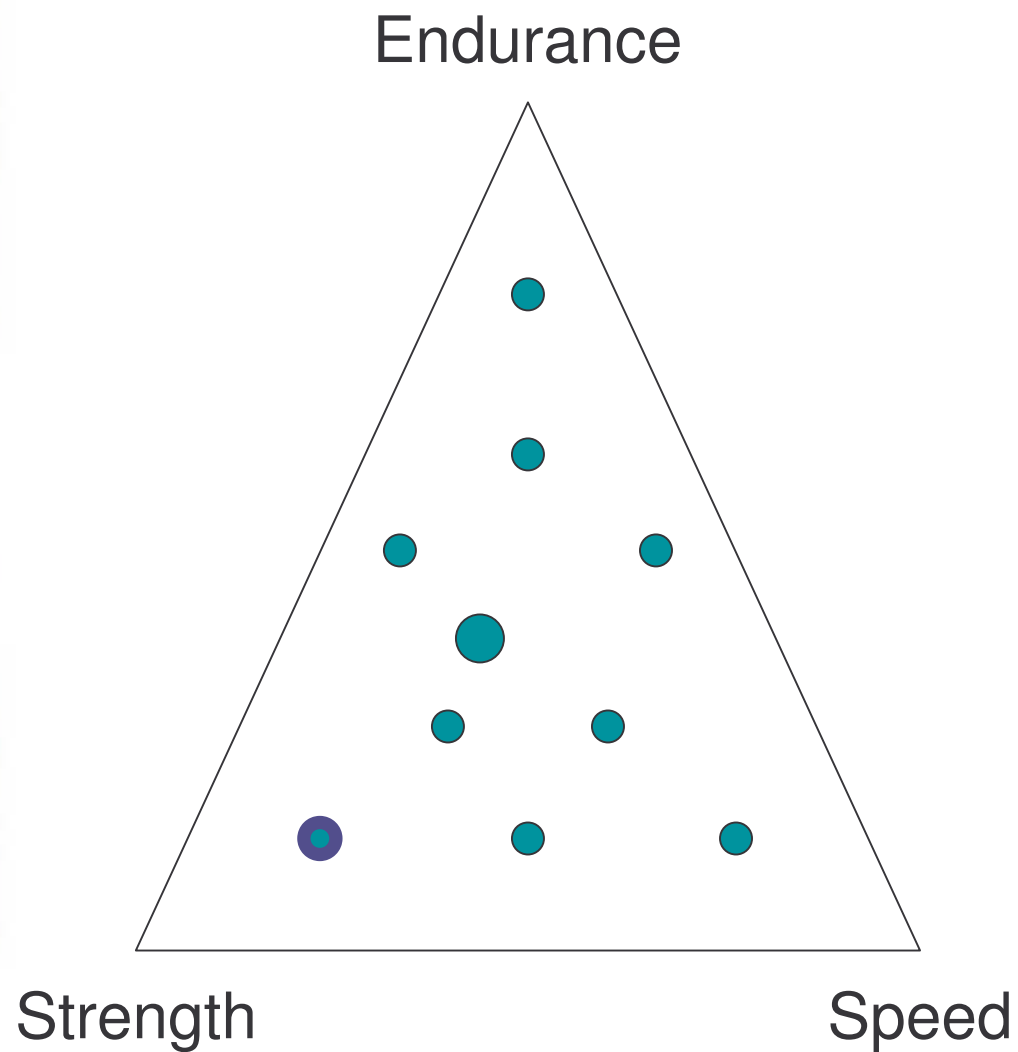


Rowing versus Other Sports

<u>DIFFERENT SPORTS/EVENTS</u> <u>WITH SIMILAR COMPETITION TIME</u>			
I	RUNNING CYCLING	< 200 m 200 M	
II	SWIMMING RUNNING SKATING CANOEING	100 m 400 m 500 m 200 m	
III	SWIMMING RUNNING SKATING CANOEING	200 m 800 m - 1000 m 1000 -1500 m 500 m	
IV	ROWING CANOEING SWIMMING SKATING RUNNING	1000 m 1000 m 400 m 3000 m 1500 m	
V	ROWING SWIMMING RUNNING SKATING	2000 m 800 m 3000 m 5000 m	
VI	RUNNING SKATING SWIMMING SKIING ROWING	5000m-10000m 10000 m 1500 m 5000 m > 5000 m	
VII	CANOEING SKIING	10000 m 10000 m	
VIII	CYCLING MARATHON SKIING	100 km 42.195 m 30 km	
IX	SKIING CYCLING Road	>50 km >175 km	

<u>FATIGUE</u> <u>IN DIFFERENT SPORTS / EVENTS</u>					
SPORT / EVENT	NEURAL FACTORS	DEplete ATP/CP	MUSCLE LACTIC ACID	DEplete GLYCOGEN	DEplete BLOOD GLUCOSE HYPERTHERMIA
TRACK AND FIELD					
100m;200m	X	X			
400m		X	X		
800m;1500m		X	X		
5000m;10000m			X	X	
CYCLING					
200m;kierin	X	X			
1000m	X	X	X		
kierin-time trials			X	X	X
Track endurance			X	X	X
MARATHON				X	X
TRIATHLON				X	X
VAULTING	X				
THROWING	X				
BOXING	X	X	X		
DIVING	X				
FENCING	X	X			
GYMNASTICS	X	X			
JUDO	X	X			
CANOEING					
500m;1000m		X	X		
10000m			X	X	
ROWING					
2000m		X	X	X	
SHOOTING	X				
SWIMMING					
100m;200m;400m		X	X		
800m;1500m			X	X	
VOLLEYBALL	X				
HANDBALL	X	X	X		
WRESTLING	X	X			
WEIGHTLIFTING	X				
BASKETBALL	X	X			

