



# Fermanagh Club Mentoring 2013:

*“Sport Science in YOUR CLUB”*



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## What will you get from this session?

- An introduction to a range of sport science concepts;
- How each concept can impact on performance / training;
- The application of sport science at elite level; &
- How can you apply the concept to your club setting?



# **Fitness Testing**



- Who – which players to test: age groups?
- What – components of fitness – last week's session?
  - When – time of year – how often?
  - Where – location / venue?
- Why – purpose, long term / short term?
  - How – the protocol for testing?

## **Resource:**

***<http://www.ulstergaa.ie/wp-content/uploads/coaching/articles/general/Fitness-Test-Procedures-May-2012.pdf>***





## ***Fitness Testing:*** ***The ongoing measurement tool?***

**By testing club players regularly, 2/3 times per year, we can begin to establish a database within the club, with the following uses;**

- Is training serving it's purpose – are individuals getting fitter – short term?
- How are **individuals** progressing on an annual basis – long term?
- The club can develop 'normative data' for each age group;
- Identify aspects of fitness that need prioritised for the incoming year;
- Is the **club** progressing on an annual basis, in terms of fitness - long term?
- Reference points for players to aim at to progress to the next level;
- Individual and team goal setting from the point of view of fitness;
- A tool to monitor adherence to personal training plans;
- **Any others?**





# Heart Rate Monitoring



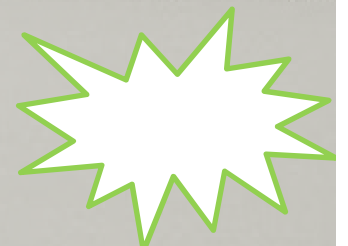
- What is **heart rate**?
- The body's '**rev counter**'. A measurement of how hard the heart and lungs (CV System) are working to power the body.
- Match data has shown that at senior level a player's heart rate will **average 80-90%** of their maximum over the course of a game (dependent on position);
- This equates to 160 – 180 beats per minute – **on average**;
- A total of between 9600 – 10800 beats over a 60 minute game;
- How is heart rate analysis applied at elite level?
- How can we apply it within our club?



# Heart Rate Monitoring



- How can a knowledge of game based heart rate requirements impact our club training?
  - Matching training intensity to game based intensity;
  - Skill execution at high intensity;
  - Decision making at high intensity;
  - Maintaining high intensity;
  - There are exceptions to 'high intensity' training;
    - When?



