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# Optimizing Return to Sport: A Case Study Integrating Sports Science and Technology for Hamstring Rehabilitation

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# **Objectives**

- Discuss ways in which technology and sports science can be integrated to enhance clinical decision making.
- Highlight a case study using practical sports science strategies within the context of a hamstring strain.
- Emphasize a criterion-based hamstring injury rehabilitation progression.

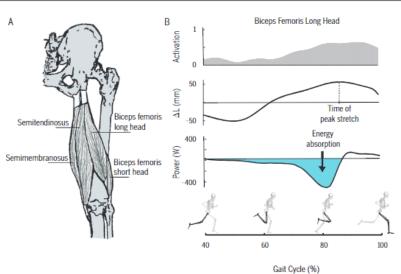






# **Case Study**





**FIGURE 1.** (A) The hamstring muscle group consists of the semimembranosus, semitendinosus, and biceps femoris muscles, with the biceps femoris long head being injured most often in high-speed running. <sup>30</sup> (B) During the swing phase of running, the hamstrings are active, stretched ( $\Delta L$ , change in length relative to upright stance) and absorbing energy from the decelerating swing limb, creating the potential circumstances for a lengthening contraction injury. Peproduction of A is with permission of Springer Science+Business Media. ©2008.

- A 24 yr old RB sustains a R HSI during special teams coverage drill on 05/08.
- Hx of HSI previous year (Grade 2).
- Initial exam:
  - o Antalgic gait.
  - TTP 18% over lateral HS muscle belly mid-way glute fold/popliteal fossa<sup>1,2</sup>.
  - Decreased A/PROM SLR and MHFAKE.
  - o Pain w/ SL bridge and heel drag.
  - Weak/Pain with MMT prone knee flexion @ 90, 45, and 15.
  - MRI D-1 reveals Grade 2 strain @ mid-belly of BF LH.
  - PRP injection Day 4 after MOI.

# Impairments & What to Measure<sup>3-7</sup>







Match High-Speed Running Distances Are Often Suppressed After Return From Hamstring Strain Injury in Professional Footballers

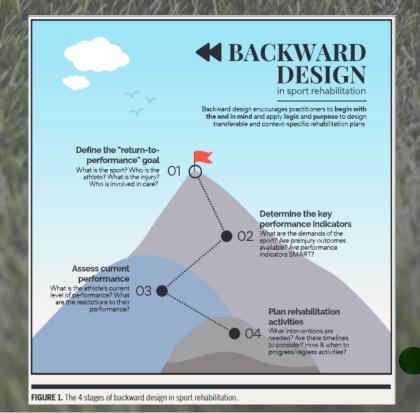
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Exploring the Role of Sprint Biomechanics in Hamstring Strain Injuries: A Current Opinion on Existing Concepts and Evidence

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 Biggest impairments include pain, difficulty ambulating, impaired ADLs, decrease of ROM/fasicle length, and knee flexor force production<sup>5</sup>. High-speed running during match-play before and after return from hamstring injury in professional footballers

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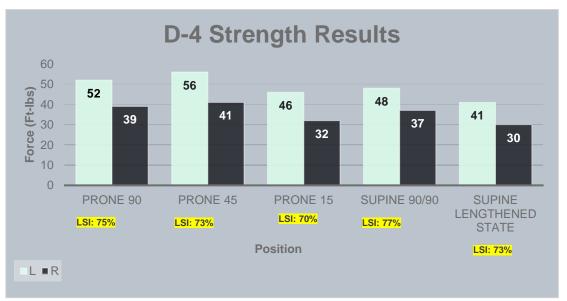
# Assessing Strength<sup>11,12</sup>