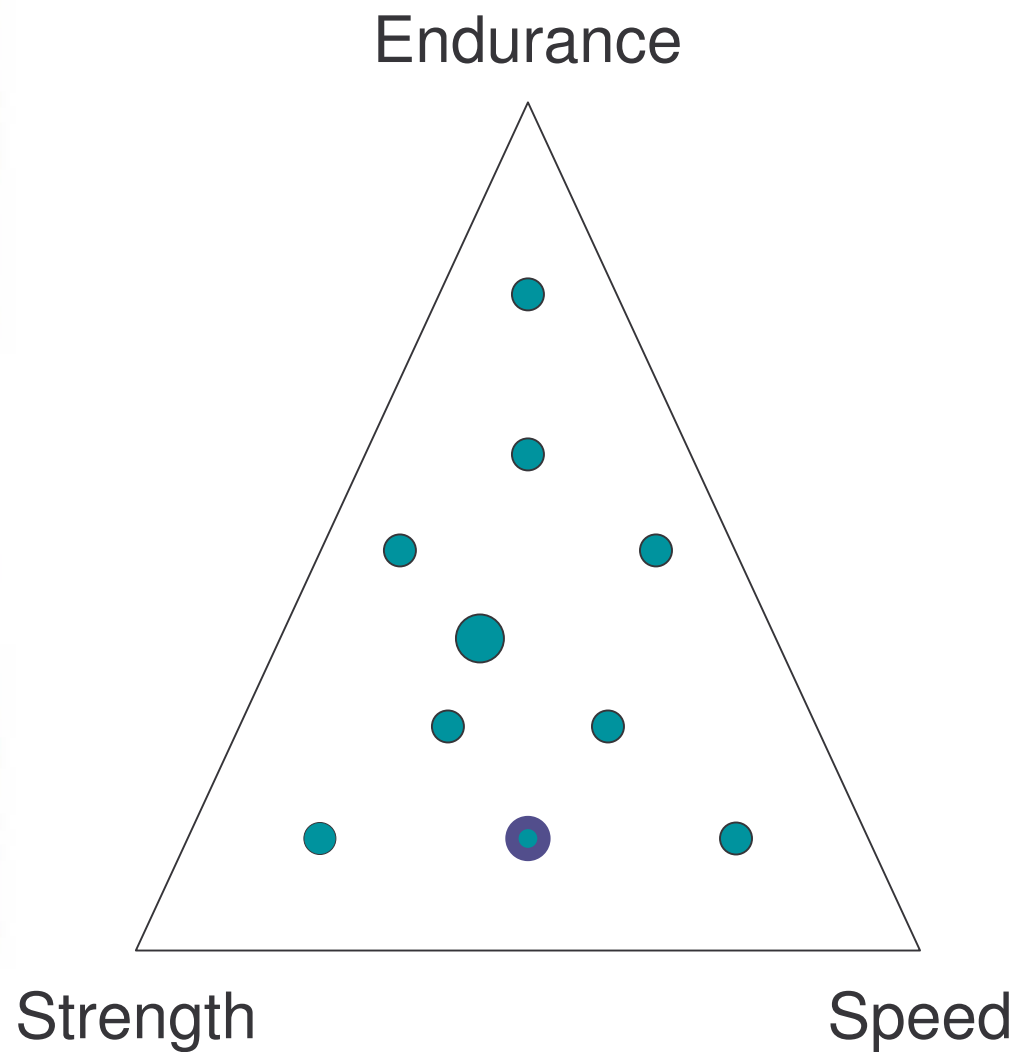




Weightlifting

- Mostly Strength
- Other Sports
- Power lifting

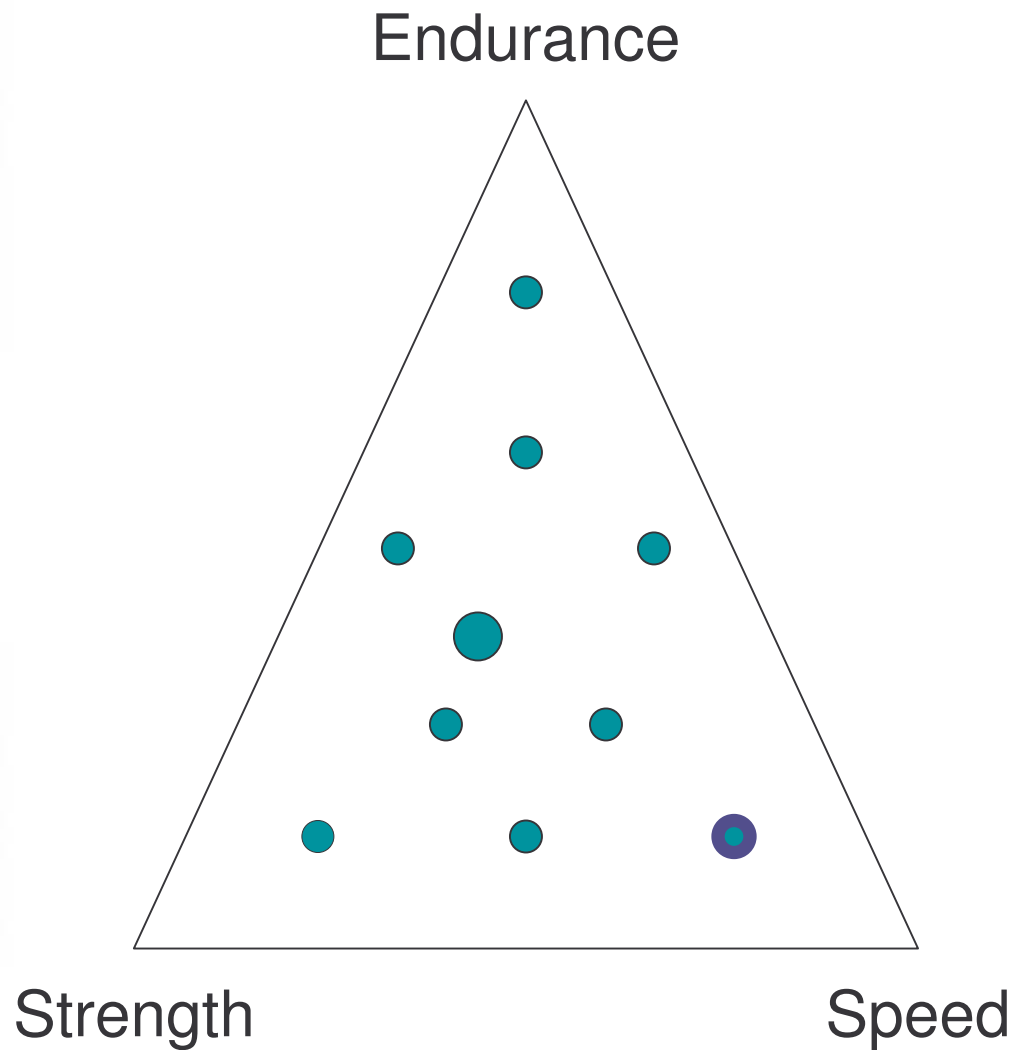




Sprint Cycling

- Combination of Strength and Speed
- Power

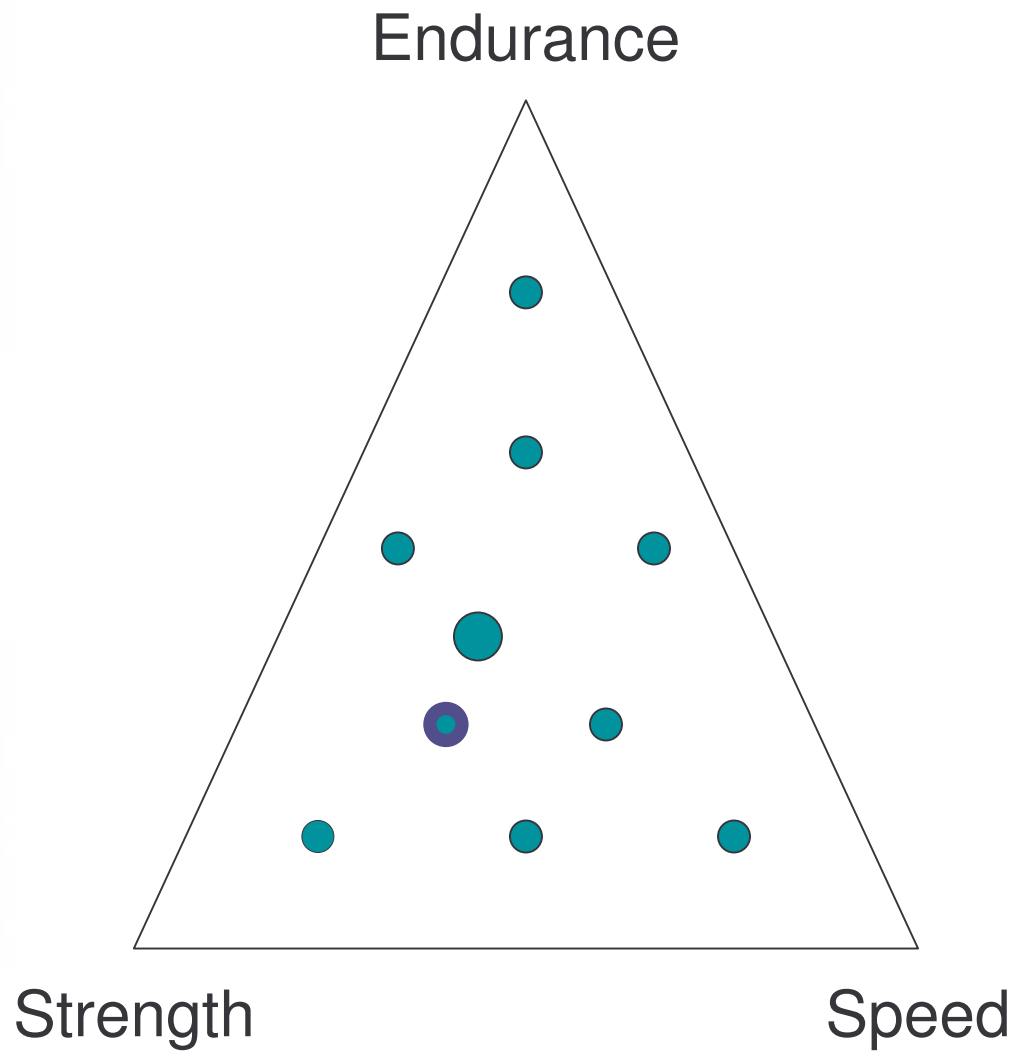




