

Training Cycle: Phase 8
Cycle Duration: 6 Weeks
Work Week 4/6

Focus: Explosive Power and Sprint Speed

Intensity Note:

- Blue highlights indicate HR Zone 2 or less (Builds your aerobic engine burns fat as a primary fuel source)
- Red highlights indicate HR Zone 3+ (Builds your strength, speed & LT burns stored sugar as a primary fuel source)

Monday

- Body Analysis please use your Coach Robb Body Analysis Spreadsheet to log this information for evaluation purposes
- Complete Rest Day

Misc. Notes: by far the most important aspect of performance training is developing the entire aerobic system. This includes good circulation, slow twitch muscle fiber development and the ability to burn large amounts of fat for energy. Diminishing performance, injury and ill health consistently stem from a lack of aerobic function. With this in mind, stay mentally focused on your blue/aerobic enhancement workouts – they yield just as much benefit to your overall speed and endurance as your lactate tolerance workouts. Additionally, plan ahead and have recovery calories ready to consume immediately following both your blue and your red workouts to ensure that you recover quickly and properly – this will improve your overall productivity and cumulative.

Evening Protocols

Belly Breathing: take a straw and breathe through the straw – in and out; for 30 seconds; 90 seconds breathe without the straw – focus using the same muscles to inhale without the straw that you did with the straw. Repeat 5x

Mental Imagery: after implementing 10-15 deep belly breathes, visualize your next race – start to finish. See yourself implementing & maintaining perfect mechanics in every situation.

Shin Stripping: in addition to your foam Roller & TP Therapy (see last week); take your thumb and firmly press along the edge of your shin bone from your ankle up to your knee area. When you feel a knot or sticky spot, apply slightly more pressure and hold for 5-10 seconds then slide further up the shin. Complete both sides of the shin bone for legs.

Tuesday

 Body Analysis: please use your Coach Robb Body Analysis Spreadsheet to log this information for evaluation purposes (Morning Workout) Complete Racing Solutions Combo Weight Workout – Power Phase 1

[Please use the spreadsheet and associated videos listed at the bottom of this document]

Workout Notes: this is your last week of these protocols before we pull back the amount of weight next week, so don't be afraid to push the load levels slightly by set number three.

Pre-Hydration & Nutrition: 10-15 minutes prior to this workout, consume 8-10 ounces of <u>Energy Fuel</u> to top off both your calories and provide you the much-needed electrolytes

Rep Count: 6-12 reps (varies by exercise)
Post Workout Protocols

Speed of Lift: explosive off the bottom, slow back to starting point **Rest Interval:** none in between exercises; 1:00 in between cycles

- Flexibility: complete dynamic movements, static stretches & foam rolling exercises for optimum recovery
- Nutrition: immediately consume 8-10 ounces of iced cold <u>Energy Fuel</u> and <u>Best Whey Protein</u> (1 scoop of each) mixed with almond milk.
- Evening Protocols

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Wednesday

- Body Analysis: please use your Coach Robb Body Analysis Spreadsheet to log this information for evaluation purposes
 Complete One (1) of the Following Workout for your Morning Workout
- Complete Racing Solutions Bike: Intensity Distance Intervals (65 Minutes)

Misc. Notes: take your most up to date heart rate spreadsheet (take last week's waking heart rate average and your maximum heart rate from your last time trial) and commit to memory (or use a black marker to write on your arm) the low & high number for your HR Zone 3. Once you are finished with your warmup, your goal is to settle into your HR Z3 (no higher or lower) and complete a 10 minute "interval". Once you settle into this intensity zone, focus on your belly breathing to maximize your oxygen uptake; this will allow you to maintain your speed while staying in your HR Z3. During your 5-minute rest interval, spin easy and allow your HR to get back into HR Z1.

