

EFFECT OF RESISTANCE EXERCISES ON BICEPS STRENGTH AMONG HOCKEY PLAYERS

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Abstract:

The purpose of the study was to find out the effect of resistance exercises on biceps strength among hockey players. To achieve the purpose of the present study, thirty hockey players from Tamilnadu Physical Education and Sports University, Chennai were selected as subjects at random and their ages ranged from 18 to 25 years. The subjects were divided into two equal groups at random. The subjects were divided into two equal groups of fifteen players each. Group I acted as Experimental Group (resistance exercises) and Group II acted as Control Group. The requirement of the experiment procedures, testing as well as exercise schedule was explained to the subjects so as to get full co-operation of the effort required on their part and prior to the administration of the study. The pre-test and post test scores were subjected to statistical analysis using Analysis of Covariance (ANCOVA) to find out the significance among the mean differences. In all cases 0.05 level of significance was fixed to test hypotheses. The experimental group had achieved significant improvement on biceps strength than the control group.

Key Words: Resistance Exercises, Biceps Strength.

Introduction:

The goal of resistance training, is to "gradually and progressively overload the musculoskeletal system so it gets stronger" and also recommends that resistance training should be progressive in nature, individualized, and provide a stimulus to all the major muscle groups (chest, back, shoulders, arms, abdominals, and legs). They recommend that beginners do one set of eight to 10 exercises for the major muscle groups, eight to 12 repetitions to fatigue, two to three days per week (multiple-set regimens may provide greater benefits if time allows). For older and more frail people (approximately 50-60 years of age and above), they suggest that 10-15 repetitions may be more appropriate (Kraemer et al. 2002).

Methodology:

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Results and Discussion:

Table 1: Computation of Mean and Analysis of Covariance on Biceps Strength on Experimental and Control Groups

	Experimental Group	Control Group	Source of Variance	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F
Pre Test	9.53	9.66	BG	0.13	1	0.13	0.17
Mean			WG	21.06	28	0.75	
Post Test	14.06	9.73	BG	140.83	1	140.83	89.89*
Mean			WG	43.86	28	1.56	
Adjusted Post	14.03	9.76	BG	928.08	1	928.08	122.24*
Mean			WG	204.98	27	7.59	

^{*} Significant at 0.05 level

Table value for df 1, 28 was 4.20, df 1, 27 was 4.21

The above table indicates the adjusted mean value of Biceps Strength of experimental and control groups were 14.03 and 9.76 respectively. The obtained F-ratio of 122.24 for adjusted mean was greater than the

table value 4.21 for the degrees of freedom 1 and 27 required for significance at 0.05 level of confidence. The result of the study indicates that there was a significant difference among experimental and control groups on Biceps Strength. The above table also indicates that both pre and post-test means of experimental and control groups also differ significantly.

The pre, post and adjusted values of Biceps Strength of both control and experimental groups are graphically represented in the figure 1.

16 14.06 14.03 14 12 9.73 9.66 9.76 9.53 10 Pre Test in kilograms 8 ■ Post Test Adjusted Post Test 6 4 2 0 **Experimental Group Control Group**

Figure 1: Shows the Mean Values on Biceps Strength of Resistance Training and Control Groups

Conclusion:

The experimental group had achieved significant improvement on biceps strength than the control group.

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