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# INFLUENCE OF BASKETBALL SKILL TRAINING AND YOGA EXERCISE ON PLAYING ABILITY OF SCHOOL BASKETBALL PLAYERS

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# **Abstract**

The objective of the present investigation was to examine the impact of basketball skill training and yoga exercises on playing ability of school basketball players. To achieve the purpose of the study 45 basketball players of Z.K.M.Hr.Sec.School, Scism Matric.Hr.Sec.School and Scism CBSE School were selected subjects. The age of the subjects ranges between 12-15 years. They were randomly assigned into three groups equally so that each group has 15 subjects. The first group was named as the skill training group (STG). The second group was named as the skill training group and yoga exercises group (SYEG) and the third was control group (CG). After assigning the subjects into various groups the pretest was conducted on the selected variables namely speed dribble and wall bounce. After completion of the pretest the subjects were treated with their respective training programs. The training period was scheduled for 8 weeks. Experimental group 1 (STG) underwent skill training program. Experimental group 2 (SYEG) underwent a combination of both skill training and yoga exercises and the control group did not undergo any specific training. After 8 weeks of the training period post test was conducted on the dependent variables for all the groups. To analyze the treatment impact of pre and post test training 't' ratio was used. To compare the significance of mean differences among all the three groups analysis of covariance was used. Results: The skill training group (STG) and the combined training group (SYEG) has shown significant improvement (P<0.05) in the selected variables speed dribble and wall bounce. The experimental group 1(STG) skill training group has also given better results than the control group. The skill training group had not shown significant results than combined training group. The experimental group 2 (SYTG) the combined skill training and yoga training group, whilst comparing with the control group had shown better results than the control group. The skill and yoga training group (that is the combined group) was better than the skill training group. The control group did not show any significant improvement on any of the selected variables. Conclusion: Based on the results it was concluded that the implication of skill training and yoga exercises program in a combined form is specific to the basketball game and this might have been the source of its dominance on the improvement of speed dribble ability and wall bounce ability of the school basketball players.

Key words: Basketball, speed dribble, wall bounce

# INTRODUCTION

Tammer Farid (2015) the lead trainer of One Basketball's club located in the Westchester/New York City says that every basketball player wants to perform at their highest possible level. They were always looking for an edge to get better. They were all willing to put their body through rigorous workouts and practices to achieve these basketball goals. But one way they may not think off at first, that a lot of NBA and School teams were using to enhance their performance on court was actually located in the yoga studio and not in the weight room.

An all-rounded yoga routine includes dynamic flexibility, core stabilization, muscular endurance, proper breathing and balance work. By focusing on these vital elements, yoga can be a great thing to do to recover from a series of tough workouts. Some of the most popular yoga movements directly improve the range of motion at your joints, which helps to stay on the court longer and move more fluidly. We all know yoga is not as easy as it may seem which why it is great for those who need a new or different challenge in their training programs. And lastly, when we are feeling the most pressure about the big game or try out, yoga for basketball players and its emphasis on breathing and relaxation can really boost the mental energy, focus and concentration.

So the researcher was interested in finding whether yoga in combination with the regular skill training given for basketball players of the school she worked really produces any significant effect.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

# **Selection of subjects**

The present study was designed to examine the effect of skill training and yoga exercises on selected playing ability parameters of school basketball players.

# **Selection of variables**

The selected skills were tested on speed dribble and wall bounce ability. Tests were conducted to all the selected 45 basketball players of Z.K.M.Hr.Sec.School, Scism Matric.Hr.Sec.School and Scism CBSE School, Bodinayakanur were selected as subjects. The age of the subjects ranges between 12-15 years. Subjects before and after the training. The experimental group underwent eight week skill training program.

#### **EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN**

In this study forty-five school basketball players were randomly divided into three groups namely, experimental group 1skill training program (n=15 STG) experimental group 2 skill training along with yoga exercises program (n=15, SYEG) and control group (n=15, CG). Each group consists of fifteen subjects. The selected subjects were initially tested on the selected parameters namely speed dribble and wall bounce. After the completion of the pre test, the subjects belonging to experimental group 1 and 2 were treated with their respective training program for eight weeks. The experimental group 1 underwent skill training and experimental group 2 underwent skill training along with yoga exercises and control group had not actively participated in any specific training. After 8 weeks of training period post test was conducted on the selected skills wall bounce and speed dribble, for all the three groups.

#### TEST PROCEDURE

The following tests were chosen for testing variables. Speed dribble and wall bounce was measured by using Knox basketball test. The chosen tests were highly standardized, appropriate and ideal to assess the selected variables.

