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Experimental Study on the Effect of Speed Strength Training on the Special Strikes of Chinese Female Boxers

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The aim of this study was to design a 12-week intervention experiment with a speed strength training program and conventional training to test and analyze the effects of speed strength training on punching speed, punching power, and punching effectiveness of female boxers and to provide empirical support for the targeted improvement of special striking effectiveness of female boxers. By using the experimental method, a controlled experiment was conducted with 20 athletes from the Chinese women’s boxing team as the study subjects, and the targeted experimental intervention was conducted. Through experiment, speed power training had no significant effect on the improvement of basic movement ability of female boxers. In addition, speed power training could effectively improve the speed power level of athletes in the experimental group, and the speed power level of the control group was not significantly improved. Lastly, speed power training improved the punching effect of the experimental group, and the effect of the control group was not significant.

Conclusion of this study includes the following: (1) speed strength training improved the speed strength level of the athletes, but it did not have a significant effect on improving basic movement ability. (2) The improvement of speed strength could improve the striking speed of female boxers, and the speed strength training also achieved good results. (3) The improvement of speed strength had a positive effect on the special striking power of female boxers. (4) Speed strength training improved the special striking effect of female boxers' special hitting effect.

1. Introduction

With the continuous development of women’s boxing techniques and tactics, women’s boxing matches are becoming more and more intense, direct physical confrontation is enhanced, and the role of speed and power of special striking is becoming more and more prominent, so it is of great theoretical and practical significance to explore training methods to improve the effect of special striking of women boxers. Boxing, as a sport characterized by intense physical confrontation, has high requirements for the strength and speed qualities of athletes, and in order to be able to improve their game performance, athletes also make speed and strength a key aspect of improvement, and synchronize explosive power and reaction ability training, which can significantly improve their performance on the playing field through the effective use of technical movements. Usually, we classify boxers’ strength training according to strength endurance training, maximum strength training, and speed strength training, and with the development of techniques and tactics, the impact of athletes’ speed strength on the outcome of the game is becoming more and more obvious [1]. However, in the current training development process, the practice of skills still occupies the main position, and quality training has been used as an aid to skills training [2, 3]. Therefore, this article explores the importance of speed power through the study of speed power on the effect of female boxers’ punching, provides theoretical support and practical proof for the research of speed power training, improves the importance of speed power for female boxers, adopts targeted training to improve speed power level, promotes the overall development of female athletes, and improves the competitive level and competition performance.

2. Research Objects and Methods

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| Projects             | Action                      | Training volume | Load (small level/medium level/large level) | Break between groups |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Preparation activities| Jogging                     | 400 m           | —                                          | —                    |
| Traditional strength training | Barbell squat               | 8 times × 4 sets | 15 kg/20 kg/25 kg                          | 1 min                |
|                       | Barbell hard pull           | 8 times × 4 sets | 10 kg/15 kg/20 kg                          | 1 min                |
| Temperature          | Barbell bench press         | 8 times × 4 sets | 15 kg/20 kg/25 kg                          | 1 min                |
| Speed strength strengthening training | Dumbbell upper incline push | 12 times × 4 sets | One hand 7.5 kg/10 kg/12.5 kg              | 1 min                |
|                       | Dumbbell overhead press     | 12 times × 4 sets | One hand 5 kg/7.5 kg/10 kg                 | 1 min                |
| Preparing activities | Dumbbell weighted punching exercises | 15 times × 4 sets | 2.5 kg                                     | 1 min                |
|                       | Narrow distance jumping pushups | 12 times × 4 sets | Self-weight                                | 1 min                |
|                       | One-handed alternating pushups | 12 times × 4 sets | Self-weight                                | 1 min                |
| Preparing activities | Static stretching           | 10 min          | —                                          | —                    |

(2) Training Program. As shown in Table 1, the athletes in the 
experimental group participated in training 3 times a week, 
including traditional strength training and speed strength 
strengthening training, which were the same as those in the 
control group. The traditional strength training was con-
ducted using barbell, dumbbell, and other equipment, with 
8–12 times per group and 1-min rest between groups, while 
the speed strength strengthening training included explosive 
training such as narrow jumping pushups, with 12–15 times 
per group and one-minute rest between groups. Perform 
preparatory activities before training and stretching exer-
cises at the end of training to ensure full recovery of the 
athlete’s body.

As can be seen from Table 2, the control group athletes 
participated in training three times a week, consistent with 
the experimental group athletes. In the training program of 
the control group, only traditional strength training was 
aranged without speed strength strengthening training to 
control the experimental variables. To ensure consistent 
overall training intensity, the control group athletes in-
creased the number of sets of traditional strength training to 
6 sets. Warm-up was performed before training and 
stretching was performed at the end of training to ensure 
adequate recovery of the athletes.

