

EFFECT OF SAQ AND LADDER TRAINING ON SELECTED PHYSIOLOGICAL VARIABLES AMONG COLLEGE MEN HANDBALL PLAYERS

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Abstract

This research examines how collegiate men's handball players' physiological variables are affected by SAQ and ladder training. It is expected that the effects of SAQ and ladder training will result in notable variations in a few physiological characteristics of men's handball players. Forty-five individuals were divided into three equal groups at random and allocated to the SAQ trial group, Ladder experimental group and a controlled group. The training groups had undergone six weeks of specific training, while the control group retained their regular routine. Pretest and posttest were undergone and the quantitation measurement were taken for aerobic capacity, agility and speed through SAQ and Ladder training to assess the physiological changes. Breath holding time was assessed in seconds and systolic pressure was assessed by digital blood pressure monitor before and after 6 weeks of intensive training. The estimated data were collected, analyzed and computed with the help of 'F' ratio to determine whether the difference between the group means are statistically significant and indicates that there are significant difference between group means. The level of significance was set at 0.05 level of confidence and the calculated result stressed that experimental groups obtained enormous improvement in breath hold time and systolic pressure and there by physiologically superior to the group under control. Thus, it is determined that SAQ and ladder training have a significant impact on handball players' physiological characteristics.

Key Words: SAQ and Ladder Exercise, Breath Holding Time, Systolic blood pressure

1. INTRODUCTION

Approximately 19 million people play handball, split across 800,000 teams in the 167 member federations that make up the International Handball Federation. To compete at the best levels, handball players must have a variety of technical skills (such as shooting and passing) as well as fitness elements (like jumping ability, speed, and endurance) [1]. As a result, practitioners and scientists are constantly looking into the crucial elements and traits that can differentiate between elite and amateur players. The investigation that is currently available on handball players shows that the level of competitiveness affects physiological traits including strength, speed, and jumping ability. This implies that identifying effective players may be accomplished by physiological testing. More research is required to determine the traits of elite players, as the majority of earlier studies have focused on non-elite players. Handball players might use this information to assess their physiological and physical traits and create customized training plans.

Sports and activities require both mental and physical skills to perform well. The contribution of the body and the mind to human success is equal. Playing sports can benefit both our bodies and minds. For one, unstructured outdoor games and activities are crucial. Encourages one to play, run around, jump, and go trekking with his buddies; these activities are vital ways for them to release their physical energy. Disport, which means to divert oneself, is the basic meaning of sports [2]. By engaging in the fun and fancies of frolicsome physical pursuits, people were able to turn their focus away from the intense demands of everyday life.

An athlete's many physical and mental traits combine to produce a successful sports performance. All things considered, anthropometric attributes are significant when compared to other traits when sports performance is taken into account. The measurement of the human individual is known as anthropometry [3]. It is a nearly tool in physical anthropology that has been utilized in paleoanthropology, identification, understanding human physical variation, and numerous attempts to link physical characteristics to racial and psychological features.

The systematic measurement of the physical characteristics of the human body, mainly dimensional descriptors of body size and shape [4], is known as anthropometry. Exercises requiring balance, strength, flexibility, agility, endurance, and control of muscular groups are performed as part of the sport of gymnastics. Athletes possess a variety of mental and physical traits that combine to produce excellent sports performance. When comparing anthropometric attributes to other traits, sports performance is one of the most significant factors. Human individual measurement is known as anthropometry. In paleoanthropology, identification, comprehending human physical variation, and numerous attempts to associate physical characteristics with racial and psychological aspects, it is an early technique of physical anthropology.

The methodical assessment of the human body's physical characteristics, particularly dimensional descriptors of body size and shape [5], is known as anthropometry. Gymnastics is a sport in which athletes do movements that call for control, strength, flexibility, agility, balance, and endurance. Sports training gained a lot of attention as a result of the development of biology, biomechanical, and physiological sciences as well as the evolution of mathematics and natural sciences, which coincided with significant changes in sports training ideas. Sports training are excellent in preparing, formulating, and developing human capabilities of its various dimensions for the maximum amount of what he can from within the human capabilities and energies of the bombing in the direction of the desired goal, as any observer of the evolution of sports levels in the world may realize.

