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“Eccentric Training: From Programming  
To Progressions”

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# Eccentric Training:

*from programming to progressions.*



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What's your recipe?

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Evidence based vs. Evidence led

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What is Eccentric Training  
What is an Eccentric Contraction

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What's its purpose?

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**THE RUB:** In most team sports, players are required to repeatedly perform short, explosive, efforts such as accelerations and decelerations during change of direction.

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**WHY:** The goal of every training program is to decrease injury potential and improve performance. Additionally, rehabilitation and reconditioning programs strive to return the athlete to play in the quickest and safest manner possible, all the while reducing the likelihood of that athlete becoming reinjured.

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**BASIC RECIPE:** In the quest for enhanced speed and maneuvering in multiple planes, strength and power training programs typically make use of free weights.

**LIMITATION:** While offering constant concentric and eccentric load in exercises emphasizing vertical actions, they rarely encompass horizontal/lateral actions offering eccentric overload.

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**A MISSING INGREDIENT:** A large emphasis must be placed upon the braking or deceleration of this newly acquired strength, power, speed, and explosiveness – this is where training eccentrically comes into play.

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**EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY**

A lot of mis-information

It is interesting to see eccentric action becomes a highlighting (eccentric) action when the external load increases a weight lift's maximum velocity, force capacity (total at point) it can lift (horizontal axis). In contrast to a concentric muscle action, rapid eccentric actions generate the greatest force. The more negative the velocity (greater eccentric damage and different muscle activity accompanying a loss of eccentric motion). Force is more velocity of shortening (eccentric) and tend to be all force generated with concentric actions.

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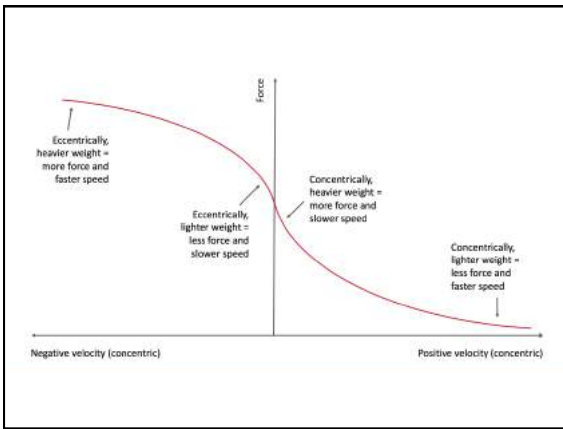
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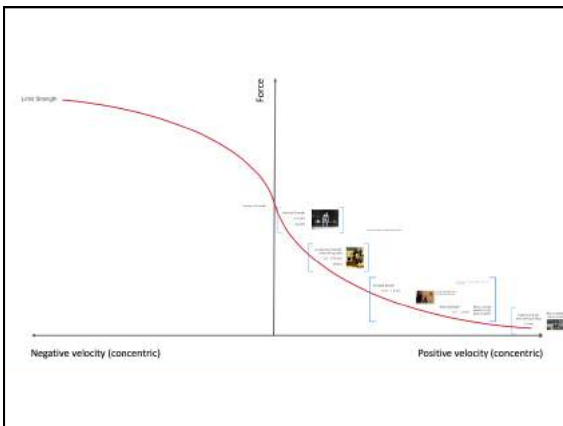
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Absolute Strength  
< 0.5 m/s  
Deadlift



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Accelerative Strength  
(overcoming load)  
0.5 – 0.75 m/s  
Chains



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Strength-Speed\*  
0.75 – 1.0 m/s



Olympic Strength curve  
Mostly speed strength

Speed Strength\*  
1.0 – 1.3 m/s

Band: Low bar weight w/ high band is speed



\*There is a lot of starting strength involved in both of these lifts

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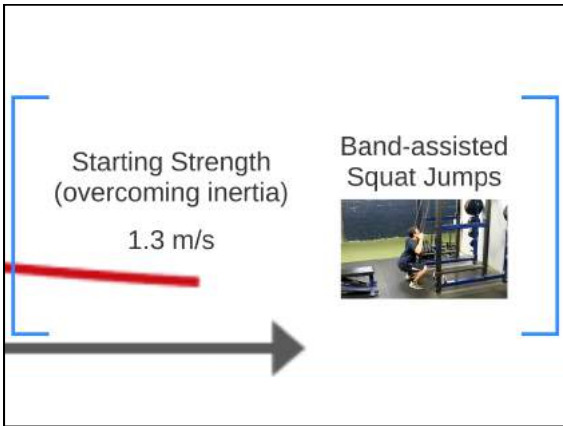
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Load & Tempo can change everything!