Athletics - Sprinting

- Mostly Speed
- Other Events Include:
 - Fencing
 - Martial Arts

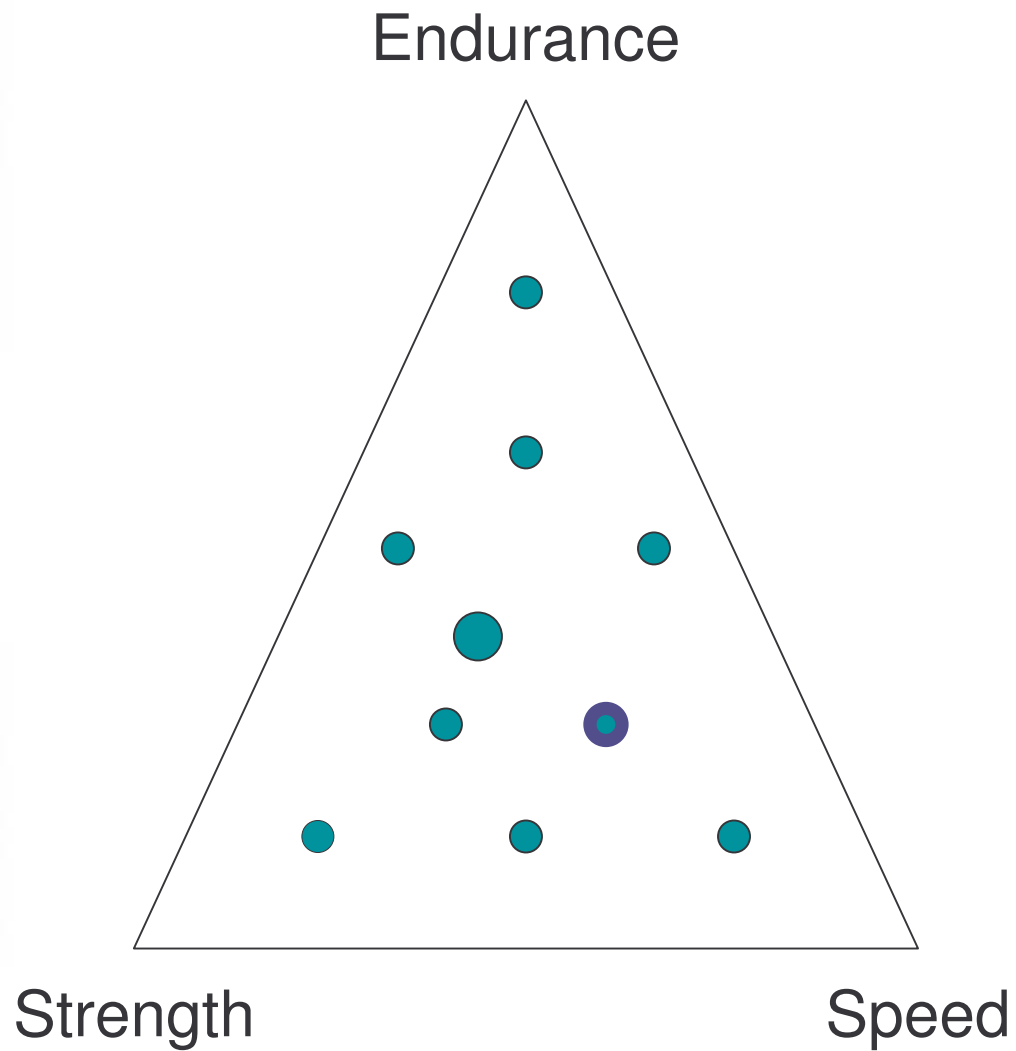




Sprint Kayak

- Lots of Strength, Some Speed, Some Endurance

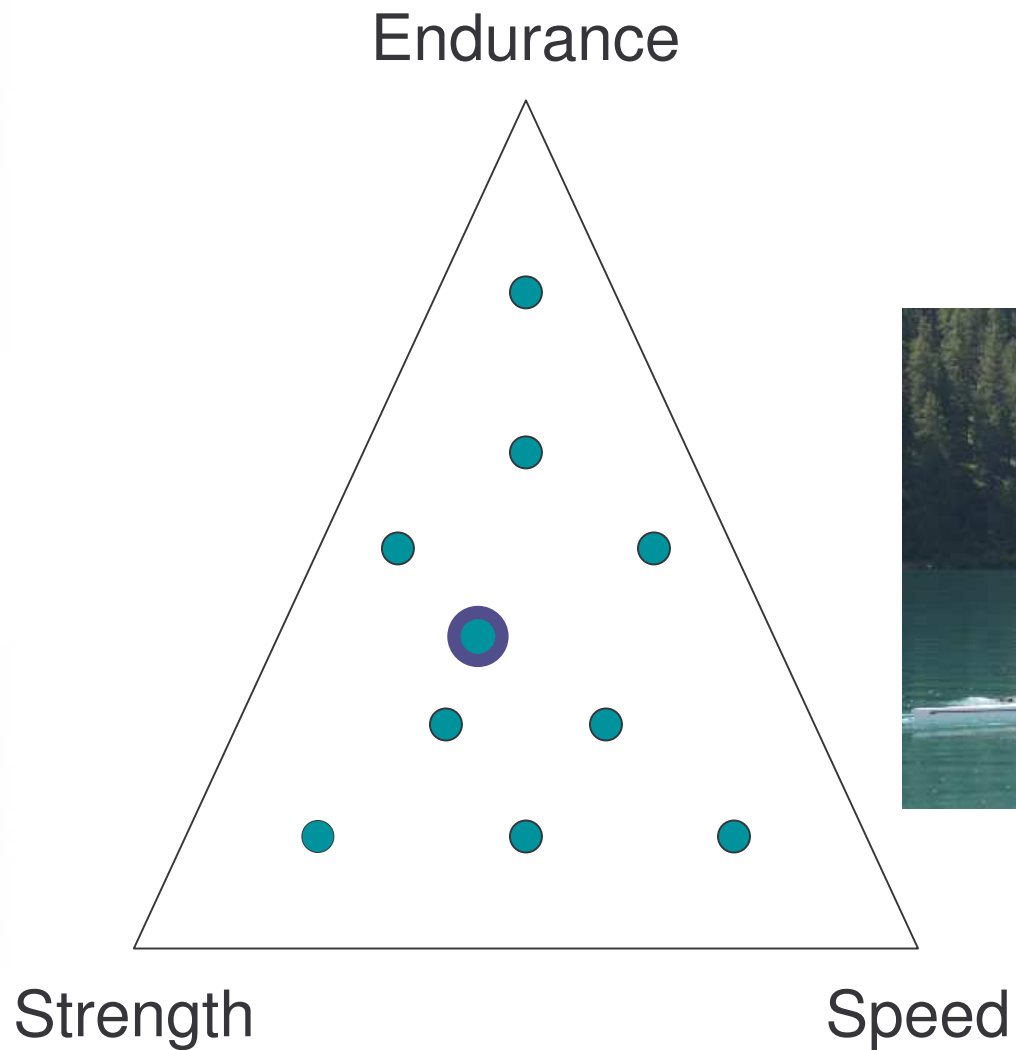




Sprint Swimming