The training process had to be directed to prepare the rider preparation integrated in all aspects (physical, skills, physiological, psychological) [6], even though handball training is the most important sport training in general and training goals are a private individual access to the highest level athlete. Given the various approaches and training plans, it becomes essential for the coach to select training plans and techniques that complement the traits and abilities of his players and that enhance their physical development, which in turn raises the bar for digital accomplishments.

Therefore, more research is required to expand our understanding of elite achievement in male handball and to gather current information about elite male players. Coaches could utilize this information to better choose players and create training plans that cater to each player's unique requirements [7]. Thus, the study's main goal was to investigate any potential physiological and physical traits that might distinguish elite male handball players from teams with varying league positions. We postulated that players on the top teams would possess better physical and physiological traits.

2. RELATED WORKS

Chidambaram Raja, (August, 2011) Handball is a highly intensive court ball sport that requires quick agile movements with rapid changes of direction and explosive power due to its essentiality of more reaction, reflexion and movement time. To excel in handball, players must possess excellent physiological attributes such as speed, agility and aerobic capacity. The SAQ and Ladder training are the two popular training methods to improve the same.

(Preetha O, 2006) SAQ Training is a types of training that emphasizes increasing one's rapidity, quickness, and velocity and thereby enhancing his response, reaction and performance by enriching overall fitness and coordination and ladder training is the most suitable method for team sports that prepare athletes/players for high intensity activities. It helps to improve agility, speed, foot speed, reaction response and acceleration. So both SAQ and ladder training have widely adopted in sports training programs.

(Promoth, K.G, July, 2010) The purpose of the current research was to examine how SAQ and ladders training affected a few physiological indicators in male collegiate handball competitors. Individuals in the present research will be randomly allocated to either a SAQ training group or a ladder exposure group as part of a randomized controlled trial (RCT) or a controlled group.

(Moghim, J. 2017) A sample of 45 men handball players were selected at an age range of 18-25 years and grouped into 15 of each training group with the inclusion criteria of action participation and free from injury along with the exclusion criteria of medical condition affect participation in the mid of the exercise period.

(Wang, J. 2020) Groups for SAQ train and ladder training had undergone 6 week intensive training after a pretest with 3 times a week while control group had maintained their regular routine. After 6 week post training measurement were taken to analyze the notable improvement by comparing the results of the first and last tests. The ethical considerations were strictly followed like informed and consent obtained from participants and approved by the institution.

Dhanaraj, S Popular tool of SAQ training, Agility ladder to analyze the foot speed and co-ordination and a flat ladder, lay on the ground to perform various footdrills were utilized during training session. The breath holding time and Systolic blood pressure were measured with digital monitors. Finally the quantitative data's collected were analyzed with descriptive statistics to summarize participant characteristics." Each group's pre- and post-training measurements were compared using the F-ratio and SCHEFFE'S tests.

3. METHODS AND MATERIALS

In more than 100 countries, futsal is practiced by over 12 million people at amateur, semi-professional, and professional levels [8]. It is a popular sport worldwide. The popular sport of futsal has evolved into a professional sport in Thailand. Youth futsal players must develop both their technical and physical conditioning to compete in professional football and futsal leagues, which are employed in some nations as a means of developing young athletes although futsal is a fast-paced activity, the tactical aspect—particularly about physical fitness—is crucial. The activity has a rather high level of intensity [9]. Athletes need to be constantly moving. As a result, poor physical fitness training will impact technical and tactical aspects, reduce the effectiveness of employing special skills in both offensive and defensive games, and reduce the likelihood that the team will win.

To defend the opponent's attack and receive the ball, movement is also required. Since mechanical performance is a key component of futsal and the first prerequisite for all futsal athletes and positions of play [10], it necessitates the ability to move quickly in terms of agility, have positive relationships and teamwork, and possess a high level of unique ability, particularly in the direction of body movement to prevent the opponent from getting the ball. The player's skills, such as speed, strength, agility, and reflexes, must therefore be developed by the player. Mechanical skills and human motor performance are influenced by muscular endurance, cardiovascular endurance, speed, agility, and flexibility [11]. A futsal athlete is considered an exceptional futsal athlete if he possesses the physical fitness that is one of the many criteria that determine the competition's success.

