THE EFFECTS OF PLYOMETRIC TRAINING ON UPPER AND LOWER BODY EXTREMITIES AMONG UITM HANDBALL PLAYERS

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ABSTRACT

Objective: To determine the effect of 6 weeks plyometric training program on upper and lower body extremities power among UiTM Pahang handball players. Pre and post test of upper and lower body will be conducted. Method: This study is an experimental design research where the participants were asking to perform pre and post test of the vertical jump and seated medicine ball toss. Each group has been given different treatment for six weeks before they perform the post test. The treatment consists of handball daily training for the control group and plyometric training for the experimental group. Participant: Twenty-six active male handball players (n=26) from UiTM Pahang were participated in this study. They had been separated into 2 groups, control group thirteen players (n=13) and experimental group thirteen players (n=13). Aged, mean \pm standard deviation for control group, 19.69 \pm 0.63 years; weight 69.54 \pm 12.39; height 173.00 \pm 5.85 cm and body mass index 28.88 \pm 11..03 while aged, mean \pm standard deviation for experimental group, 19.85 \pm 0.38 years; weight 67.58 \pm 7.83 kg; height 174.46 \pm 4.88 cm and body mass index 26.44 \pm 5.49. Result accuracy score was recorded during the pre test and post test. Finding: Result shows there is a significant on the upper body (p<0.005) while for lower body there show no significant (p>0.005). Discussion: These findings suggest that the addition of period plyometric training sessions may be more beneficial and effects for enhancing selected measures of upper and lower body extremities among handball players.

Key words: Plyometrics, power, handball, medicine ball toss, vertical jump.