Limitations  
This isn't absolute...it's a representation  
Sort of a checklist

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What does ECC bring to the table?

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**Implementing ECC Training**



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**Stimulus & Response**

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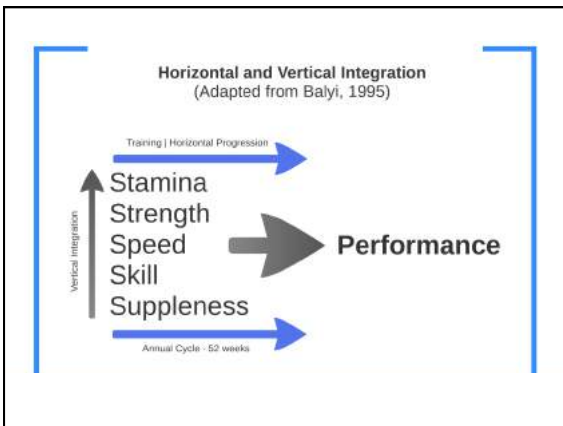
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Plan backwards & Execute Forwards

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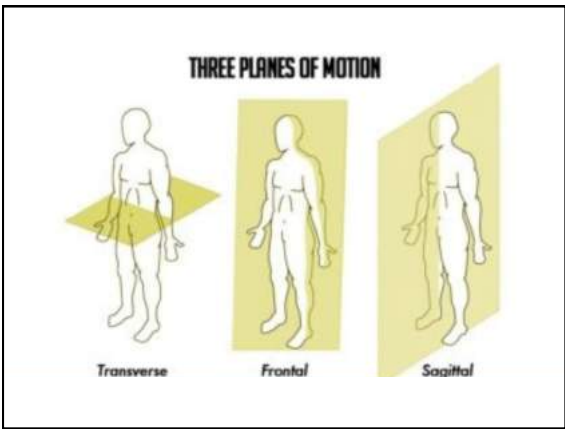
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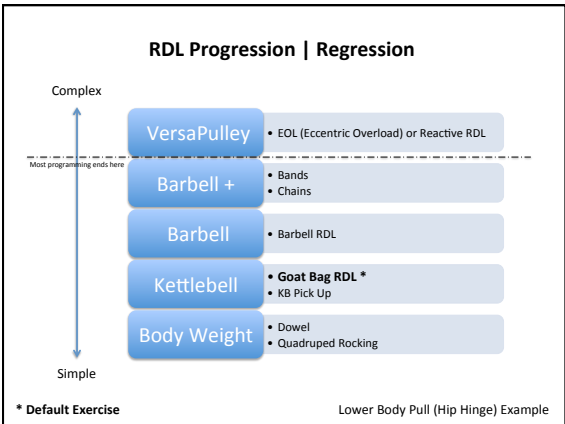
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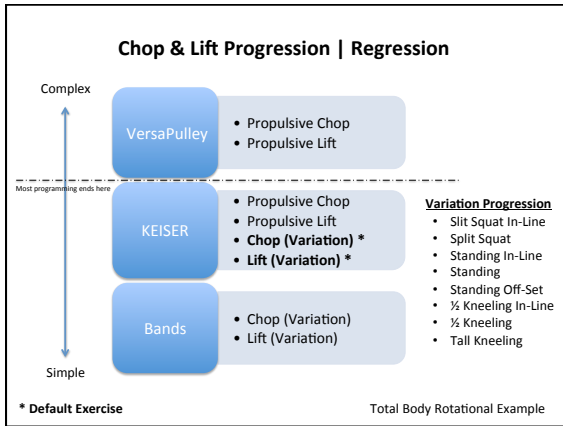
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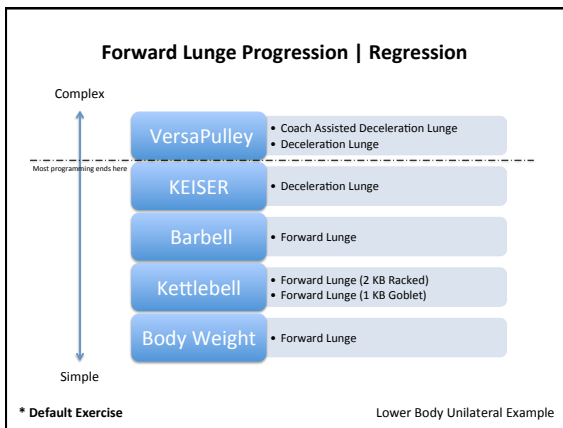
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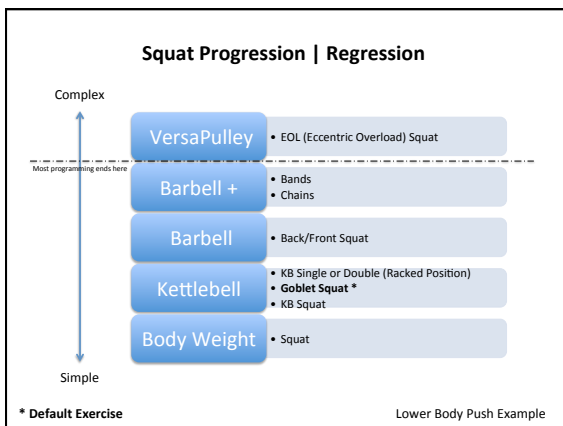
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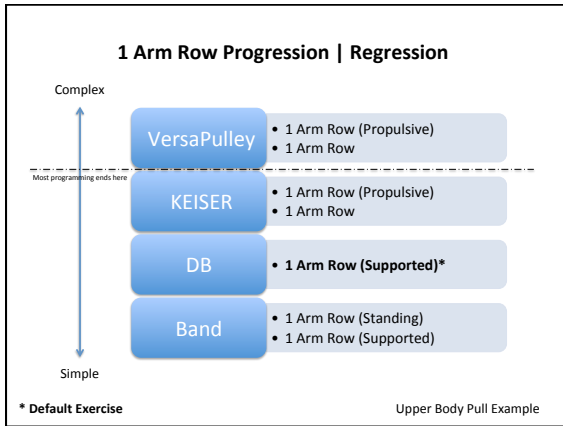