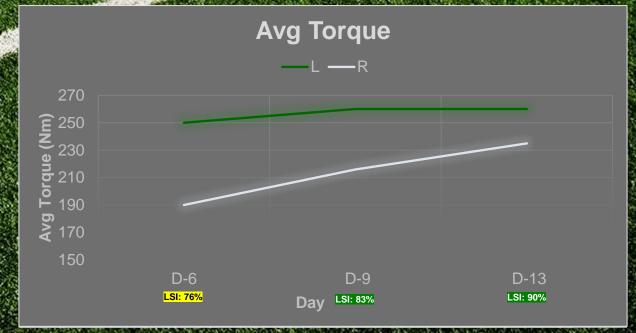










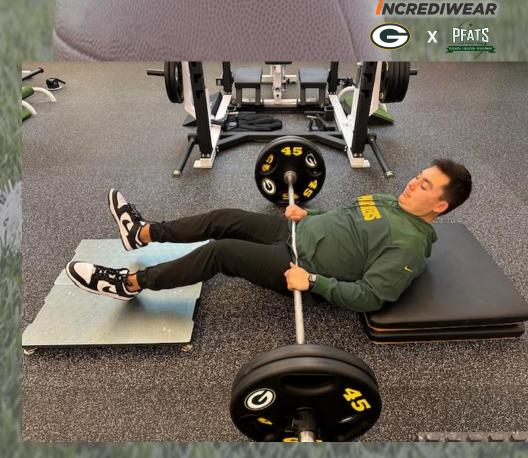


# Strength Reassessment

Criteria to initiate tempo running8-11, 13, 14

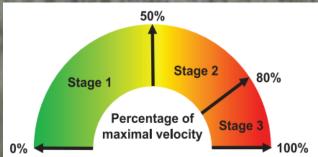
- Pain free gait.
- No palpable tenderness.
- Full, pain-free ROM.
- Pain free submax isometrics.
- HS strength >80% LSI.
- Nord Board > 80% LSI.





### Force Plate Iso Data D-9

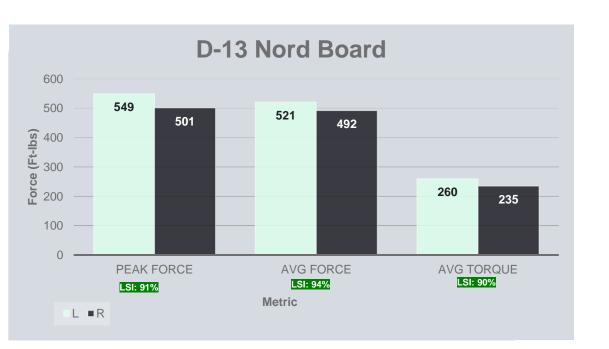
		Peak Force		RFD - 50		Time Peak	
۱	L		483		410		0.598
ı	R		390		325		0.725
	LSI		81%		<mark>79%</mark>		82%





Criteria to Initiate Sprinting<sup>8-11, 13</sup>

- Full pain free ROM.
- No pain with tempo <80% MV running.</li>
- HS strength > 90% LSI.
- Nord board > 90% LSI.
- Askling H-Test 0/10 pain.





### Mechanics of the Human Hamstring Muscles during Sprinting

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Figure 3. Example of 3-stage progressive running protocol over 100 m, accounting for greater acceleration distances and more gradual intensity increases at higher percentages of maximal velocity.

### Force Plate Iso Data D-13

	Peak Force		Time to Peak Force
L	490		
R	434	380	0.641
LSI	89%	87%	92%

# **Sprinting Progression** 15-17













Positional Differences in Running and Nonrunning Activities During Elite American FOOTBALL TRAINING

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### Positional Movement Demands during NFL Football Games: A 3-Year Review

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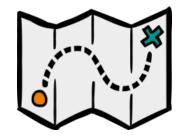


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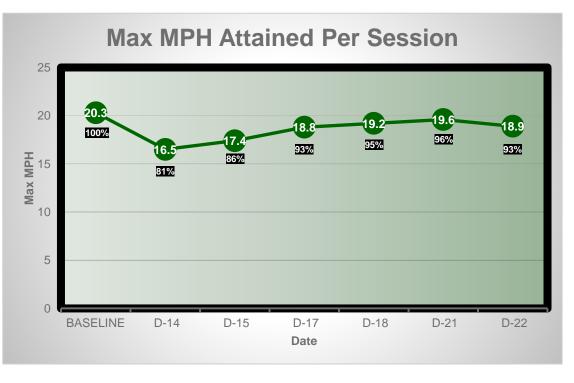


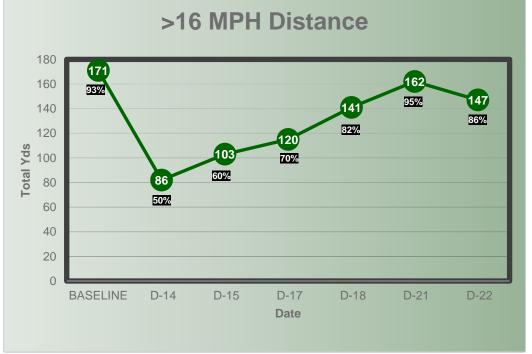
### Highest Practice Output

				High	High	High
				Speed	Speed	Speed
				Distance	Distance	Distance
otal PL	IMA	Max Velo	Total Distance	(>12mph)	(>14mph)	(>16mph)
436	16	20.3	2540	600	340	171









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