# FUNDAMENTALS. (Step 1& 2) What are we looking to do?

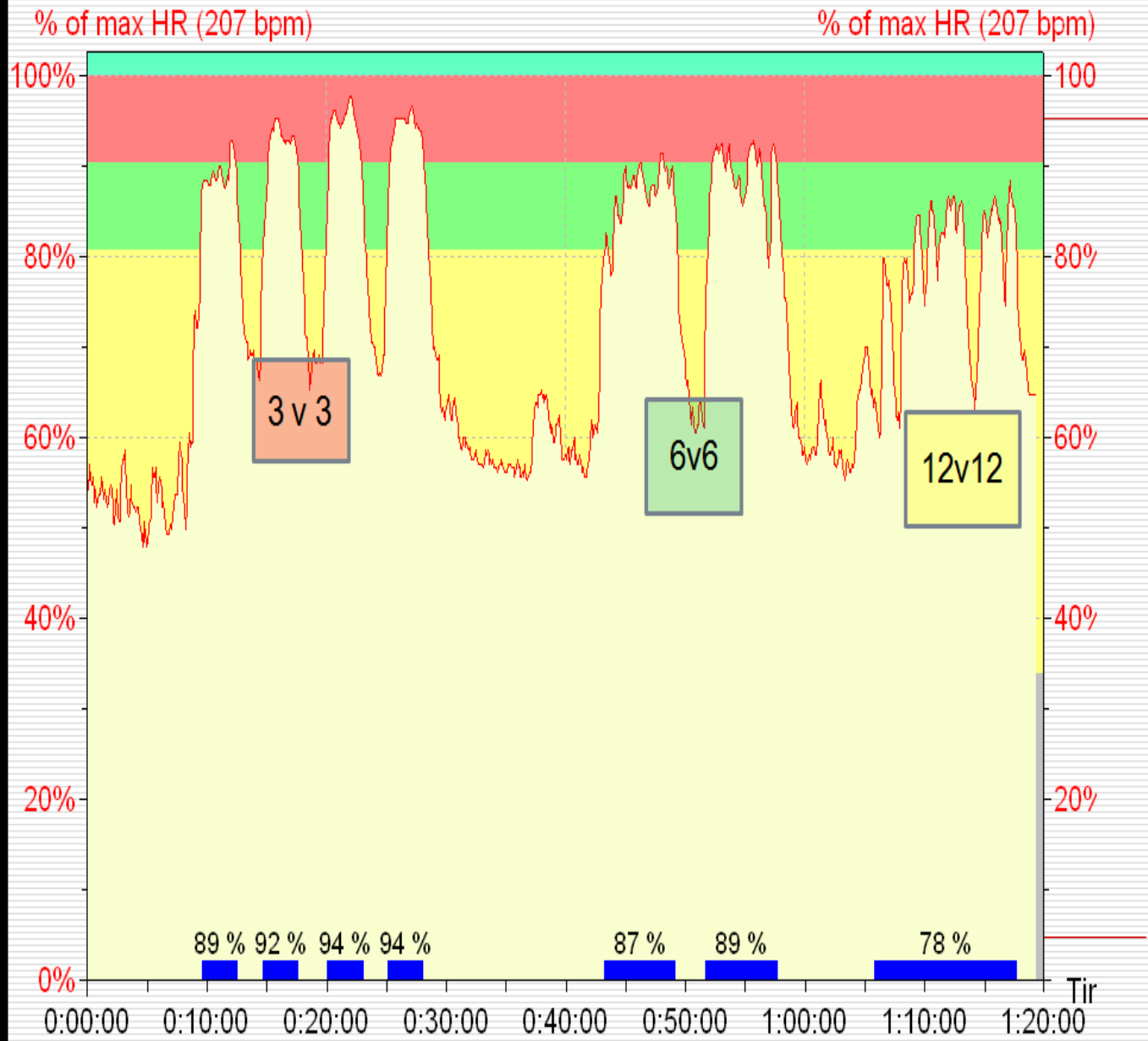
- Make it fun.
- Make it active.
- Develop Skills!!

Playing Games?

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## **HR Analysis: Resources**

- **Ulster GAA Website / Coaching / Articles;**
- **Coaching Conferences listed down the left of the page;**
- **Resource 1: Developing High Intensity Hurling (Ulster GAA Conference 2010)**
- **<http://ulster.gaa.ie/coaching/articles/coaching-conference-2010/>**
- **Resource 2: Developing High Intensity Football (Ulster GAA Conference 2011);**
- **<http://ulster.gaa.ie/coaching/articles/coaching-conference-2011/>**



# Comhairle Uladh CLG

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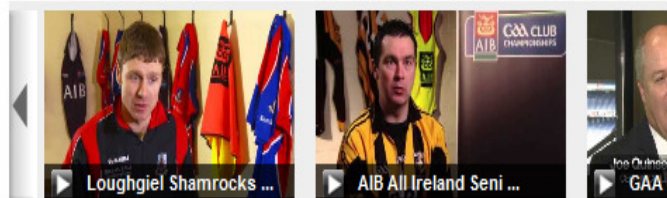


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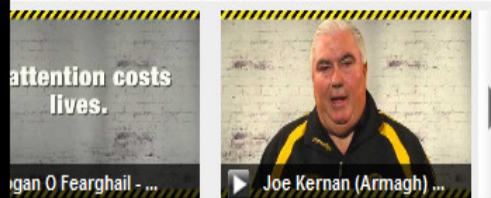
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**LIVE TO PLAY** A mistake on the pitch might cost you the game.  
 A mistake on the road can cost you your life.