Pre-Hydration & Nutrition: 10-15 minutes prior to this workout, consume 8-10 ounces of <u>Energy Fuel</u> to top off both your calories and provide you the much-needed electrolytes

Warm up-HR Zone 1: Focus on optimum pedal mechanics right from the beginning

Duration: 10 minutes **Gearing:** small chain ring up front, middle rear gearing **Misc.:** stretch and hydrate before moving into your main set



Main Set: Heart Rate Pyramids: 5 x 10 Minutes

Settle into HR Z3 and maintain for 10 minutes (Note: the interval doesn't begin until you hit HR Z3, so get there quickly) Recover by spinning easy for 5 minutes in HR Z1 (no higher for optimum recovery)

Warm Down-HR Zone 1: Keep a close eye on your HR level for the final 5 minutes

Duration: 5 minutes **Gearing:** the easiest combination that allows for 85-90 cadence & HR Z1

Cadence: 85-90 Misc.: don't dismount until your heart rate is within HR Z1

Complete Racing Solutions Row: Incremental Pacing Intervals (10,000 Meters)

Misc. Notes: complete your 500-meter intervals at an incremental effort after your warmup. Your goal is to match this pace by interval number three of each set. If you start out too hard during intervals #1 and #2, you will lose the ability to hit your goal pace during interval #3. If you feel any muscle or group of muscles tightening up, stop immediately, isolate the muscle and stretch it passively (holding the stretch for 8-10 seconds) while breathing deeply.

Pre-Hydration & Nutrition: 10-15 minutes prior to this workout, consume 8-10 ounces of <u>Energy Fuel</u> to top off both your calories and provide you the much-needed electrolytes

Warm up-HR Zone 1: Focus on a straight back and leading with your legs and finishing with your arms coming to your chest.

Load Level: 3 Distance: 1000 Meters Pull Rate: less than 25 Stretch from head to toe

Baseline 500 Meter Interval: complete a 500-meter interval at 90-95% effort; 1 Minute Rest Interval

Display 500 Meters - 1 Minute Rest Interval

Load Level: 5 Pull Rate: 25 plus Elapsed Time:

Main Set: Pacing Pyramids

Load Level: 5 Pull Rate: 25 plus

500 Meter Baseline plus 10 seconds – Rest 1 Minute

500 Meter Baseline plus 5 seconds – Rest 1 Minute

500 Meters at Baseline Pace - Rest 1 Minute

Repeat 5 Times – Strive to hold goal pace for all three intervals; hold yourself accountable here!

Cool Down-HR Zone 1: Focus on a straight back and leading with your legs and finishing with your arms coming to your chest.

Load Level: 3 Distance: 1000 Meters Pull Rate: less than 25 Stretch from head to toe

Post Workout Protocols

- · Flexibility: complete dynamic movements, static stretches & foam rolling exercises for optimum recovery
- Nutrition: immediately consume 8-10 ounces of iced cold <u>Energy Fuel</u> and <u>Best Whey Protein</u> (1 scoop of each) mixed with almond milk.
- Evening Protocols

Belly Breathing: take a straw and breathe through the straw – in and out; for 30 seconds; 90 seconds breathe without the straw – focus using the same muscles to inhale without the straw that you did with the straw. Repeat 5x

Mental Imagery: after implementing 10-15 deep belly breathes, visualize your next race – start to finish. See yourself implementing & maintaining perfect mechanics in every situation.

Thursday

Body Analysis: please use your Coach Robb Body Analysis Spreadsheet to log this information for evaluation purposes (Morning Workout) Complete Racing Solutions Combo Weight Workout – Power Phase 1

[Please use the spreadsheet and associated videos listed at the bottom of this document]

Workout Notes: this is your last week of these protocols before we pull back the amount of weight next week, so don't be afraid to push the load levels slightly by set number three.

Pre-Hydration & Nutrition: 10-15 minutes prior to this workout, consume 8-10 ounces of <u>Energy Fuel</u> to top off both your calories and provide you the much-needed electrolytes

Sets: 3 **Rep Count:** 6-12 reps (varies by exercise)

Speed of Lift: explosive off the bottom, slow back to starting point **Rest Interval:** none in between exercises; 1:00 in between cycles

Post Workout Protocols

- Flexibility: complete dynamic movements, static stretches & foam rolling exercises for optimum recovery
- Nutrition: immediately consume 8-10 ounces of iced cold <u>Energy Fuel</u> and <u>Best Whey Protein</u> (1 scoop of each) mixed with almond milk.
- Evening Protocols

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Shin Stripping: in addition to your foam Roller & TP Therapy (see last week); take your thumb and firmly press along the edge of your shin bone from your ankle up to your knee area. When you feel a knot or sticky spot, apply slightly more pressure and hold for 5-10 seconds then slide further up the shin. Complete both sides of the shin bone for legs.