- Lots of Speed, Some Strength, Some Endurance

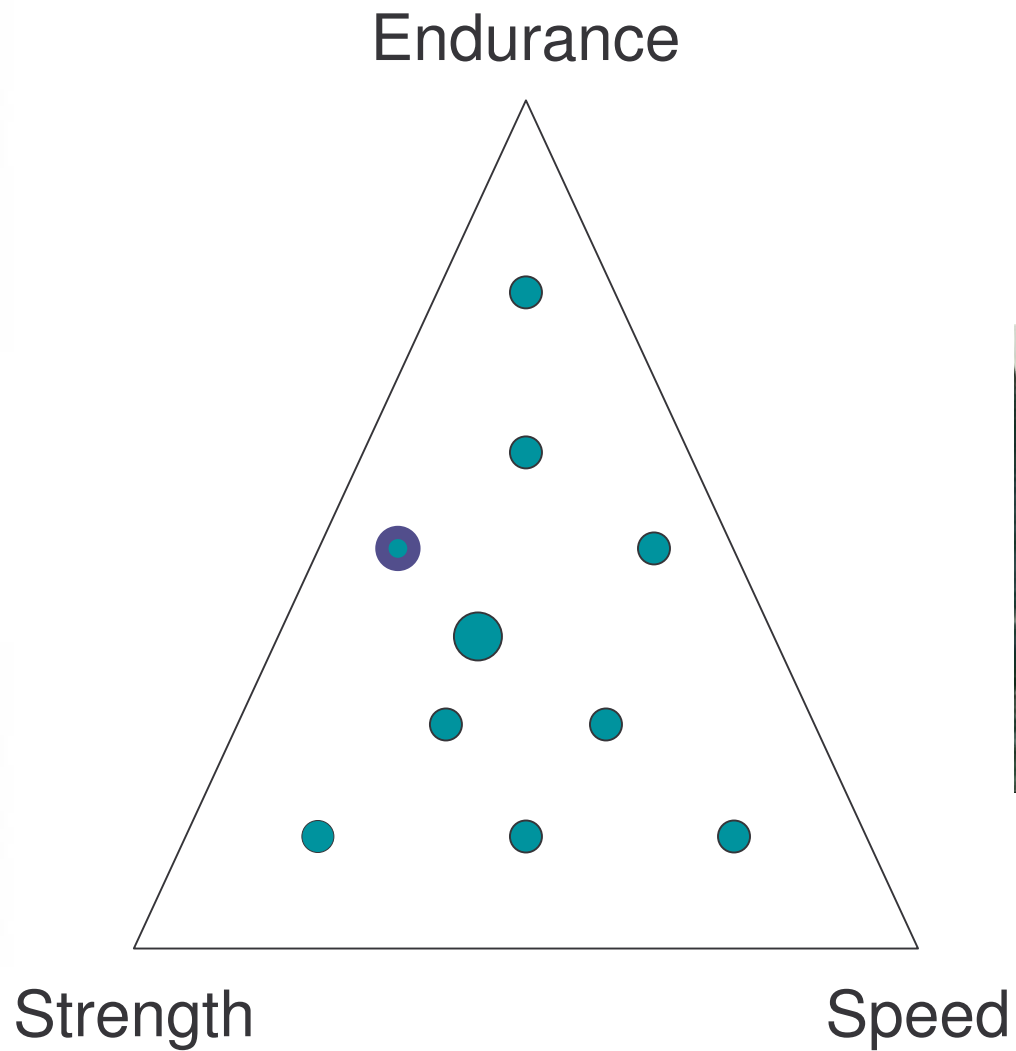




Rowing

- Some Strength, Some Speed, Some Endurance
- Other Sports
- Team Sports

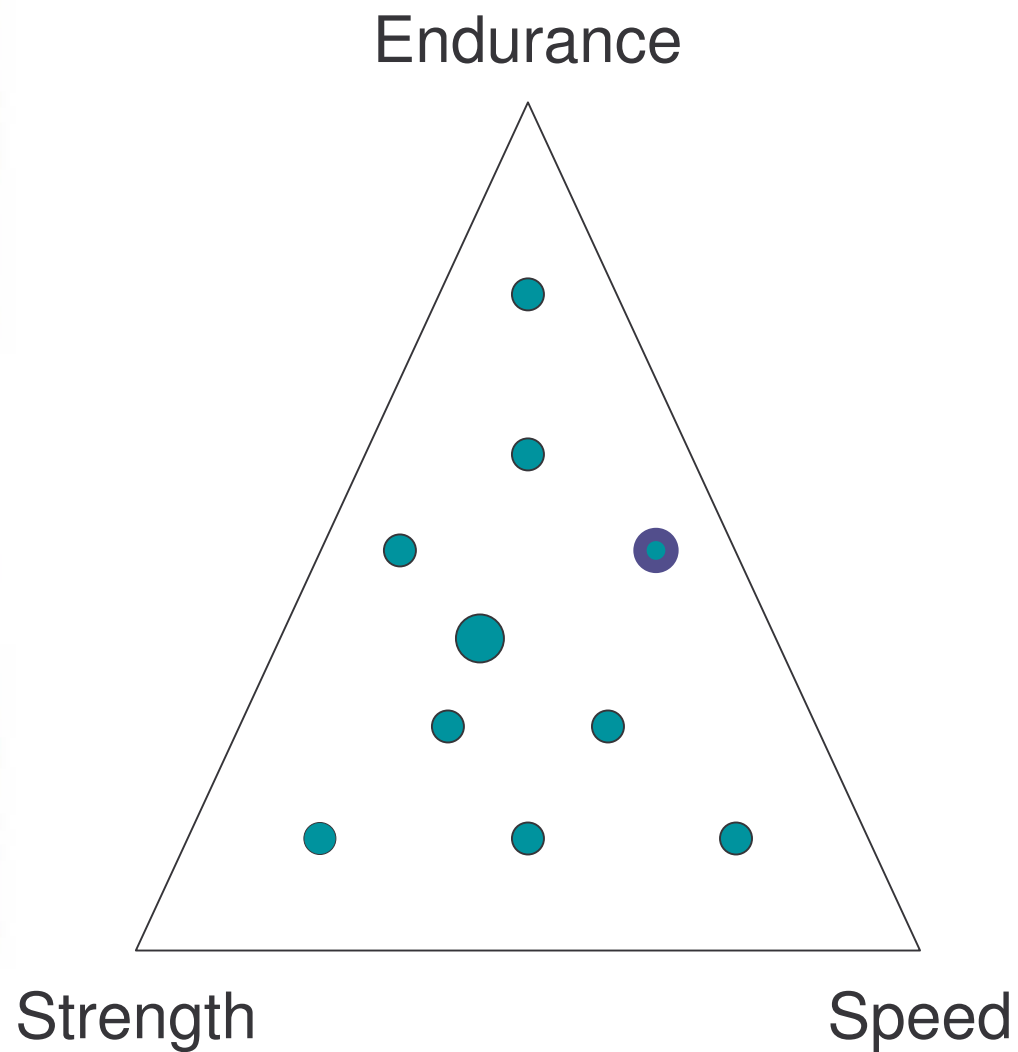




Sailing

- Combination of Strength and Endurance
- Other Sports