To select an area to get the ball and go into the shot, players in the futsal sport have to move with a body in motion that is accelerated, slowing down, and shifting directions of movement to escape articulating and defense to the opponent. This is a sports-related mechanical talent. This mechanical skill, known as futsal agility, is associated with sports. As a result, agility is a crucial component of endurance in futsal [12]. Athletes will gain from being able to efficiently regulate their movements and link them to the steps of their motor abilities in competition during any athletic event. The coach should know the principles and techniques for exercising to develop flexibility and agility that correspond to the patterns of motion and ability to move in that sport, as each sport has its unique pattern. Quick positioning by the movement pattern will give athletes an advantage in the ongoing game at each chance and every stroke they can make. As a result, it is crucial to create distinct training plans that are tailored to the sport's requirements and skill set.

SAQ training, which consists of speed and agility activities, is a popular and recognized kind of training for developing agility. Hale claims that SAQ training is well-liked and that it makes use of the neural and muscle link training theory to enable precise and effective actions in challenging circumstances [13]. Strong muscles and neurological connections allow athletes to pick up new skills fast and execute them successfully.

High-mobility athletes have several benefits. This pattern helps in dribbling, which calls for rapid reactions, speed, and agility, as well as changing direction to avoid opponents. Because SAQ training softens ligaments and joints that restrict futsal athletes' mobility, it also helps them show off their skills and improves their agility. It also makes it easier for futsal athletes to shift direction while running. This is in line with the assertion that improving mobility necessitates practicing that movement and using training concepts as the foundation of the activity accurately, frequently, and quickly, where suppleness is the muscles' and joints' capacity to move through their whole range of motion. The body moves in all feasible directions to cover the entire range of motion. During puberty, stretching exercises should be done. Compared to other ages, this is going to have a bigger impact because it will practice remembering to make it easier to move and allow you to precisely regulate movement direction.