Friday

- Body Analysis please use your Coach Robb Body Analysis Spreadsheet to log this information for evaluation purposes (Morning Workout) Choose one of the following for your morning workout:
- Complete Racing Solutions Row: Incremental Pacing Intervals (6000 Meters)

Misc. Notes: pull your up-to-date heart rate zones specific to the rower; you will need your specific numbers for HR Z2 and Z3 easily visible for quick reference and maximum productivity.

Pre-Hydration & Nutrition: 10-15 minutes prior to this workout, consume 8-10 ounces of <u>Energy Fuel</u> to top off both your calories and provide you the much-needed electrolytes

Warm up-HR Zone 1: Focus on a straight back and leading with your legs and finishing with your arms coming to your chest.

Display: Distance Load Level: 3 Distance: 1000 Meters Pull Rate: less than 25 Stretch from head to toe

Main Set: Pacing Pyramids

Load Level: 5 Pull Rate: 25 plus

1000 Meter at low end of HR Z2 (no rest right into the next 1000 meters)

1000 Meter at high end of HR Z2 (no rest right into the next 1000 meters)

1000 Meter at high end of HR Z3 (no rest right into the next 1000 meters)

1000 Meter at low end of HR Z4 (no rest right into your cool down)

Cool Down-HR Zone 1: Focus on a straight back and leading with your legs and finishing with your arms coming to your chest. **Load Level: 3 Distance:** 1000 Meters **Pull Rate:** less than 25 **Stretch from head to toe**

Complete Racing Solutions Bike: Heart Rate Pyramid Workout (80 Minutes)

Misc. Notes: you will need your HR numbers for Zone 3 and Zone 4. During your main set you will begin at your low end of HR Z3 and every 3 minutes you will increase your intensity/effort by 5 beats and then hold for 3 minutes; continue going up the pyramid until you hit the upper range of HR Z3 (no higher). After you reach the high end of HR Z3, then walk back down the pyramid 5 beats at a time for 3-minute durations (the exact opposite you did walking up the pyramid).

WARNING: IF YOU PUSH TOO HARD TOO SOON, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COME BACK DOWN THE PYRAMID CORRECTLY.

Warm up-HR Zone 1: Focus on optimum pedal mechanics right from the beginning

Duration: 10 minutes **Gearing:** small chain ring up front, middle rear gearing **Cadence:** 80-85 (no higher/lower) **Misc.:** stretch and hydrate before moving into your main set

Main Set: Heart Rate Pyramids: 65 Minutes

Notes: beginning at the lower end of HR Z3 hold for 3 minutes; then bump up your intensity by 5 beats & hold for 3 minutes. Repeat until you hit the upper end of HR Zone 4. Once you hit the upper end of HR Z4, come down by 5 beats every 3 minutes until you hit your lower end of HR Z3. Continue going up and down the ladder until

Warm Down (HR Zone 1): Keep a close eye on your HR level for the final 5 minutes

Duration: 5 minutes **Gearing:** the easiest combination that allows for 85-90 cadence & HR Z1 **Cadence:** 85-90 **Misc.:** don't dismount until your heart rate is within HR Z1

Saturday

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Pre-Hydration & Nutrition: 10-15 minutes prior to this workout, consume 8-10 ounces of <u>Energy Fuel</u> to top off both your calories and provide you the much-needed electrolytes

Sets: 3 Speed of Lift: explosive off the bottom, slow back to starting point Rep Count: 6-12 reps (varies by exercise) Rest Interval: none in between exercises; 1:00 in between cycles Post Workout Protocols

- Flexibility: complete dynamic movements, static stretches & foam rolling exercises for optimum recovery
- Nutrition: immediately consume 8-10 ounces of iced cold <u>Energy Fuel</u> and <u>Best Whey Protein</u> (1 scoop of each) mixed with almond milk.
- 2 Hour Nap After Mid-Day Meal

Misc. Notes: research has validated that your pituitary gland releases the greatest amount of hGH which is responsible for important elements like rebuilding muscle tissue and how lean you are – the two key elements of your strength to weight ratios. To ensure that you fall asleep quickly and sleep as deep as possible, consume a lunch that contains high levels of high-quality protein & fat (they only thing that satisfies your appetite).

