

# MATCH DAY NUTRITION & RECOVERY

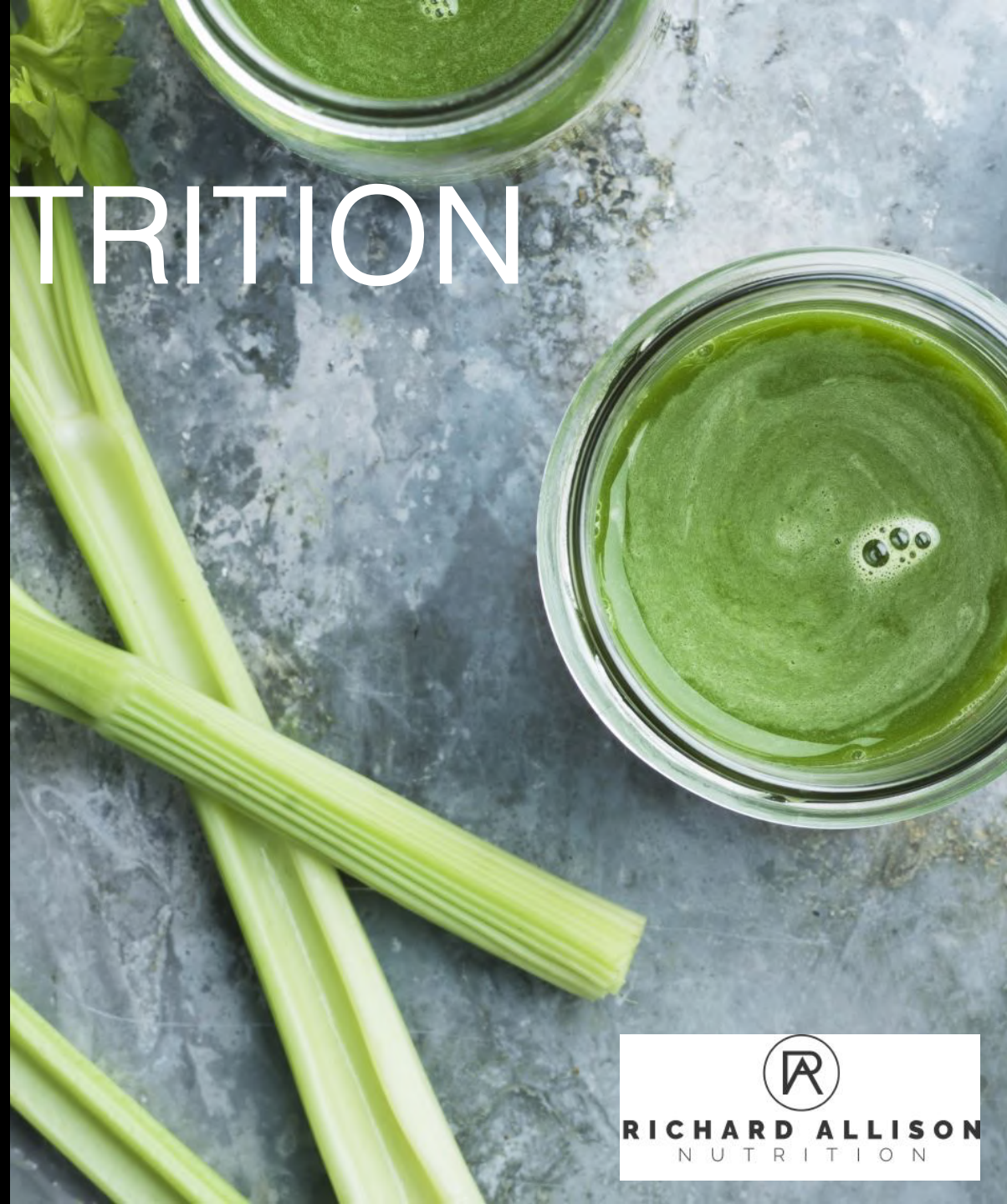
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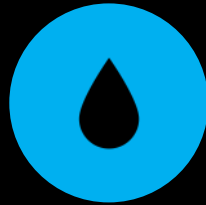
# Overview



