Balancing Training in Combined Events

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Achievement Triangle

Peak Performers are comfortable with being uncomfortable, they are constantly pushing the envelope.

Willing to risk and get uncomfortable. In fact they are uncomfortable more than they are comfortable.

There are less people here. More commitment, occasional risk. Occasionally uncomfortable.

The Comfort Zone is where most people operate, they are satisfied and always comfortable. They take no risks.
Agenda

Today’s focus will be...

The coach
- Balancing your multi event athletes
- What’s your progression?
- Balance the body
- Balance the mind
Where do I start?...

A question we ask ourselves

What are we trying to accomplish?
  ◦ How do we distinguish actual needs from perceived needs?

The Constant Goal for my Athletes
How did I get here?

Performance development
- Injury prevention
- Time management
Quotes

“Injuries are never from a single source, a lot of it can be down to programming – too much work, too much of one type of work.” – Pfaff

“I’d rather be undertrained and healthy than incredibly fit but injured.”
Minimum Effective Dose

Combined Event Athletes

◦ Developmental
  ◦ Regardless of training age
◦ 10 Events to improve
  ◦ Whole vs. Part
  ◦ At Speed
My Training Philosophy

Find your main focus

◦ “The main thing is that the main remains the main thing.”
  ◦ Daily, Week, Monthly, Yearly

◦ Don’t waste too much time doing things that are unnecessary
  ◦ Drills as supplemental work
    ◦ Short bound
    ◦ Extended bound
Developing My Philosophy

The Training Package
- Be competitive throughout the entire season
- Dealing with life stressors
- “Making Deposits”
The Set Up

Commonalities and connections in training design

Hierarchies

Order/Sequence in Training

Mesocycle/phase

In Events

In Training

Week 1 – Stimulus

Week 2 – Adaptation

Week 3 – Stabilization

Week 4 – Actualization
Perfection vs. Mastery

Mastery of a Task
- Consistency in Majority of Reps
  - Different Variables
  - Different Stressors
Progression

Where do I go from here?

- Variable Changes
  - Change intensity without increasing volume
  - Short approach Jumps with stiffer poles
  - Varying grips
  - Bar vs. Bungee
  - Add pressure change the environment stressors
  - Make it a competition (First to 10 clearances), last jump scenarios
Writing Microcycles

Considerations

◦ What are we hitting in the workout?
◦ How many reps is too many?
◦ Where I think they should be
◦ Athletes dictate the workout
  ◦ Challenge the athlete
  ◦ Find common ground across the events
  ◦ Standing long jumps pushing the ground
  ◦ Back over pushing the box
  ◦ OHB the correct body position
Hierarchies in Events

Decathlon
- Pole Vault
- Shot Put/Discus
- Hurdles

Heptathlon
- High Jump
- Shot Put/Javelin
- Hurdles
Hierarchies in Training

Wicket Everything
- Sprint Warmup
- Velocity Tech Work
  - With pole
  - Without pole
- Horizontal approach
  - High jump approach mechanics

Acceleration....The Start to Everything
- With resistance
- Without resistance
- Assistance
- With/without hurdles
Balance the Mind

Change the Culture

Find a Connection to the Person
  ◦ Find how to get the response you want
  ◦ Connection to Confidence
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Q &A?