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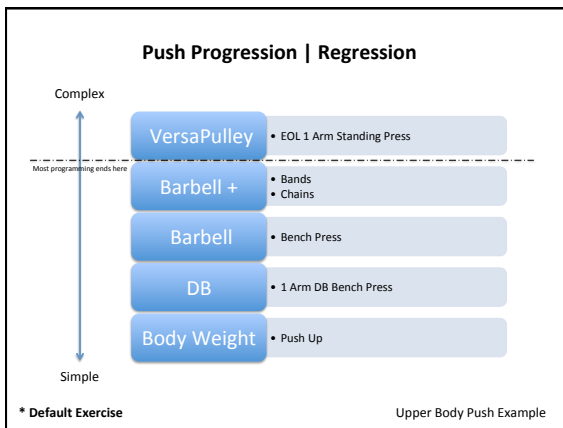
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**ECC training can be used...**

- Off-Season
- Pre-Season
- In-Season
- Rehab & Reconditioning

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**Off-Season (Developmental)**

- ECC used to *develop* outer limit ROM control\*
- General & specialized application
- Progress (Big 6)

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**In Season**

- ECC used to *maintain* outer limit ROM
- Non out of pattern movements
- RBE (protective)

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**Pre-Season**

- ECC used to *augment* outer limit ROM control
- Higher velocity patterned movements
- Specific\* application

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**Rehab & Reconditioning**

- ECC used once baseline strength has been established (rehab)
- RTP (reconditioning)

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