INTRODUCTION



BASICS



HYDRATION



RECOVERY



MATCH DAY



TAKE HOME

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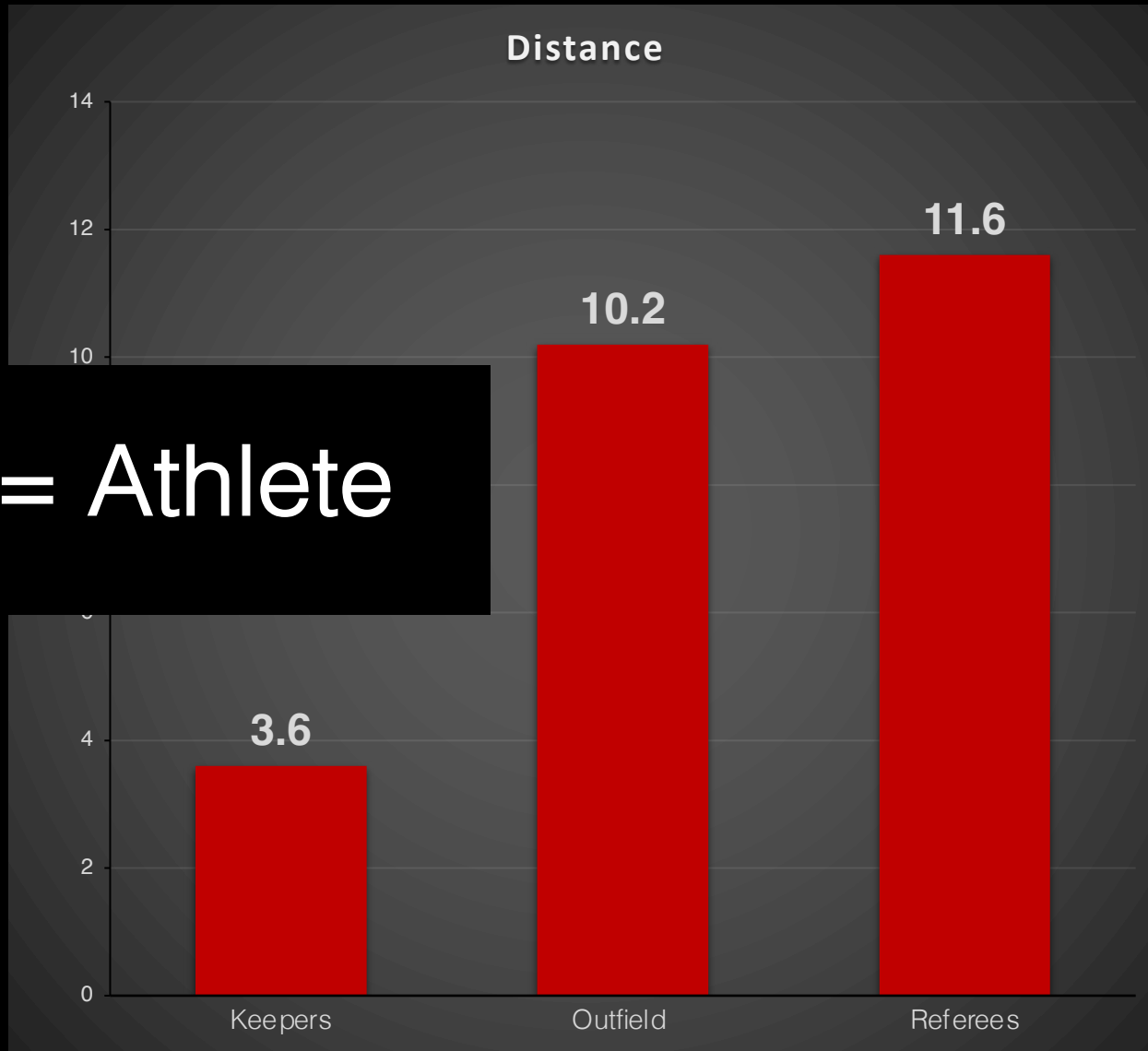
A good diet alone won't make an average athlete elite, but  
a poor diet will make an elite athlete average





Referee = Athlete

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# Why is Nutrition Important?

