A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF SPEEDAMONG BOXERS AND WRESTLERS

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ABSTRACT

In the present study, an attempt has been made to compare speed component among Boxers and Wrestlers. The study was carried out on 300 male players in the age group of 17-28 years, from Boxers (N=150) and Wrestlers (N=150). The subjects were under graduate students of Diff. Colleges from Haryana. The data was collected by use of AAHPER Youth Fitness Test. The data was analyzed and compared with the help of statistical procedures in which arithmetic mean, standard deviation (S.D.), t-test were employed. Boxing male players and wrestling male playersSpeed was found no significantly Difference.

Keywords- Speed, Wrestlers and Boxers.

INTRODUCTION: "Boxing was a popular spectator sport in Ancient Rome. In order for the fighters to protect themselves against their opponents they wrapped leather thongs around their fists. Eventually harder leather was used and the thong soon became a weapon. The Romans even introduced metal studs to the thongs to make the cestus which then led to a more sinister weapon called the myrmex ('limb piercer'). Fighting events were held at Roman Amphitheatres. The Roman form of boxing was often a fight until death to please the spectators who gathered at such events. However, especially in later times, purchased slaves and trained combat performers were valuable commodities, and their lives were not given up without due consideration. Often slaves were used against one another in a circle marked on the floor. This is where the term ring came from. In AD 393, during the Roman gladiator period, boxing was abolished due to





excessive brutality. It was not until the late 17th century that boxing re-surfaced in London." (boddy, 2013)

Wrestling

By the end of the 19th century, this modern "Greco-Roman" wrestling style went on to become the most in fashionable sport in Europe. Because of that and the rise of gymnasiums and athletic clubs, Greco-Roman wrestling and modern freestyle wrestling were soon regulated in formal competitions. On continental Europe, prize money was offered in large sumsto the winners of Greco –Roman tournaments, and freestyle wrestling spread rapidly in the United kingdom and in the United States. The Lancashire style of folk wrestling may have formed the basis for Catch wrestling also known as "catch as catch can." The Scots later formed a variant of this style, and the Irish developed the "collar-and-elbow" style which later found its way into the United States. Wrestling as a modern sport developed in the 19th century out of traditions of folk wrestling, emerging in the form of two styles of regulated competitive sport, "freestyle" and "Greco-Roman" wrestling(based on British and continental tradition, respectively), now summarized under the term "amateur wrestling" by the beginning of themodern Olympics.

Method

For the purpose of the investigation, the sample for the study were 300 male players in the age group of 17-28 years, from Boxers (N=150) and Wrestlers (N=150). The subjects were under graduate students of different colleges of Haryana. To test the Speed of the subjects, they were divided into two groups i.e. Boxers and Wrestlers to perform according to AAHPER Youth Fitness Test to increase their physical fitness variables. Speed was measured of every individual with the help of AAHPER Youth Fitness test i.e. 50yard dash.

To examine the hypothesis of the study that there will be no significant difference in the Muscular Strength of Boxing male players and Wrestling male players, descriptive statistics and t-test analysis was employed for the present data.



DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS OF SPEED

Table no.1 indicates the values of descriptive statistics of the Boxing male players and Wrestling male players for Speed, which shows that the mean and S.D. values of Boxing male players and Wrestling male players were 6.79 & 0.38 and 6.91 & 0.42 respectively. S.E.M values of the Boxing male players and Wrestling male players were found to be 0.035 and 0.039 respectively.

Table No. 1

Descriptive statistics of Speedof Boxing male players and Wrestling male players (in Sec.)

| Variable | Group | N | Mean | Std. Deviation | Std. Error Mean |
|----------|------------------------|-----|------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Speed | Boxing male players | 150 | 6.79 | 0.38 | .035 |
| | Wrestling male players | 150 | 6.91 | 0.42 | .039 |

Table No. 2

T-test description of Boxers and Wrestlers Speed

| Variable | Groups | df | t-value | Sig. |
|----------|---|-----|---------|------|
| Speed | Boxing male players- Wrestling male players | 298 | 0.97 | .083 |





Figure No. 1: Bar diagram showing the mean value of speed between Boxing male players and Wrestling male players

The t-test value of speed of Boxing male players and Wrestling male players is shown in table 4. As shown in the table the boxers were no significantly difference of speed (t=0.97, 0.05<p) than the wrestlers. There was no significant difference in physical fitness variable Speed between Boxing male players and Wrestling male players.

Conclusion

In the present study it was concluded that Boxing male players were similar Speed as compared to the Wrestling male players.

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