(3) Test Means. In order to clarify the athletes’ basic move-
ment ability level, the athletes’ performance in deep squat, 
front and back split-leg squat, straight knee leg raise, shoulder 
joint flexibility, pushup, and rotation stability were scored [5].

In order to clarify the athletes’ speed strength level, 
seated flat pushing solid ball and 15-s fast pushup were used 
as test items to record the athletes’ scores in both tests [6]. In 
the sitting flat pushing solid ball project, the faster the 
athletes’ palms move forward, the faster the solid ball leaves 
the hand, and under the condition of gravity and air re-
stance, the performance of the flat pushing solid ball is 
proportional to the speed of the athletes’ palms pushing out, 
so the performance of this project is used as the basis for 
testing the athletes’ speed and strength level. And in the 
pushup, the faster the speed strength of the athlete, the 
shorter the time to complete a single pushup and then be
able to complete more pushups in a fixed period of time, so also the performance of the 15-s fast pushup as the basis for the evaluation of the athlete’s strength level.

To clarify the level of athlete’s punching speed, the Sony HDR-CX630E 4K digital camera was used to photograph the athlete’s punching action and calculate the speed of punching based on the image [7]. In order to clarify the level of punching power of the athlete, a comb-shaped short-tailed 18-mm resistive pressure-sensitive sensor was used and the sensor was fixed to the boxing glove, which in turn enabled the measurement of punching power [8].

### 3. Research Results and Analysis

#### 3.1. Comparison Analysis of Athletes’ Basic Movement Ability before and after the Experiment

Basic movements are the basis for athletes to perform physical training and special movement skills, and in the modern training theory, insufficient basic movement ability will lead athletes to compensate for training movements through muscles and joints other than the target part of the training when performing training movements, which will lead to the long-term adverse effects of nonstandard training movements on athletes’ training effects and may cause sports injuries [9, 10]. In this test, deep squats, front and back split-leg squats, straight knee leg lifts, shoulder flexibility, pushups, and rotation stability were used as the items tested, and in the test results, 3 points were recorded for being able to complete the movement according to the standard, 2 points for completing the movement under compensation, 1 point for not being able to complete the movement, and 0 points for feeling pain during the completion of the movement. No warm-up exercises were performed before the test, and three consecutive tests were conducted. If 3 points were obtained in one of the tests, the final score was 3. If none of the tests reached 3 points, the lowest score was taken. To ensure the accuracy of the test results, proper warm-up is performed before the athlete performs the test.

As shown in Table 3, it can be seen that the experimental process can slightly improve the basic movement ability of some athletes, but there is no significant difference between the experimental group and the control group, which indicates that the training of speed strength has no significant effect on the improvement of basic movement ability.

#### 3.2. Comparison Analysis of Athletes’ Basic Speed and Strength Indexes before and after the Experiment

In order to determine the level of athletes’ basic speed strength, the athletes’ speed strength level was tested before and after the experiment by using the sitting flat pushing solid ball and 15-s fast pushup items, and the changes in the athletes’ speed strength-related indexes were compared before and after the experiment. The test results are shown in Table 4.

As can be seen from Table 5, in order to ensure the reasonableness of the grouping and to meet the basic requirements of the controlled experiment, the speed strength level of the athletes was tested before the experiment. The results achieved by the athletes of the experimental and control groups in the two test items of sitting flat pushing solid ball and 15-s fast pushup were tested by paired samples t-test, and the final P-value was greater than 0.05, indicating that there was no significant difference, and the controlled experiment could be conducted in this grouping form.

The test results in Table 6 and the test of variance in Table 7 show that the speed and strength levels of the athletes in both groups have improved to a certain extent after the experiment, but the athletes in the experimental group have a particularly significant difference with the control group in the performance of the seated flat pushing solid ball after the experiment ($P < 0.01$); and in the performance of the 15-s fast pushup, although the performance of the athletes in both groups has been improved, there is no significant difference between the performance of the two groups ($P > 0.05$). There was no significant difference between the two groups ($P > 0.05$). This is because the performance of sitting flat pushing solid ball depends entirely on the speed and strength level of the upper limbs of the athletes, while the 15-s fast pushup also has high requirements for muscular endurance, so it cannot fully reflect the speed and strength level of the athletes. In conclusion, the experiment can indeed enhance the speed strength level of the athletes in the experimental group, while the control group does not perform specialized speed strength training, so the speed strength level is not significantly improved.

#### 3.3. Comparative Analysis of Punching Techniques of Athletes before and after the Experiment

##### 3.3.1. Comparative Analysis of Punching Speed

This article uses a Sony HDR-CX630E 4K digital camera to calculate the speed of the athlete in the process of punching, and each record is the average speed of three consecutive punches.

