Strength and conditioning in badminton players

Demands of the sport

- A ballistic intermittent sport
- Matches: ~40-60 mins
- Match HR values: 80-95% HRmax
- Repetitive bouts of high and low intensity efforts
- Main outcome determinants: CODS and SV



Specific training

- Minimal application of heavy resistance exercises
- Weighted resistance warm-up
 - Lower limb power output
 - Reactive agility
- Plyometrics
- Balance training

Training - CODS

- Weighted warm-up exercises

- Specificity is important \rightarrow LB
- Weighted vest
- Plyometrics training + balance training
 - Strengthen muscle
 - Train proprioceptive system
 - Kinaesthetic awareness
- Improve vertical jump performance and leg stiffness



Training - Smash velocity

- Requires: muscle power + strength, RT, body coordination
- Plyometrics
 - Stretch-shortening cycle
 - Reflex potentiation (MU activation)
 - Squat jump variations



Potential injuries and prevention

- Overuse knee injuries -> repetitive impact loading on lower body
- Patellar and Achilles tendinopathies -> useover injury from lunges
- Shoulder pain + injuries -> overuse injury from overhead stroke

Prevention

- Muscle-strengthening exercises -> rotator cuff muscles
- Improve poor technique -> i.e., holding racket too tight as beginner
- Improve core strength -> affects knee joint kinematics
- Neuromuscular training -> increase trunk and hip control

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