Evening Protocols



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Sunday

- Body Analysis please use your Coach Robb Body Analysis Spreadsheet to log this information for evaluation purposes
- (Morning Workout) Complete Racing Solutions Row: 5 Minute Distance Challenge (50-60 Minutes)

Misc. Notes: pull your up-to-date heart rate zones specific to the rower; you will need your specific numbers for HR Z3 easily visible for quick reference and maximum productivity.

Warm up-HR Zone 1: Focus on a straight back and leading with your legs and finishing with your arms coming to your chest.

Display: Distance Load Level: 3 Distance: 1000 Meters Pull Rate: less than 25 Stretch from head to toe

Main Set: Distance Challenge

Load Level: 5 Pull Rate: 25 plus

5 Minutes – Distance Covered at the upper end of HR Z3 Rest 5 Minutes – HR Z1 (no higher for maximum productivity)

Repeat 4 Times

Distance Covered Interval #1: Distance Covered Interval #2: Distance Covered Interval #3: Distance Covered Interval #4:

Cool Down-HR Zone 1: Focus on a straight back and leading with your legs and finishing with your arms coming to your chest. **Load Level: 3 Distance:** 1000 Meters **Pull Rate:** less than 25 **Stretch from head to toe**

Post Workout Protocols

- Flexibility: complete dynamic movements, static stretches & foam rolling exercises for optimum recovery
- **Nutrition:** immediately consume 8-10 ounces of iced cold <u>Energy Fuel</u> and <u>Best Whey Protein</u> (1 scoop of each) mixed with almond milk.
- 2 Hour Nap After Mid-Day Meal

Misc. Notes: growth hormones are your biggest by product of napping so set yourself up to get the most out of your nap by eating a clean and dense meal prior to lying down in a cool, dark room. When you wake up, start your day off with 8-10 ounces of cold water to facilitate your re-hydration.

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Strength & Plyometric Program - Power Phase 1			
Warm Up			
Trigger Point Therapy and Foam Rolling			
CYCLE ONE	Date	Date	Date
Shoulder Press			
Instructional Video: Shoulder Press			
Weight (Light)			
Reps Set #1 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Weight (Slightly heavier than Set 1)			
Reps Set #2 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Weight (Slightly heavier than Set 2)			
Reps Set #3 (Goal: 6-8 Reps)			
Sit Ups on Fit Ball			
Instructional Video: Abdominal Crunch on Fit Ball			
Reps Set #1 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Reps Set #2 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Reps Set #3 (Goal: 6-8 Reps)			
Air Squats			
Instructional Video: Air Squats			
Weight (Light)			
Reps Set #1 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Weight (Slightly heavier than Set 1)			
Reps Set #2 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Weight (Slightly heavier than Set 2)			
Reps Set #3 (Goal: 6-8 Reps)			
CYCLE TWO	Date	Date	Date
Front and Side Deltoids			
Instructional Video: Front & Middle Deltoids			
Weight (Light)			
Reps Set #1 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Weight (Slightly heavier than Set 1)			
Reps Set #2 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)	<u> </u>		
Weight (Slightly heavier than Set 2)	<u> </u>		
Reps Set #3 (Goal: 6-8 Reps)			
Pike - Push Up - Pike (30 Seconds)			
Instructional Video: Pike-Push Up-Pike	ī		
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Rep 1 (as many as you can complete in 30 seconds)			
Rep 1 (as many as you can complete in 30 seconds) Rep 2 (as many as you can complete in 30 seconds)			
Rep 1 (as many as you can complete in 30 seconds) Rep 2 (as many as you can complete in 30 seconds) Rep 3 (as many as you can complete in 30 seconds)			
Rep 1 (as many as you can complete in 30 seconds) Rep 2 (as many as you can complete in 30 seconds)			
Rep 1 (as many as you can complete in 30 seconds) Rep 2 (as many as you can complete in 30 seconds) Rep 3 (as many as you can complete in 30 seconds) Hamstring Press on Fit Ball Instructional Video: Hamstring Press with Extension			
Rep 1 (as many as you can complete in 30 seconds) Rep 2 (as many as you can complete in 30 seconds) Rep 3 (as many as you can complete in 30 seconds) Hamstring Press on Fit Ball Instructional Video: Hamstring Press with Extension Reps Set #1 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Rep 1 (as many as you can complete in 30 seconds) Rep 2 (as many as you can complete in 30 seconds) Rep 3 (as many as you can complete in 30 seconds) Hamstring Press on Fit Ball Instructional Video: Hamstring Press with Extension			