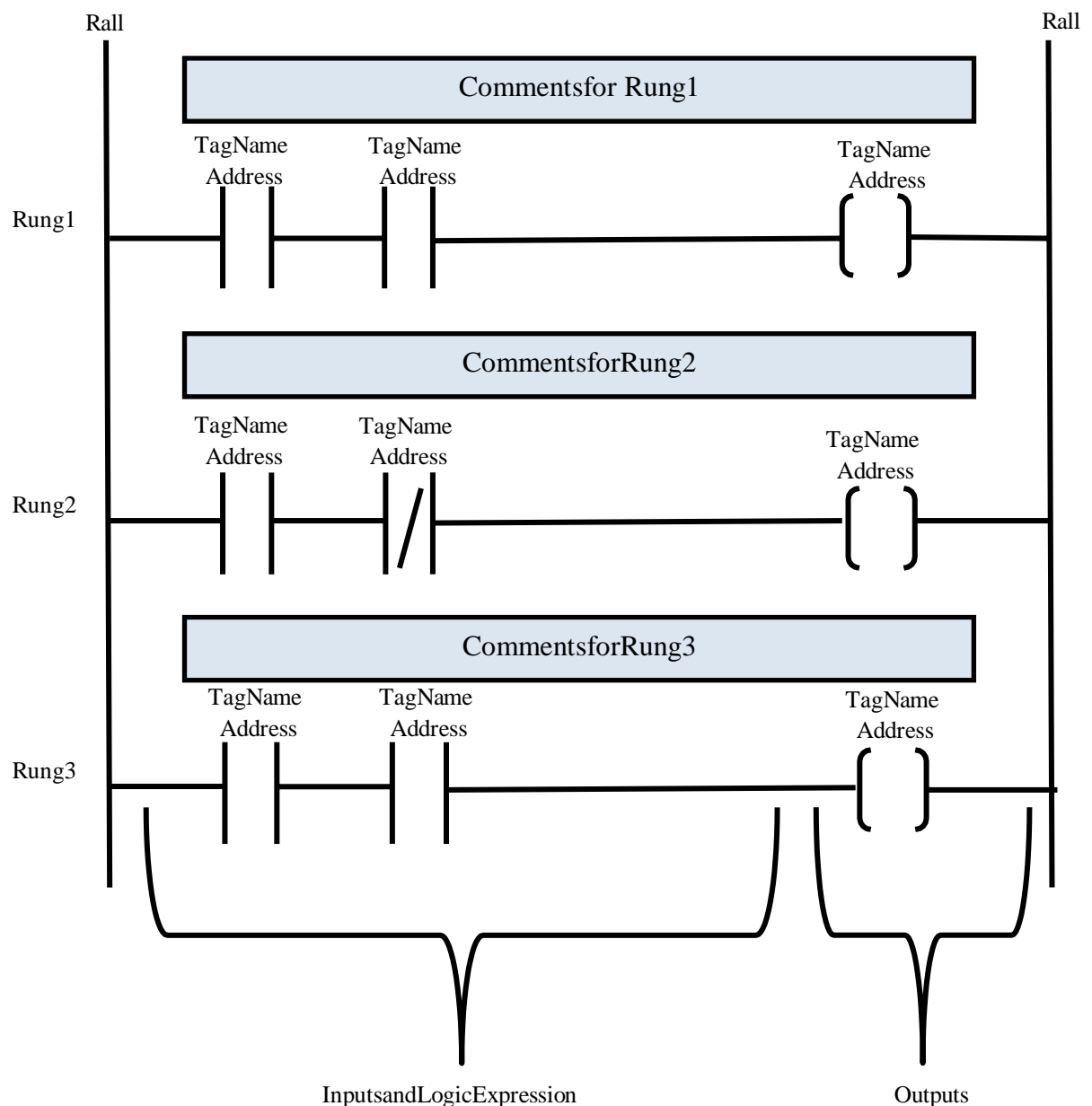


Figure1.PartsofaLadderLogicDiagram

Consequently, the investigator was interested in examining how an amalgamation of SAQ training and a flexibility program affected the agility of futsal players [14]. Futsal coaches can choose a suitable training style and attain the highest effectiveness with the continued development of football athletes thanks to this additional training method, which will assist Thailand's futsal athletes to perform better physically.

Table 1. Covariance analysis of the SAQ Group, Ladder Training Group, and Control Group's Pre, Post, and Adjusted Post Test Means Values on Breath Holding Time (Scores in Moments)

Experiment	SAQ class	Ladder class	Control Group	SV	SS	Df	MS	F ratio	Table Value
Pre Test Despicab le	28.46	27.80	27.77	Bw	3.05	2	1.53	0.11	3.35
				Wn	378.94	27	14.04		
PostTest Mean	32.21	28.95	27.81	Bw	104.19	2	52.10	3.60*	3.35
				Wn	390.96	27	14.48		

Adjusted Post Test Mean	31.75	29.16	28.06	Bw	71.56	2	35.78	136.83*	3.37
				Wn	6.80	26	0.26		

Table 2. The Scheffe's Test for Comparing Paired Estimates on Breathing Holding Duration (Scores in Seconds)

Means			Mean Metamorphosis	Prerequisite CI
SAQ class	Ladder Training class	Mechanism Group		
32.21		27.81	4.39*	0.12
	28.95	27.81	1.14*	0.12
32.21	28.95		3.26*	0.12

Figure 1. Bars Graph Displaying the SAQ Organization's Pre, Post, and Modified Post Test Mean Results, Ladder Training Group and Control Group on Breath Holding Time

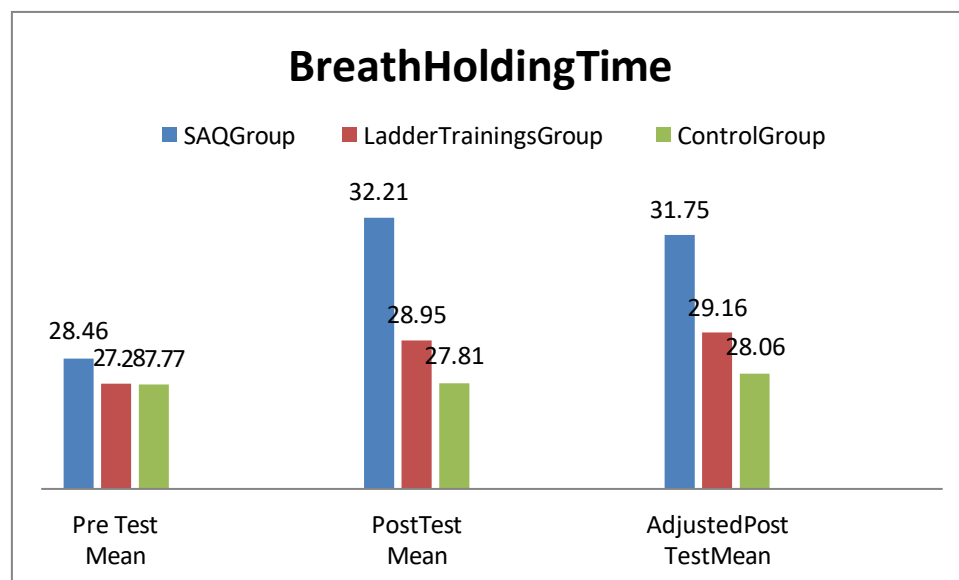


Table 3. Covariance Analysis of the Systolic Blood Pressure Means for the SAQ Group, Ladder Training Group, and the Control Category Before, After, and Adjusted After Tests (Notches in millimeters of mercury (mm Hg))