Speed Dribble Test: Purpose: To develop high bounce dribble with cross dribble. Equipment: Ball, measurement tape and hurdles or chairs. Procedure: The subject places the ball on the Start-Finish line and then stood back of it, with hands on knees, with the signal "Go" the subject picked up the ball and dribble down and back through the line of chairs(obstacles). The watch was started with the signal "Go" and was stopped as the subject returned to the start-finish line. Scoring: The score was the total number of seconds from the command "Go" until the subject returned to start-finish line.

**Wall Bounce Test:** Purpose: To develop the speed pass and rebound. Equipment: Ball, measurement tape. Procedure: A line was marked on the floor 5 feet from the wall and parallel to it. The subject stood behind the line and rebounded the basketball from the wall as rapidly as possible fifteen times, using the chest pass. Scoring: The score was the number of seconds from the signal "Go" until the ball hits the wall fifteen times. If it rebounded and it required the subject to take more than one step for recovery, the test was repeated.

# TRAINING PROGRAMME

*Skill training schedule:* Skill training was given for eight weeks as for one hour a session for six days a week. The specially designed skill training program was given to the experimental group 1 (STG). Load was managed by increasing the repetition of the exercises once and reducing the rest for the second six weeks.

Combined training group (SYTG): The skill training and yoga training group (SYTG) was given 40 minutes of yoga training and 20 minutes of skill training for twelve weeks as one session a day for 6 days a week.

The above mentioned training programs were executed for the respective groups in the morning sessions only as one session a day.

# STATISTICAL TECHNIQUE

To analyses the comparative treatment effects of training't' ratio was used. To compare the significance of the mean differences among the three groups analysis of co-variance was used. When the F-ratio was significant, Scheffe's post-hoc test was used to identify the significant differences between the training groups. To test the significance of the derived results, the alpha level was set at 0.05 level of confidence.

#### RESULT OF THE STUDY

't' ratio was applied to find out the significant training effect on each group. Analysis of covariance was applied to determine whether the training programs produced any significant difference by improvements in speed dribble and wall bounce skill training and combined skill and yoga exercises group. The analysis is presented in the following tables.

Table - I Significance of the mean difference of pre and posttest of skill training group, combined group and control group on speed dribble and wall bounce

	Variables	Groups	Pre-test Mean±SD	Post-test Mean±SD	't' ratio	% changes
	Speed dribble	Skill Trai <mark>ning Group</mark>	19.13±4.58	14.93±4.23	3.474	22%
		Skill and Yoga exercises Group	20.27±6.12	13.60±4.17	5.290	33%
		Control group	19.13±4.03	20.33±4.61	1.829	6%
		Skill Trai <mark>ning Gro</mark> up	19.03±4.58	15.00±2.85	2.674	22%
		Skill and <mark>Yoga exe</mark> rcise <mark>s</mark> Group	20.15±6.12	12.40±2.77	5.400	39%
		Control group	19.30±4 <mark>.03</mark>	20.33±4.61	1.829	6%

<sup>\*</sup> Significant at 0.05 level

Table - I shows that the obtained t- ratio's between the pre and posttest means of the control group, skill training group and combined (skill and yoga) training group on speed dribble of school basketball players were 3.474, 5.290 and 1.829 respectively. The obtained t- values of skill training group, combined training group, were found to be higher than the required table value 2.145 df 1 and 14 at 0.05 level of significant. Hence the null hypothesis was rejected at 0.05 level of significance. Thus it may be concluded that speed dribble increased by 22%, 33%, and 6% for skill training group, combined training group and control training group respectively.

Table - I also shows that the obtained t-ratio's between the pre and post test means of the control group, skill training group and combined (skill and yoga) training group on wall bounce of school basketball players were 2.674,5.400 and 1.829 respectively. The obtained t-values of skill training group, combined (skill and yoga) training group were found to be higher than the required table value 2.145 df 1 and 14 at 0.05 level of significant. Hence the null hypothesis was rejected at 0.05 level of significance. Thus it may be concluded that wall bounce increased by 22%, 39%, and 6% for skill training group, combined training group and control training group respectively.

Table - II

Analysis of covariance on pre, post and adjusted post test means on hand eye coordination, finger dexterity wall bounce and speed dribble of skill training group (STG), combined training group (SYEG) and control group (CG)

	Groups	Test			F - value		
Variables		Pre- test	osttest	Adjusted post-test	Pre- test	Post- test	Adjusted post-test
Speed dribble	Skill Training Group	19.13	14.93	15.30			
	Skill and Yoga exercises Group	20.27	13.60	13.53	1.01	6.70*	9.19*
	Control group	19.13	20.33	20.70			
Wall bounce	Skill Training Group	19.03	15.00	15.28			
	Skill and Yoga exercises Group	20.15	12.40	12.35	1.01	12.68*	15.64*
	Control group	19.30	20.12	20.61			