CYCLE THREE	Date	Date	Date
Bicep Curls			
Instructional Video: Bicep Curls			
Weight (Light)			
Reps Set #1 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Weight (Slightly heavier than Set 1)			
Reps Set #2 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Weight (Slightly heavier than Set 2)			
Reps Set #3 (Goal: 6-8 Reps)			
Open Abs			
Instructional Video: Open Ab Rotation			
Reps Set #1 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Reps Set #2 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Reps Set #3 (Goal: 6-8 Reps)			
Calf Raises			
Instructional Video: Calf Raises			
Weight (Light)			
Reps Set #1 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Weight (Slightly heavier than Set 1)			
Reps Set #2 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Weight (Slightly heavier than Set 2)			
Reps Set #3 (Goal: 6-8 Reps)			
CYCLE FOUR	Date	Date	Date
Tricep Kickbacks			
Instructional Video: Tricep Kickbacks			
Weight (Light)			
Reps Set #1 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Weight (Slightly heavier than Set 1)			
Reps Set #2 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Weight (Slightly heavier than Set 2)			
Reps Set #3 (Goal: 6-8 Reps)	_		
Hip Risers			
Instructional Video: Hip Risers			
Reps Set #1 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Reps Set #2 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Reps Set #3 (Goal: 6-8 Reps)			
Inner Thigh			
Instructional Video: Side Skaters			
Reps Set #1 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Reps Set #2 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Reps Set #3 (Goal: 6-8 Reps)		I	1



CYCLE FIVE	Date	Date	Date
Diamond Push Up			
Instructional Video: Diamond Push Ups			
Weight (Light)			
Reps Set #1 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Weight (Slightly heavier than Set 1)			
Reps Set #2 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Weight (Slightly heavier than Set 2)			
Reps Set #3 (Goal: 6-8 Reps)			
Pull Up with a Pause			
Instructional Video: Pull Up with a Pause			
Reps Set #1 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Reps Set #2 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Reps Set #3 (Goal: 6-8 Reps)			
Abs: Pike - Push Up - Pike on Fit Ball			
Instructional Video: Pike-Push Up-Pike			
Reps Set #1 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Reps Set #2 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Reps Set #3 (Goal: 6-8 Reps)			
CYCLE SIX	Date	Date	Date
Push Up-Knee to Chest on Fit Ball			
Instructional Video: Knee to Chest on Fit Ball			
Reps Set #1 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Reps Set #2 (Goal: 10-12 Reps)			
Reps Set #3 (Goal: 6-8 Reps)			
Stars			
Instructional Video: Stars			
Set #1 - as many as you can do in 30 seconds			
Set #2 - as many as you can do in 30 seconds			
Set #3 - as many as you can do in 30 seconds			
Single Armed Swim Drills with Stretch Cord			
Instructional Video: Swim Strokes with Stretch Cords			
Set #1 - as many as you can do in 30 seconds			
Set #2 - as many as you can do in 30 seconds			
Set #3 - as many as you can do in 30 seconds			