The test results in Table 8 and the test of variance in Table 9 show that the average punching speed of the two groups was 6.075 m/s and 6.120 m/s before the start of
Table 3: Frequency statistics of basic movement ability scores before and after the experiment for the experimental group and the control group.

|                | Squat | Front and back split-leg squat | Straight knee leg raise | Shoulder joint flexibility | Pushups | Rotational stability |
|----------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------|----------------------|
|                | Pre-experiment | After the experiment | Pre-experiment | After the experiment | Pre-experiment | After the experiment | Pre-experiment | After the experiment | Pre-experiment | After the experiment | Pre-experiment | After the experiment |
| **Experimental group** | (28/12/0/0) | (30/10/0/0) | (24/16/0/0) | (24/16/0/0) | (21/19/0/0) | (23/17/0/0) | (22/18/0/0) | (26/14/0/0) | (30/10/0/0) | (19/21/0/0) | (19/21/0/0) |
| **Control group** | (29/11/0/0) | (30/10/0/0) | (23/17/0/0) | (24/16/0/0) | (23/17/0/0) | (25/15/0/0) | (23/17/0/0) | (29/11/0/0) | (32/8/0/0) | (18/22/0/0) | (20/20/0/0) |

(3 points/2 points/1 point/0 point)
the experiment, and there was no significant difference between them ($P > 0.05$); after the experiment, the average performance of the experimental group increased to 6.760 m/s, while the performance of the control group increased to 6.190 m/s. It was found that although both groups showed significant changes in performance, the experimental group showed a greater increase in performance.

By comparing the results of the experimental group and the control group after the experiment, it was found that the punching speed of the experimental group had been significantly higher than that of the control group ($P < 0.01$), which indicates that speed strength can indeed effectively improve the punching speed of athletes. Thus, we believe that through the specialized training of speed power in training, it is beneficial to improve the punching speed of the athletes and is an important method to improve the athletes’ competition performance.

3.3.2. Comparative Analysis of Punching Power. In this study, the pressure-sensitive sensors were used to test the punching power of the athletes, and the average of three consecutive tests was taken for each test. Due to the limitation of the working principle of the test equipment, only vertical force can be measured, so in the punching power test, the athletes use straight punching method.

The test results in Table 10 and the test of variance in Table 11 show that the average punching power of the two groups was 127 kg and 126 kg before the start of the experiment, and there was no significant difference between them ($P > 0.05$); after the experiment, the average performance of the experimental group increased to 133.5 kg, while the performance of the control group increased to 127.7 kg. It was found that although both groups showed significant changes in performance ($P < 0.05$), the
makes it too late to defend or dodge effectively; by increasing speed of the punch reduces the opponent’s reaction time and straight punch when attacking with a straight punch. This allows the athlete to throw a fast and heavy punching power of the athletes and is an important method to improve the punching power of athletes. Firstly, because the speed of the athlete’s punching power, the athlete is able to reduce the opponent’s possibility of successful defense and create scoring opportunities. In boxing, straight punches are the most direct and effective, fast and heavy straight punches are important for controlling the pace of the game and playing tactics, so that speed and power can largely improve the effectiveness of straight punches, mainly in improving the speed of straight punches to reduce the opponent’s reaction time, as well as through more powerful punches to break through the opponent’s defense in two ways.

3.4. Analysis of the Effect of Speed and Power on the Special Hitting Effect of Women’s Boxing

3.4.1. The Effect of Speed Power on the Effect of Straight Boxing. In boxing, straight punches are the most direct means of attack and are widely used by high-level boxers in active attack tactics. Straight punches can play the role of testing the opponent and fighting for the initiative of the game. Powerful and fast straight punches will constantly force the opponent to defend and create scoring opportunities. Through the experiments, we found that the speed and power of the punches were significantly improved after the athletes improved their speed and power through special training. This allows the athlete to throw a fast and heavy straight punch when attacking with a straight punch. The speed of the punch reduces the opponent’s reaction time and makes it too late to defend or dodge effectively; by increasing the athlete’s punching power, the athlete is able to reduce the opponent’s possibility of successful defense and create scoring opportunities. In boxing, straight punches are the most direct and effective, fast and heavy straight punches are important for controlling the pace of the game and playing tactics, so that speed and power can largely improve the effectiveness of straight punches, mainly in improving the speed of straight punches to reduce the opponent’s reaction time, as well as through more powerful punches to break through the opponent’s defense in two ways.