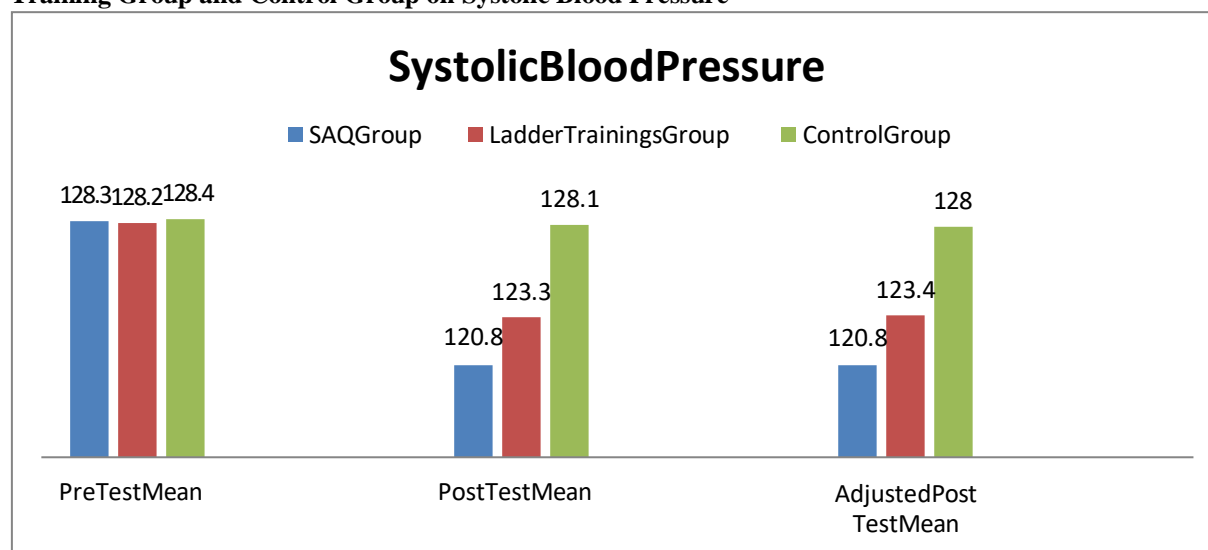
Test	SAQ Group	Ladder Trainings Group	Control Group	SV	SS	Df	MS	F ratio	Table Value
Pre Test Mean	128.30	128.20	128.40	Bw	0.20	2	0.10	0.00	3.35
				Wn	1088.60	27	40.30		
Post Test Mean	120.80	123.30	128.10	Bw	275.27	2	137.63	3.58*	3.35
				Wn	1038.60	27	38.47		
Adjusted Post Test Mean	120.80	123.40	128.00	Bw	266.27	2	133.13	73.26*	3.37
				Wn	47.25	26	1.82		

Table 4. The Scheffe's Test for Differing Systolic Blood Pressure Paired Means (Scores in millimeters of mercury (mm Hg))

Means	Required CI
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SAQclass	LadderTrainingclass	Controlclass	Mean Difference	
120.80		128.10	7.30*	0.12
	123.30	128.10	4.80*	0.12
120.80	123.30		2.50*	0.12

Figure 2. Bar Diagram Showing the Pre, Post and Adjusted Post Test Mean Values of SAQ Group, Ladder Training Group and Control Group on Systolic Blood Pressure



4. CONVERSATION ON FINDINGS

The results of this research demonstrate that both the SAQ and the ladder training programs significantly enhanced the dependent physiological variables—breath holding duration, systolic blood pressure, speed, agility [15], and coordination—and, consequently, the physiological fitness and performance of handball players.

5. CONCLUSION

This study provides evidence that ‘SAQ’ and ‘LADDER’ training can be effective in improving physiological values in Handball players. Coaches can use this finding to design evidence-based training programs that cater to the specific needs of handball players.

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