**Ulster Hurling Team Named**  
 Ulster Hurling Manager Gregory O'Kane has named his team for Sunday's Inter-Pro Semi Final v Munster

- Test
- Resources
- Articles
- Courses
- Coaching Awards
  - Award 2 Coach Information
  - Level 3 Diploma Courses
- Team Management 2012
  - Performance Analysis in the GAA
  - Team Fit 2010
  - 'Pipeline to Performance Coaching' Award 3 - 2010
  - Gaining An Edge Workshop Programme
  - DENI Schools Coaches
  - Special Needs



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# **GPS Analysis**



- **What is GPS Analysis?**
- **Demonstration of software;**
- **What can it measure;**
  - Distance (Totals, Intervals, Per Minute);
  - Speed (Walk, Jog,  $\frac{1}{2}$  Pace,  $\frac{3}{4}$  Pace, Sprint);
  - Speed Thresholds (Distance, Time, Percentages);
  - Accelerations / Decelerations (What does this mean?);
  - Linked Heart Rate Analysis (Why is this important?);
  - Direction (Angles / Curves / Directional Changes)
- **How is it used at elite level?**
- **How can it be applied at club level?**



# GPS Analysis



## •How can a knowledge of GPS Analysis impact our club training?

- Realistically, practical application can impact very little;
- However, it is important to stay up to date and pay attention to findings from work at elite level;
- In particular, distances covered, positional differences identified, relationships between various parameters and relative success;

### Example of a notable finding;

During a warm up with my senior club team last year, I covered a distance of 1549m. 1175m of this distance was at a jog pace, or below, with 263 in the  $\frac{1}{2}$  pace zone, 111m at  $\frac{3}{4}$  pace, and no recorded sprint distance.

Discuss





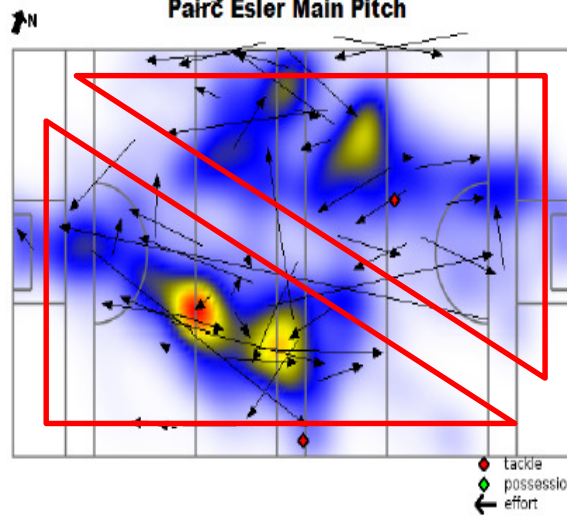
Player Name	Kevin McGuigan
Date	18May2012
Description	Match v Warrenpoint



Period:	Warm Up	1st Half			2nd Half			Session				
Start Time: (h:m:s)	18:59:41			19:36:12			20:22:45			18:59:41		
Duration: (m:s)	0:17:42			0:32:36			0:32:46			1:23:04		
Distance: (m)	1549			3876			3614			9039		
Meterage: (m/min)	87.5			118.9			110.3			108.8		
Player Load:	133			321			313			767		
HR:[Min   Mean   Max]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Efforts over 8.48/11.18/15.66 mph:	22	9	0	43	23	1	33	20	5	98	52	6
Acc. > -1.99/2/4 m/s <sup>2</sup> :	198	98	34	369	168	49	354	171	64	921	437	147
Rest Time: (m:s)	2:02.7			2:06.2			1:03.6			5:12.6		
Max. Vel: (mph)	13.2			16.8			16.8			16.8		
Work:Rest Ratio:	0.09			0.15			0.12			0.13		
HR Exertion Index	0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00		

Summary

Pairc Esler Main Pitch





Bands	Vel. Band		Walk	Jog	1/2 Pace	3/4 Pace	Sprint
	Dist. (Est.)	m	2633	3717	1433	959	97
		%	31	41	16	11	1
	Time	s	52:59.6	21:30.0	5:32.6	2:48.0	0:13.2
		%	64	26	7	3	0

Effort Length/Duration	Efforts	#	0	230	98	52	6					
	Average	m/s	0	0	16	6	15	3	18	3	16	2
	Min	m/s	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	6	1
	Max	m/s	0	0	69	24	58	13	71	13	23	3
	0-5 m	#	0		43		17		2		0	
	5-10 m	#	0		54		25		10		1	
	10-40 m	#	0		121		52		35		5	
	40+ m	#	0		12		4		4		0	