3.4.2. The Effect of Speed and Power on the Effect of Swinging Punches. Unlike the straight punch, the pendulum punch is often used in direct attacks and even more often than the straight punch in defensive counterrattacks, mainly because it can effectively reduce the possibility of successful defense of the opponent and create an unexpected tactical effect, creating opportunities for continuous attacks. Through the experiment, we found that the improvement of speed and power can directly improve the punching speed and punching power of athletes, and in the process of defensive counterattack, the punching speed is an important quality indispensable for athletes to make effective counterattack. In the active offense, the swinging punch is combined with the straight punch, and the striking direction is combined with the side, so the swinging punching effect of the athlete is significantly improved in the process of improving the speed power of the athlete. Firstly, because the speed of the athlete’s punches is improved, so the athlete is able to counterattack in the shortest possible time after successful defense, when the opponent has no time to react. The offensive intention is not as obvious as the straight punch, so it can greatly improve the chances of scoring. On the other hand, as the athlete’s punching power increases, the power of the swinging punch will also increase accordingly, which can form a suppression of the opponent and enable the athlete to quickly complete the change of attacking and defending positions and gain the initiative of the game, which can improve the chances of winning the game.

3.4.3. The Effect of Speed and Power on the Effect of Hook Punching. This is mainly because the success rate of hooks is relatively low, but through the effective use of the hook attack technique, it can also achieve a winning effect, so the hitting effect of hooks is also an important factor in determining the overall competitive level of the athletes. By improving the speed and power of the athlete, the athlete will be able to throw more powerful hooks, which can form an effective suppression of the opponent, and with the speed and power, the speed of the hook is also faster, because the use of the hook itself is less in the game, so through the cooperation of fast punches, opponents often have too little time to react. In boxing matches with big level athletes, the physical confrontation increases and the number of hugs and close range attacks increases, so fast and heavy hooks can effectively hit the opponent hard. So the improvement of speed power can increase the success rate of the hook attack

| Serial number | Pre-experiment (kg) | After the experiment (kg) | Post-experimental results (m/s) 133.500 | P |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---|
| 1             | 121                 | 130                       | 122                                       | 124 |
| 2             | 125                 | 132                       | 123                                       | 123 |
| 3             | 126                 | 129                       | 120                                       | 122 |
| 4             | 130                 | 133                       | 135                                       | 135 |
| 5             | 138                 | 142                       | 136                                       | 137 |
| 6             | 134                 | 135                       | 137                                       | 138 |
| 7             | 121                 | 129                       | 122                                       | 120 |
| 8             | 127                 | 133                       | 125                                       | 136 |
| 9             | 124                 | 134                       | 121                                       | 127 |
| 10            | 133                 | 137                       | 130                                       | 133 |

| Grouping          | Pre-experimental results (m/s) 127.000 | Post-experimental results (m/s) 133.500 | P |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---|
| Experimental group | 127.000 ± 6.407                         | 133.500 ± 5.206                          | 0.001 |
| Control group     | 126.000 ± 6.308                         | 127.700 ± 6.626                          | 0.428 |
| P                 | 0.013                                  | 0.004                                    |   |

Table 10: Statistics of punching power indexes before and after experiments for the experimental group and the control group.

Table 11: Difference detection of punching power indexes before and after experiments for the experimental group and the control group.
and improve the effectiveness of the use of the hook, and is an important winning factor.

3.4.4. Influence of Speed and Power on the Effect of Combination Punching. Combination boxing has an impact on the control of the rhythm of the game as well as the winner of the game due to the large number of punches and the large change of the striking position. Through the experiment, it was found that the quality of combination boxing strikes was also improved correspondingly after the speed power was increased, which showed that the speed of combination boxing was faster and the strikes were heavier, so the speed power was increased effectively to improve the striking effect of combination boxing.

4. Conclusions

(1) The athletes improved the test scores of the flat pushing solid ball item through the speed strength special exercises in the experiment and did not improve the scores of the basic movement ability test item, indicating that the experiment did improve the speed strength level of the athletes, but did not have a significant effect on improving the basic movement ability.

(2) By comparing the results of the punching speed test items, it was found that with the improvement of speed strength, the punching speed of the athletes in the experimental group was significantly improved, while the athletes in the control group were significantly behind the athletes in the postexperimental test, indicating that the improvement of speed strength could improve the punching speed of the athletes, and the training for speed strength also achieved good results.

(3) By comparing the results of the punching power test between the athletes in the experimental group and the control group after the experiment, it was found that the improvement of speed strength significantly improved the punching power level of the athletes in the experimental group, while the athletes in the control group did not gain significant improvement in speed strength. So the improvement level of punching power was much lower than that of the athletes in the experimental group, resulting in a particularly significant difference in the results of the two groups after the experiment. It means that the improvement of speed strength has a positive effect on the punching power of the athletes.

(4) With the improvement of the athletes’ speed level, the athletes’ punching power and punching speed were directly improved, so that the athletes could better play the technical characteristics when attacking with straight punch, swinging punch, and hook technique, and improve the athletes’ striking effect, thus increasing the possibility of winning the match.

Data Availability

All data used in this study can be accessed upon request.

Conflicts of Interest

The author declares that there are no conflicts of interest in this study.

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