- Wrestling

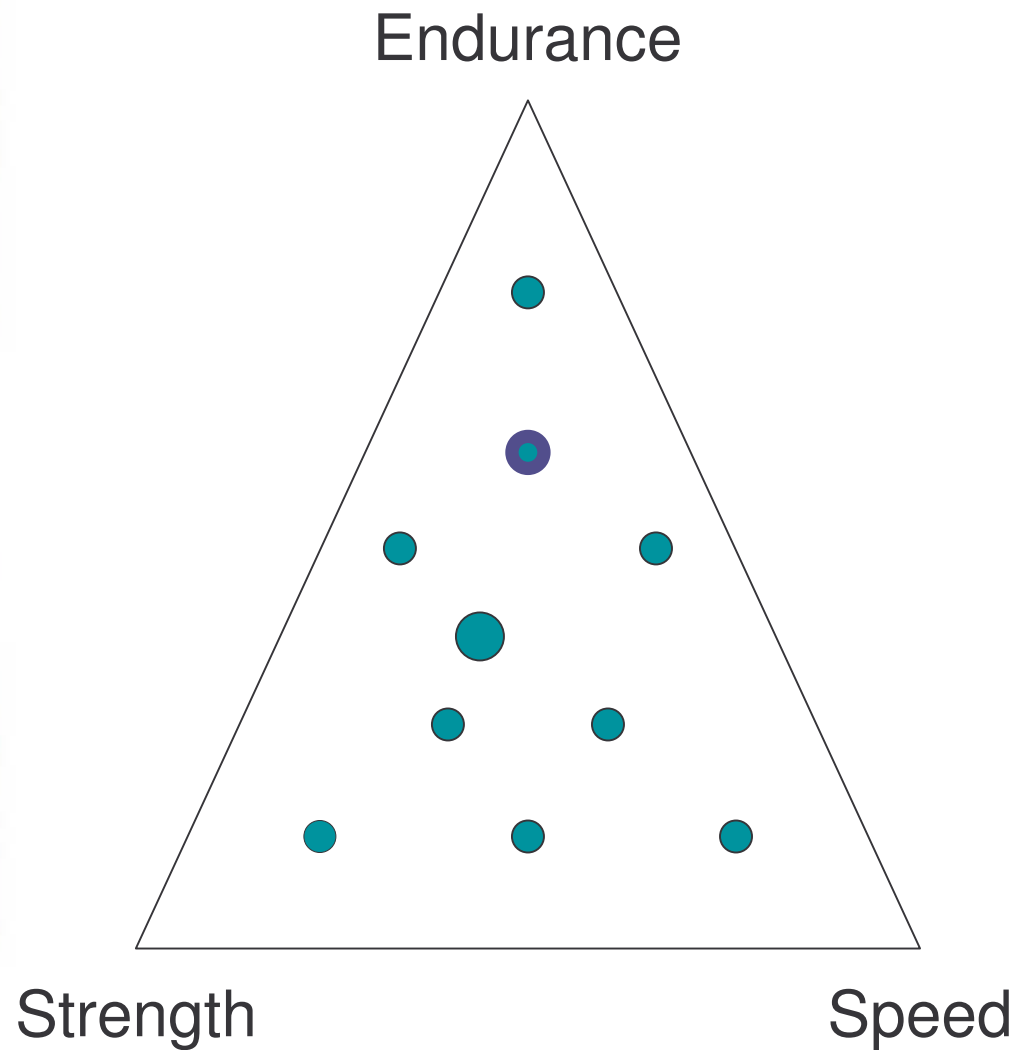




Middle Distance

- Combination of Speed and Endurance
- Other Sports:
 - Speed Skating





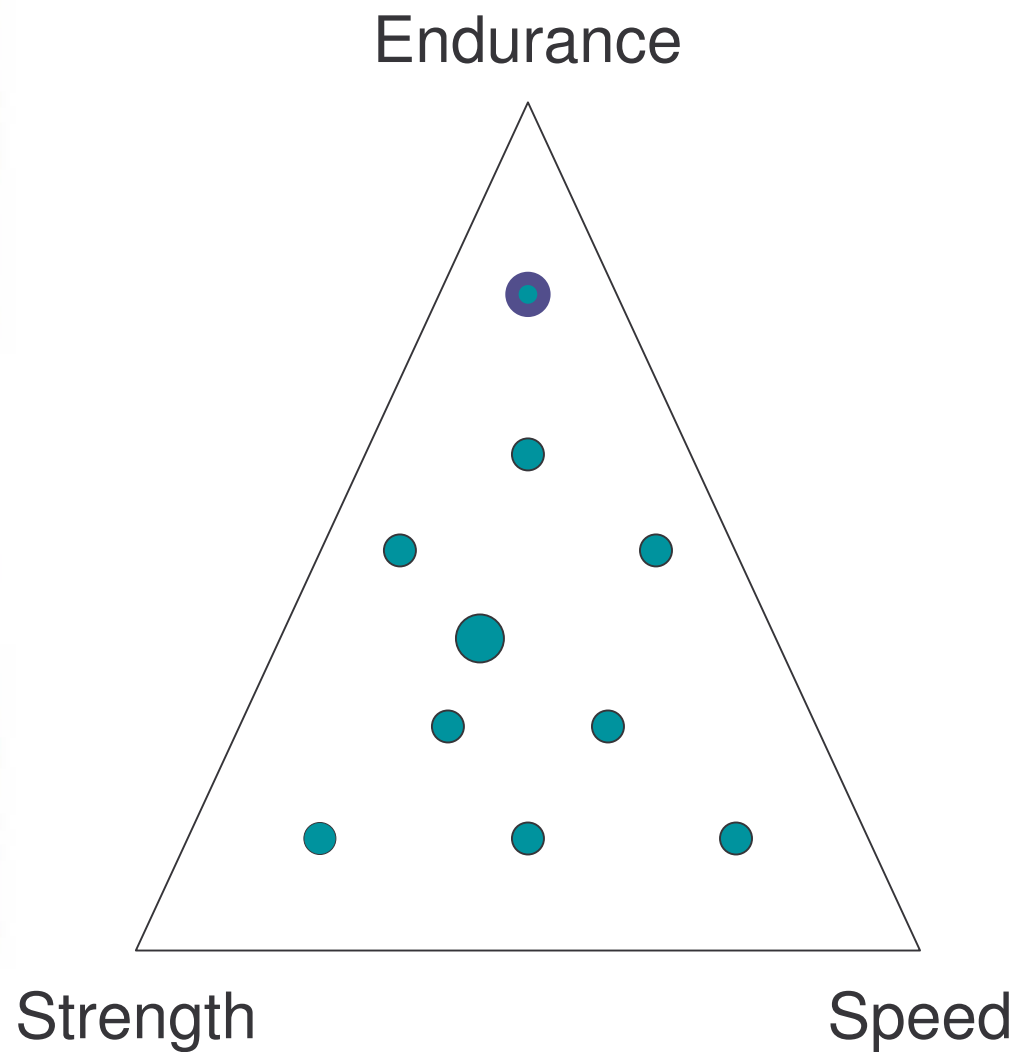
Road Cycling

- Mostly Endurance, Some Speed and Strength

• Other Sports:

- Cross Country Skiing

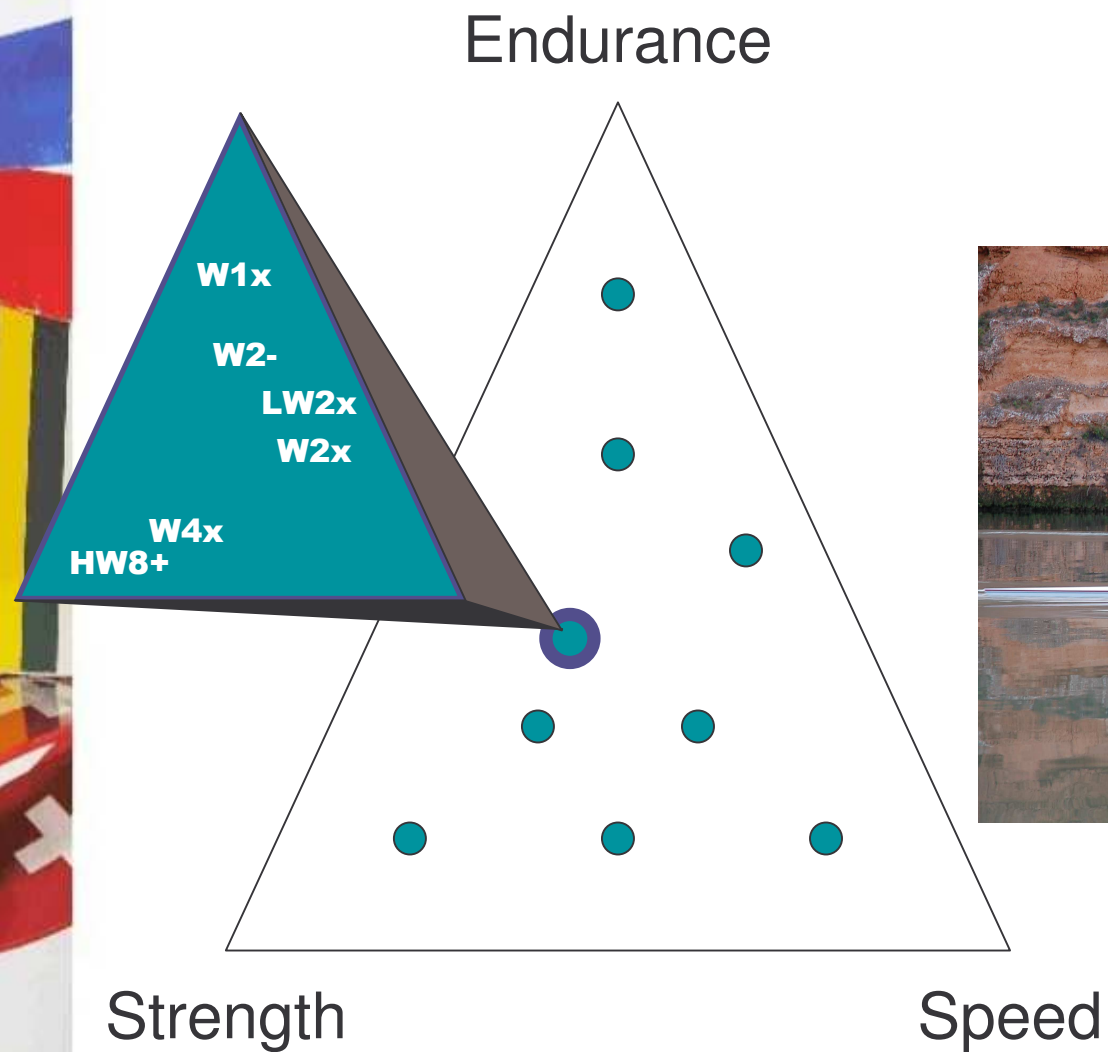




Marathon

- Mostly Endurance
- Other events: Road Cycling; Iron Women





Strength and Conditioning

General Considerations

Endurance

- Aerobic Capacity:
Transport and Utilize the O₂ (VO₂ max and Muscle Adaptation)
- Anaerobic Capacity:
improvement by increasing the rate of glycolysis and lactate tolerance.
- Strength:
the right balance in rowing with both important:
 - mass and
 - accelerations

Strength

- Maximum Strength versus relative Strength
- General Strength versus Specific Strength
- $\text{Strength} \times \text{Speed} = \text{Power}$
- Strength Training Methods

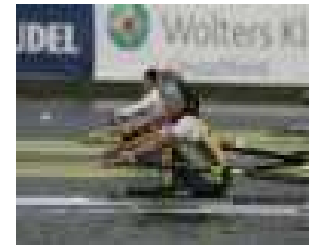


Planning Considerations

- Training yearly plans and periodization: Tasks & Considerations
- Training for developmental elite athletes
- Training for experienced elite athletes
- Specificity and individualization
- Training to train, compete, win.

Strength and Conditioning: Roles and Responsibilities

- Provide physical preparation support in the areas of:
 - Injury Prevention
 - Injury Rehabilitation
 - Anatomical Adaptation
 - Strength Development
 - Power and Speed Development
- Liase with head coach to design strength training program in association with on water/ergo program to maximise strength training adaptations.
- Liase with medical support staff to individualise strength training programs to optimise outcomes.





Strength and Conditioning: Identification of Areas to Address

Example – Individual athlete physical requirements/deficiencies.

Step 1

- **What?** Identification: Boat Class, Technical deficiencies due to physical ability, Injury history, Strength training history.

Step 2

- **Who?** Consultant/s: Coach, Biomechanist, Doctor, Physiotherapist, Strength and conditioning coach.

Step 3

- **When?** Timing of Strength Training: Determined by Annual Plan

Step 4

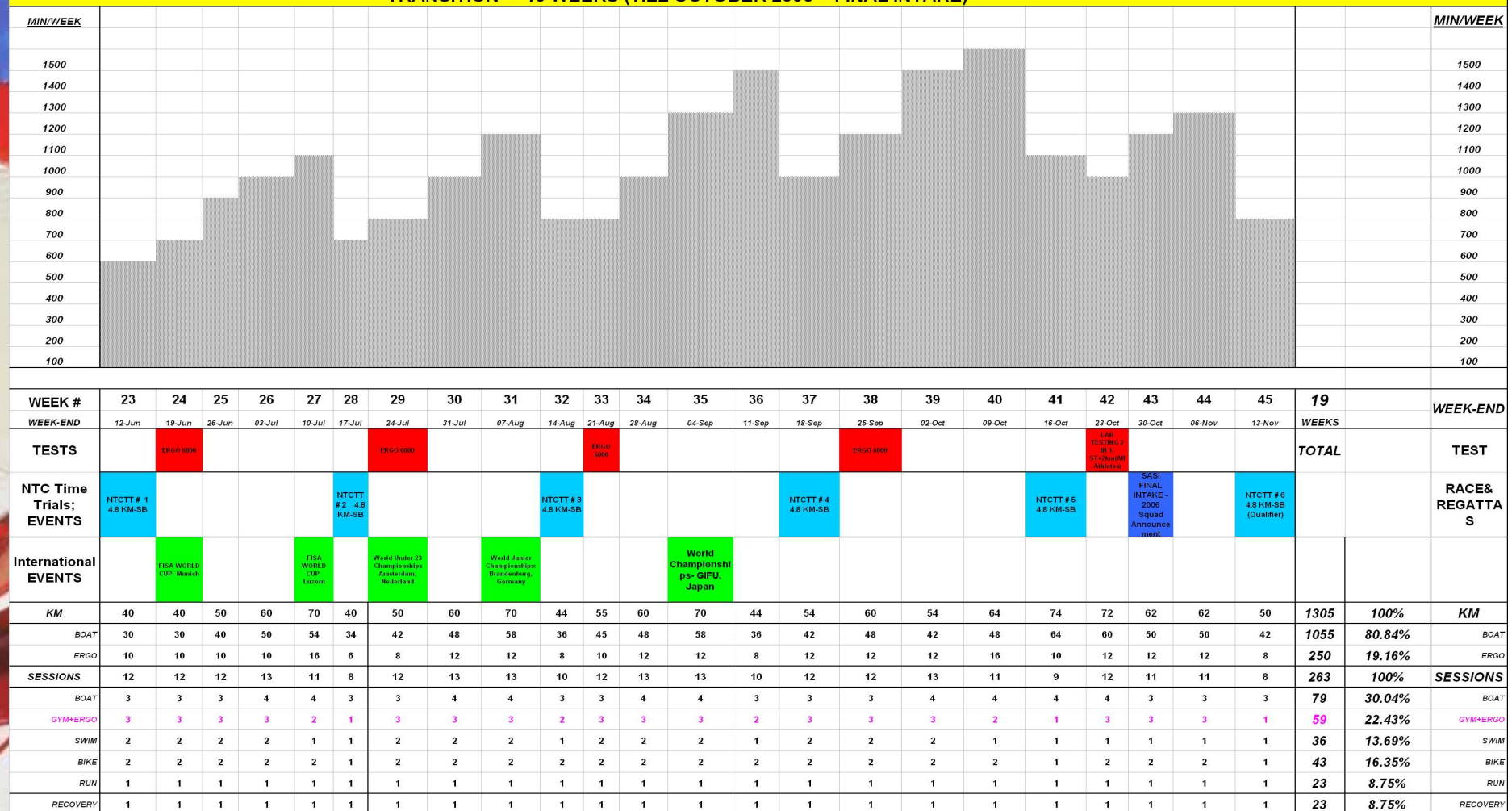
- **Why?** Specificity: Sculling v Sweep, Poor power transfer, Predisposed to injury, Limited strength training options

Annual Training Plan

2005 - 2006 SASI ROWING PROGRAM

JUNE 20th - OCTOBER 16th 2005

TRANSITION = 19 WEEKS (TILL OCTOBER 2005 = FINAL INTAKE)