<sup>\*</sup> Significant at 0.05 level

Table - II indicates that the pretest means value of STG, SYTG, and CG were 19.13, 20.27, 19.13respectively on speed dribble. The obtained F ratio 1.01 was found to be lower than the table value 3.23 for df 2 and 42,it is found to be insignificant at 0.05 levels. It is inferred that statistically there was no significant variation among STG, SYTG, and CG on speed dribble before commencement of the training. The posttest means values of STG, SYTG, and CG 14.93, 13.60, 20.33respectively on speed dribble. The obtained F ratio of 6.70was found to be higher than the table value 3.23 for df 2 and 42,it is found to be significant at 0.05 levels. It reveals that there was a significant difference among STG, SYTG, and CG. It is concluded that speed dribble had a significant improvement after 12 weeks of training. The obtained adjusted posttest F ratio of 9.19 was also found to be statistically significant.

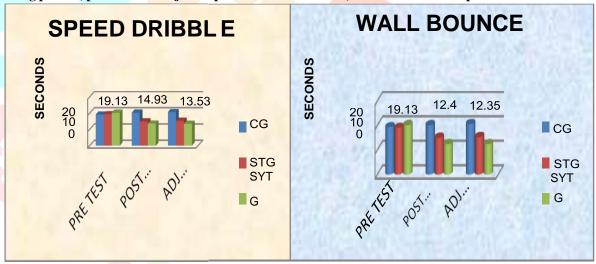
In addition to this, Table - II also indicates that the pre test means value of STG, SYTG, and CG was19.03, 20.15, and 19.30 respectively on wall bounce. The obtained F ratio of 1.01 was found to be lower than the table value 3.23 for df 2 and 42, it is found to be insignificant at 0.05 levels. It is inferred that statistically there was no significant variation among STG, SYTG, and CG on wall bounce before commencement of the training. The post test means values of STG, SYTG, and CG 15.00, 12.40, 20.33 respectively on wall bounce. The obtained F ratio of 12.68was found to be higher than the table value 3.23 for df 2 and 42,it is found to be significant at 0.05 levels. It reveals that there was a significant difference among STG, SYTG, and CG. It is concluded that wall bounce had a significant improvement after 12 weeks of training. The obtained adjusted post test F ratio of 15.64 was also found to be statistically significant.

Table - III Scheffe's - Post -Hoc test Analysis

VARIABLES	GROUP	ADJ. MEAN	(k-1)F 5%			
			CG	STG	SYTG	
	CG	20.700		13.913	24.529	8.318
Speed dribble	STG	15.300			9.495	
	SYTG	13.530				
	CG	20.610		19.078	45.819	0.510
Wall bounce	STG	15.280			8.65	
	SYTG	12.350				

Table – III, shows the Scheffe's F test analysis obtained by adjusted posttest means of speed dribble and wall bounce ability. In case of speed dribble it was observed that the obtained Scheffe's F test for combined group had significantly improved than the skill training group. All the two experimental groups had significantly improvement in speed dribble, than the control group. In case of wall bounce it was observed that the obtained Scheffe's F test for the combined group had significantly improved than skill training group. All the two experimental groups had significantly improvement in wall bounce, than the control group.

Figure -1
Diagram showing pretest, posttest and adjusted posttest means of STG, SYTG and CG on speed dribble and wall bounce.



(STG-skill training group, SYTG- yoga and skill training group, CG- control group)

# **DISCUSSION ON FINDINGS**

This study confirms that skill training and yoga training had produced improvement in speed dribble and wall bounce of the school basketball players but there was a trend in favor of the combined training.

Speed dribble: The skill training group and combined training group significantly improved the speed dribble from pretest to post test. The speed dribble increased in skill training group from pre test (19.13) to post test (14.93), skill and yoga training group from pretest (20.27) from pretest to post test. The wall bounce increased in skill training group from pretest (19.13) to post test (15.00), skill and yoga training group from pre test (20.27) to post test (12.40). Thus wall bounce had significantly improved pre test to post test in all the two groups to post test (13.60). Thus speed dribble had significantly improved pre test to post test in all the two groups with no changes in control group.

Wall bounce: The skill training group and combined training group significantly improved the wall bounce control group.

# CONCLUSION

- The present article discussed the features bases for such interventions and examine of skill training program in a two way their efficacy approach comparing skill training and its combination with yoga training.
- ➤ This suggested the potential benefits of such Observing the result derived from the effect of skill training, it is concluded that the skill specific practices along with training for basketball players.
- It is hoped that future research will continue to investigate skill training components and yoga are the sources to bounce and speed dribble basketball players. develop wall of the school programs to further build the theoretical.

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