Eccentric Flywheel Training: Accelerating ACL Recovery

Stojanovic et al. (2023)



ACL Injuries

ACLs are a high occurrence injury, particularly in sports that utilize actions such as deceleration, jumping, and change of direction, **basketball, rugby, handball or football such examples.**



Program

Both the flywheel resistance training (FRT) and traditional resistance training (TRT) groups were given 6 exercises with the focus specific to that groups assigned training method, whether that was traditional or flywheel. Over 6 weeks the sets and reps were increased, whilst still sticking with the same exercises and intensities.



Outcomes

Greater improvement (p < 0.05) in athletic outcomes as shown in the table were observed for the FRT group.

Variable	Flywheel (%)	Traditional (%)
Isometric Semi-Squat	28.1	15.1
СМЈ	12.9	6.7
Single Leg CMJ	23.8	13.7
Нор	23.9	8.1
Triple Hop	14.3	5.3

Take Home Message

Stojanovic et al (2023) concluded that,

"It seems that flywheel strength training can be recommended in late-stage ACL recovery for professional team sport athletes **in order to regain recommended performance outcome levels faster."**