Strength and Conditioning: Annual Plan

DATES	MONTHS	June '06	July '06	August '06	September '06	October '06	November '06	December '06	January '07	February '07	March '07	April '07	May '07	June '07	July '07			
	WEEK #	1 2 3 4	5 6 7 8 9	10 11 12 13	13 14 15 16	17 18 19 20 21	22 23 24 25 26	27 28 29 30	31 32 33 34	35 36 37 38	39 40 41 42 43	44 45 46 47	48 49 50 51	52 53 54 55 56	57 58			
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Competitions	World Champs																	
	National Comp																	
	Local Comp																	
Location																		
Training Phase		Prog 1 - Gen Prep			Prog 2 - Gen Prep		Prog 3 Priority 3 Specific Prep		Prog 4 - Gen Prep		Prog 5 (6wks) and Prog 6 (4wks) Priority 2 - Specific Prep			Prog 7 - Gen Prep		Prog 8 - Gen Prep/Competition	Prog 9 (6wks) and Prog 10 (5wks) Priority Prep/Competition	
Strength & Conditioning (HW)	Level 1	Anat Adap 3	Anat Adap 4	Gen Str 1	Gen Str 2	Gen Str 3	Gen Str 4	Max Str 1	Max Str 2	Max Str 3	Max Str 4	Transition	Gen Str 4	Max Str 1	Max Str 2	Max Str 3		
	Level 2	Anat Adap 3	Gen Str 2	Gen Str 3	Gen Str 4	Max Str 1	Max Str 2	Max Str 3	Str-Pwr 1	Str-Pwr 2	Str-Pwr 3	Str-Pwr 4	Max Str 2	Max Str 3	Str-Pwr 1	Str-Pwr 2		
	Level 3	Gen Str 3	Gen Str 4	Max Str 3	Max Str 4	Str-Pwr 2	Str-Pwr 3	Spd-Pwr 1	Spd-Pwr 2	Speed 1	Taper	Speed 4	Str-Pwr 3	Spd-Pwr 1	Spd-Pwr 2	Speed 1		
	Level 4	Max Str 4	Str-Pwr 1	Str-Pwr 2	Str-Pwr 3	Str-Pwr 4	Spd-Pwr 1	Spd-Pwr 2	Spd-Pwr 3	Speed 1	Speed 2	Spd End	Speed 3	Taper	Speed 4	Speed 1	Speed 2	Spd End
TESTING	On Water Physiology																	
	Strenath																	

Program Level Selection Criteria:
Strength Test Results (relative to body weight)

Program Level	Lower body		Upper body	
	Squat //	Deadlift	Press	Pull
1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	1.00	1.00	0.59	0.60
3	1.33	1.50	0.79	0.80
4	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00

Train to Train
Train to Train
Train to Compete
Train to win

Strength and Conditioning: Progression and Variation

Program 1

(level 3)

General Preparation

- **Program Goal**
 - *General Strength*
- **Program Structure**
 - *4 Days/wk (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri),*
 - *Alternate heavy/light split with Injury prevention focus.*
 - *High Volume*
 - *Moderate Intensity (~7/10)*
 - *Controlled Velocity.*

Program 2

(level 3)

General Preparation

- **Program Goal**
 - *Max Strength*
- **Program Structure**
 - *4 Days/wk (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri),*
 - *Alternate heavy/light split with Max Strength focus.*
 - *Moderate Volume*
 - *High Intensity (~9/10)*
 - *Slow Velocity (due to load).*

Program 3

(level 3)

Specific Preparation

- **Program Goal**
 - *Max Strength Power*
- **Program Structure**
 - *4 Days/wk (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri),*
 - *Alternate heavy/light split with Max Strength focus.*
 - *Moderate Volume*
 - *Mon, Thurs - High Intensity (~9/10), Tues, Fri - Moderate Intensity (~7/10)*
 - *Maximum Velocity (load dependent).*

Strength Training - Means

LAND

- **Ergometers (Concept II; Rowperfect) - drag**
- **Ergometer Concept Dyno**
- **Various Gym Programs**
- **Other (bikes; uphill run; stairs; swimming)**
- **Other (games; multi event – triathlon)**

Strength

- Maximum Strength versus relative Strength
- General Strength versus Specific Strength
- $\text{Strength} \times \text{Speed} = \text{Power}$
- Strength Training Methods

BOAT

- *Rigging (heavier – lighter)*
- *Rowing on big boat - reduced crew #'s*
- *Rowing Upstream - Downstream*
- *Power Strokes – devices*
- *Speed Boat Towing*

Strength and Conditioning: Plan and Execution

GYM TRAINING

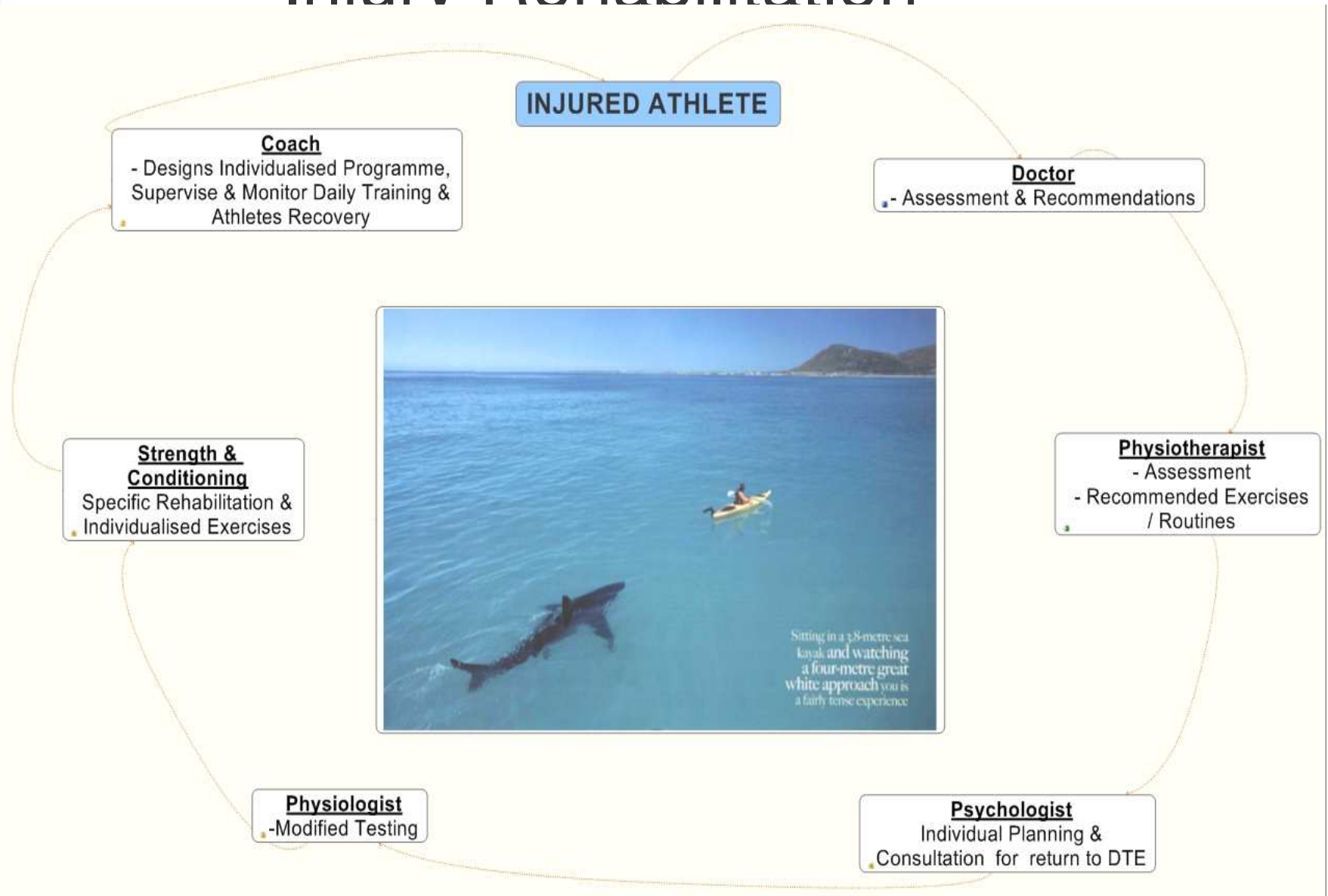
- Typical Rowing Land Training = 8 – 18 exercises
- Strength & Conditioning specialists = + 200 exercises
- Specialized Programs: Visual Training = + 8000 exercises