Start Accel.	0-1 m/s <sup>2</sup>	#	0	52	30	13	3
	1-2 m/s <sup>2</sup>	#	0	55	29	13	2
	2-4 m/s <sup>2</sup>	#	0	72	26	18	0
	4+ m/s <sup>2</sup>	#	0	44	9	8	1



Recovery Times	0-0.5 mins	#	221	221	62	17	0
	0.5-1 mins	#	17	17	25	9	0
	1-2 mins	#	7	7	15	12	1
	2-5 mins	#	2	2	6	11	2
	5+ mins	#	2	2	2	3	2

Heart Rate	Heart Band	
	Time	s
		%
	Mean	b/m

Accel. Bands	Acc. Band		-12-4 m/s <sup>2</sup>	-3.99-2 m/s <sup>2</sup>	-1.99-1.99 m/s <sup>2</sup>	2-3.99 m/s <sup>2</sup>	4-12 m/s <sup>2</sup>
	Dist. (Est.)	m	41	168	8021	242	61
		%	0	2	94	3	1
	Time	s	0:25.0	1:08.2	1:19:13.6	1:42.2	0:30.8
		%	1	1	95	2	1
Efforts	#	105	293	921	437	147	

Tackles	Intensity Band		0-2	2-4	4-6	6-8	8-10	10-12	12-20
	Count		0	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Avg. Duration	(s)	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

RHIE	Total Bouts		0		
	Efforts per Bout		0	0.0	0
	Effort Duration	s	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Effort Recovery	s	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Bout Recovery	s	0.0	0.0	0.0

Player Load	P.L. Band		0-1.2	1.21-2.5	2.51-3.5	3.51-4	4.01-4.5	4.51-5.5
	Time	s	1:08:30.4	12:59.7	0:55.2	0:07.6	0:04.0	0:02.0
		%	82	16	1	0	0	0
	Mean		0.10	0.39	0.73	0.96	1.18	1.57



## **GPS Analysis**



- **Discuss the selection of figures displayed, and use the copy provided to outline 2 ways this information could influence your club training.**

- **Questions on GPS**







# Statistics



- Numbers;
- Figures;
- Facts.

•Do we regularly employ statistics to measure performance?

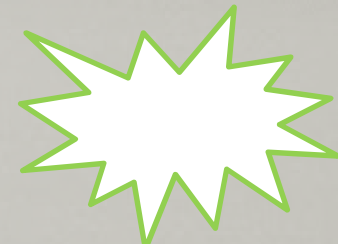
NO

•Is it possible to track improvement / deterioration in both individual and team performance through ongoing statistical analysis?

YES

•Can we identify strengths / areas for improvement in our own squad through statistics?

YES





## **Statistics: Tips**



- **Level of use depends on support available;**
- **Try to utilise people within the club (students, underage mentors etc);**
- **Use pre season challenge games to gather as many statistics as possible;**
  - 1. Team Performance** (Breakdown of turnovers, shooting, defensive play, passing etc);
  - 2. Individual Performance** (Handling success, passing, shooting etc);
- Identify the **strengths / weaknesses** of the team;
  - Set targets for next games;
- Identify one **strength / weakness** for each player;
  - Set an individual target for each player for next game.
- Review **targets achieved / missed** going forward;
- **Display graphs / stats in the changing room for players to feel they are responsible for delivering positive trends**



## ***Statistics: Tips***



- With regular collection of similar statistics you should be able to develop a **'performance index'**;
- What does **'Performance Index'** mean;
  - A ***single number*** that is provided to a player as a ***measurement of their impact on the match play***. This number should incorporate all the factors of the game that have been measured, with each factor ***weighted*** according to importance perceived by the players / management.



# Statistics: The Benefits?

## Discuss in Your Groups



### Benefits to Players

- Knowing strengths;
- Knowing weaknesses;
- Stimulates competitive instinct;
- Seeing evidence of improvement;
- Evidence to support manager observations;
- Identifying with what is important to performance;
- Understanding training focus;
- Improve focus / concentration on key skills during performance;

### Benefits to Management

- Knowing strengths;
- Knowing weaknesses;
- Guide training planning;
- Measure improvements;
- Monitor if an area is beginning to deteriorate;
- Motivation of individuals and team with targets;
- Can back up half time / full time analysis with **FACTS**;
- Introduce intra-squad competition.





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