The Development and Evaluation of a Novel IMU system for Barbell Velocity Measurement

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What would your ideal S&C tech measure?















Strength Technique Mobility Reactive Strength Balance Speed Agility What is the most important factor to you when choosing to work with technology?





Device	Mean-Velocity <i>r</i> -value	Mean Velocity - RMSE (m/s)
GymAware	0.96+	0.06
Speed4Lift	0.98+	0.02
T-Force	0.97+	0.07
Tendo-unit	0.96+	0.04



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Device	Mean-Velocity <i>r</i> -value	Mean Velocity – RMSE (m/s)
Bar Sensei	~0.92	0.10
PUSH 1.0	~0.86	0.09
PUSH 2.0	?	?
Beast	~0.77	0.21
Myotest	~0.61	.23



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28 Participants

Bench-Press and Back-Squat

4 x 10 reps w/ pause 4 x 10 reps w/ no pause

Set 1 - "slowest-possible" Set 2 - "33% of max-possible" Set 3 - "66% of max-possible" Set 4 - "fastest-possible"





Motion Capture Output Sports PUSH 2.0 (not included due to missing reps)

Mean & Peak Velocity: RMSE Pearson's Correlation Bland-Altman Analysis Coefficient of Variation (CV)



Raw accelerometer and gyroscope data





Motion capture's velocity signal





-	 Output Sports
-	- CODA Motion Capture





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MEAN VELOCITY







PEAK VELOCITY



CURRENT WORK //

Algorithm-refinement

Usability

Functionality

UX

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