Injury Prevention & Rehabilitation



Injury Rehabilitation



Injury Prevention Exercises

- Abdominal/Core
 - Hanging Tuck with Rotation
- Lower back
 - Supine Brace $<45^{\circ}$ with Chest fly
- Shoulder
 - Single Arm Body Blade Shoulder Flexion/Extension
- Glutealis
 - SL Squat on Box Edge



Injury Prevention - Ball Exercises

- Abdominal/Core
 - Shoulder flexion to tuck
- Lower back
 - Reverse Back Extension
- Shoulder
 - Exercise Ball Push Up
- Glutealis
 - SL Supine Hip Extension



Plyometrics

Lower body

- On-Box Squat Jump
- Drop Jump to On Box Jump
- Repeated Shuttle Jump
- Repeated Full Squat Broad Jump



Upper body

- Concentric Bench Pull
- Ballistic Bench Pull



Power Production

- **Lower-body**
 - Concentric Leg Press
 - Ballistic Leg Press
- **Upper-body**
 - Concentric Bench Pull
 - Ballistic Bench Pull



Other Exercises

- Dyno

- Push
- Press
- Leg Press



- Cability Straps

- Shoulder Flexion



Land Training –Dyno Plan

Gym Training - Dyno Ergo



Women

PHASE		Duration	SESSION in WEEK	Mode	Work - minutes	Work - reps	Break - minutes
Preparation 1	24 June 2005 - 23 Oct 2005	20 weeks	session 1	No vents open	4x2	4x56	2
Preparation 1	24 June 2005 - 23 Oct 2005	20 weeks	session 1	No vents open	4x3	4x84	2
Preparation 2	24 October 2005 - 29 January 2006	13 weeks	session 1	No vents open	3x4	3x112	2
Preparation 2	24 October 2005 - 29 January 2006	13 weeks	session 1	No vents open	3x5	3x140	2
Preparation 3	30 January 2006 - 30 April 2006	13 weeks	session 1	No vents open	3x6	3x140	2
Preparation 3	30 January 2006 - 30 April 2006	13 weeks	session 1	No vents open	3x7	2x168	2
Preparation 1	24 June 2005 - 23 Oct 2005	20 weeks	session 3	Two vents open	4x1	4x35	3
Preparation 1	24 June 2005 - 23 Oct 2005	20 weeks	session 3	Two vents open	2x2	2x70	3
Preparation 2	24 October 2005 - 29 January 2006	13 weeks	session 3	Two vents open	2x3	2x105	3
Preparation 2	24 October 2005 - 29 January 2006	13 weeks	session 3	Two vents open	2x4	2x140	3
Preparation 3	30 January 2006 - 30 April 2006	13 weeks	session 3	Two vents open	2x4.5	2x140	3
Preparation 3	30 January 2006 - 30 April 2006	13 weeks	session 3	Two vents open	3x3	3x105	3
Preparation 1	24 June 2005 - 23 Oct 2005	20 weeks	session 4	Four vents open	4x1	4x40	3
Preparation 1	24 June 2005 - 23 Oct 2005	20 weeks	session 4	Four vents open	4x1'30"	4x60	3
Preparation 2	24 October 2005 - 29 January 2006	13 weeks	session 4	Four vents open	3x2	3x80	3
Preparation 2	24 October 2005 - 29 January 2006	13 weeks	session 4	Four vents open	3x2'30"	3x100	3
Preparation 3	30 January 2006 - 30 April 2006	13 weeks	session 4	Four vents open	3x3'	3x100	3
Preparation 3	30 January 2006 - 30 April 2006	13 weeks	session 4	Four vents open	4x2'	4x80	3

Land Training – Power Exercises Program

Dynamic Warm-up

Squat	1x5	Lateral Shuffle	2x4ea	Cross Hop	2x4ea
Power Squat	1x5	Carioca/Grapevine	2x4ea	Kung Fu Push-up	2x5
Sumo Balance	1x3ea	Inchworm	1x5	Pike Jump	2x3

Repetitions

Reps	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6
A	(3), 3x6 @ 50%	(3), 3x7 @ 45%	(3), 2x8 @ 40%	(3), 3x7 @ 45%	(3), 3x8 @ 40%	(3), 2x9 @ 35%
B	(3), 3x8 @ 40%	(3), 3x9 @ 35%	(3), 2x10 @ 30%	(3), 3x9 @ 35%	(3), 3x10 @ 30%	(3), 2x10 @ 30%
C	(3), 3x10 @ 30%	(3), 3x10 @ 30%	(3), 2x10 @ 30%	(3), 3x10 @ 30%	(3), 3x10 @ 30%	(3), 2x10 @ 30%
D	(3), 3 x 6	(3), 6, 6, 5	(3), 6, 5	(3), 6, 5, 4	(3), 5, 5, 4	(3), 5, 4
E	(3), 3x20 Broken	(3), 3x25 Broken	(3), 2x30 Broken	(3), 3x25 Broken	(3), 3x30 Broken	(3), 2x35 Broken

Day 1 – Strength, Power & Power Endurance

Exercise	Variation	Loading	Sets/Reps	Tempo	Rest
Ballistic Leg Press	3,High,/,Neut	PtL	A	dr/rb/ex/fl	2min ss
Hang Pull	Sn,HBK,Neut	BB	B	dr/rb/ex/f	2min ss
Ballistic Leg Press	1,Low,/,Neut	PtL	C	dr/rb/ex/fl	2min ss
Power Pull	Cl,Flr,Neut	BB	A	ex/f/dr/set	2min ss
Incline Press	Nar,Pr	DB	D	dr/rb/ex/f	2min p
Deadlift	Cl,Flr,Neut	BB	D	ex/f/dr/set	2min p
Recline Pulldown	Wide,Pr,TT	PnL	D	ex/f/dr/rb	2min p
Power Jump on Shuttle	Half,Neut	Bunjee	E	dr/rb/ex/fl	30s/1min ss
Upright Row	Nar,Pr	BB	D	ex/f/dr/set	1min ss

Land Training – Power Exercises #2

Day 2 - Strength, Power & Power Endurance

Exercise	Variation	Loading	Sets/Reps	Tempo	Rest
Ballistic Leg Press	2,Mid,//,Neut	PtL	B	dr/rb/ex/fl	2min ss
Hang Pull	Cl,HAK,Neut	BB	C	dr/rb/ex/f	2min ss
Single-arm Bench Press	Nar,Pr	DB	D ea	dr/rb/ex/f	30s ss/2min p
Back Squat	Hi,//,Neut	BB	D	dr/rb/ex/f	2min p
Bent-over Row	Nar,Pr,Neut	DB	D	ex/f/dr/rb	2min p
Power Pull (3.5m.s^{-1})	Cl,Flr,Neut	BB	E	ex/f/dr/set	30s/2min p
Chin-up	Nar,Pr	B&W	D	ex/f/dr/rb	1min ss
Ballistic Leg Press (2.7m.s^{-1})	2,Mid,//,Neut	PtL	E	dr/rb/ex/fl	30s/1min ss



General Considerations

- Differences between men and women rowers
- Differences between open and lightweight women
- Elite female rowers after a development phase tend to reach a balance within (strength)
- Further improvements on performance by increasing efficiency





Australian Considerations & Requirements

- Two “summer” seasons: October – April (domestic) and May – September (international=overseas)
- Rowing on water all year round
- National System/States based, Advanced Sport Science
- National, State requirements (competitions & tests)
- Elite Athletes Training: centralized/decentralized
- Strong Rowing Population: athletes, coaches, support staff, administrators
- Tradition, culture, proud rowing history (Oarsome Foursome; Auslighty chicks; schools “Head of the River”; Kings Cup)



Why Strength?

- Ongoing and Complementary to boat training
- Rowing Posture
- Development & Maintenance
- Injury Prevention & Rehabilitation
- Variety & Enjoyment



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- Thank you.