- Nutrition is an important part of **performance** for players
- Allows for **recovery** and development
  - **Macronutrients**
  - **Micronutrients**
  - **Fluids**
- Proper amounts are essential to provide energy for training, health and recovery



# Good Nutrition Choices can Support the Health & Performance

- Type
- Quantity
- Timing of food, fluids and supplements
- Influence performance and recovery during and between matches
- Ensuring you have a well-planned nutrition strategy is key for top performance

# Diets

**WHAT THE HEALTH**



THE **MAGIC** PILL

~~GLUTEN FREE~~



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**FAT**  
A DOCUMENTARY

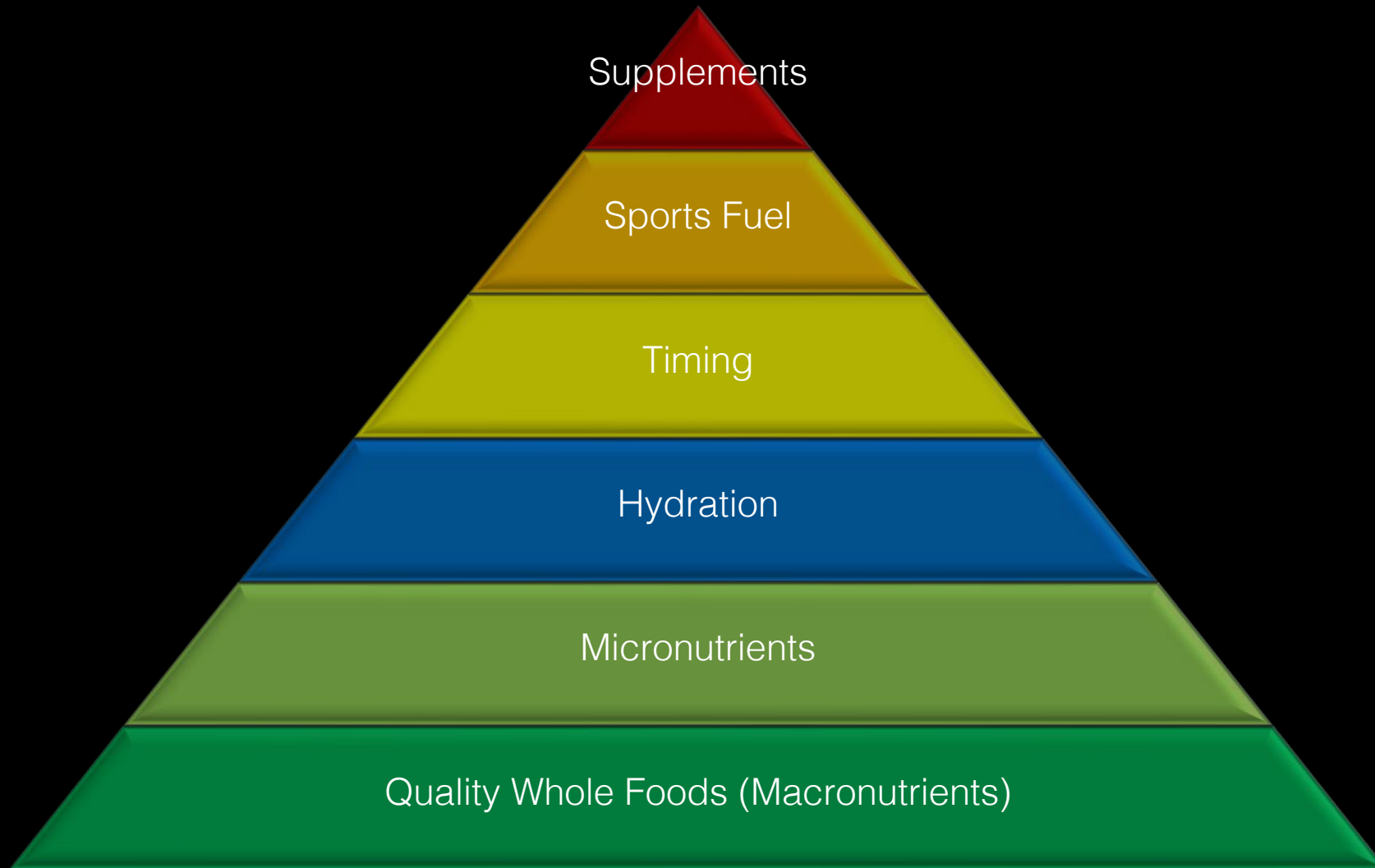


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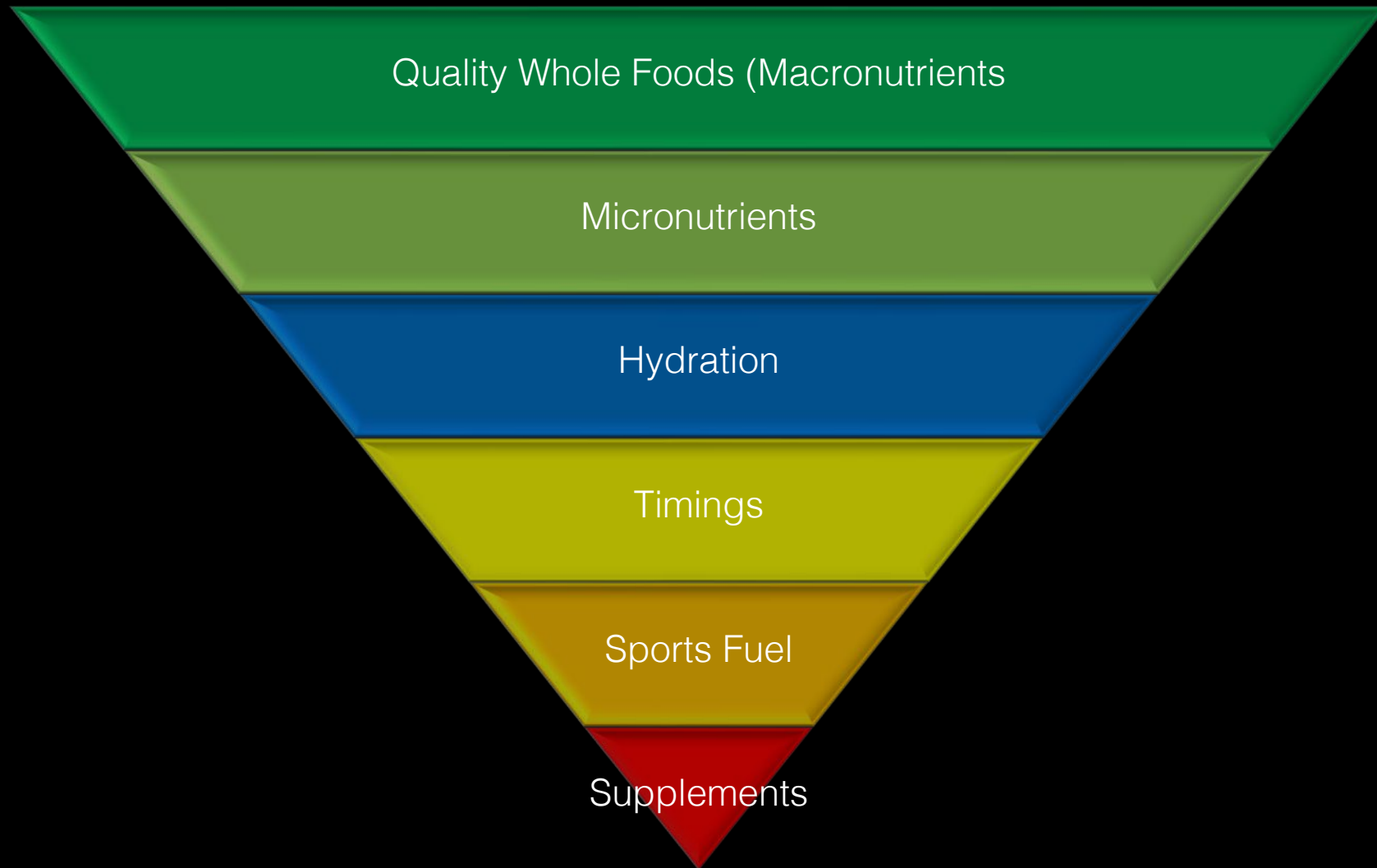
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# Performance Nutrition Pyramid



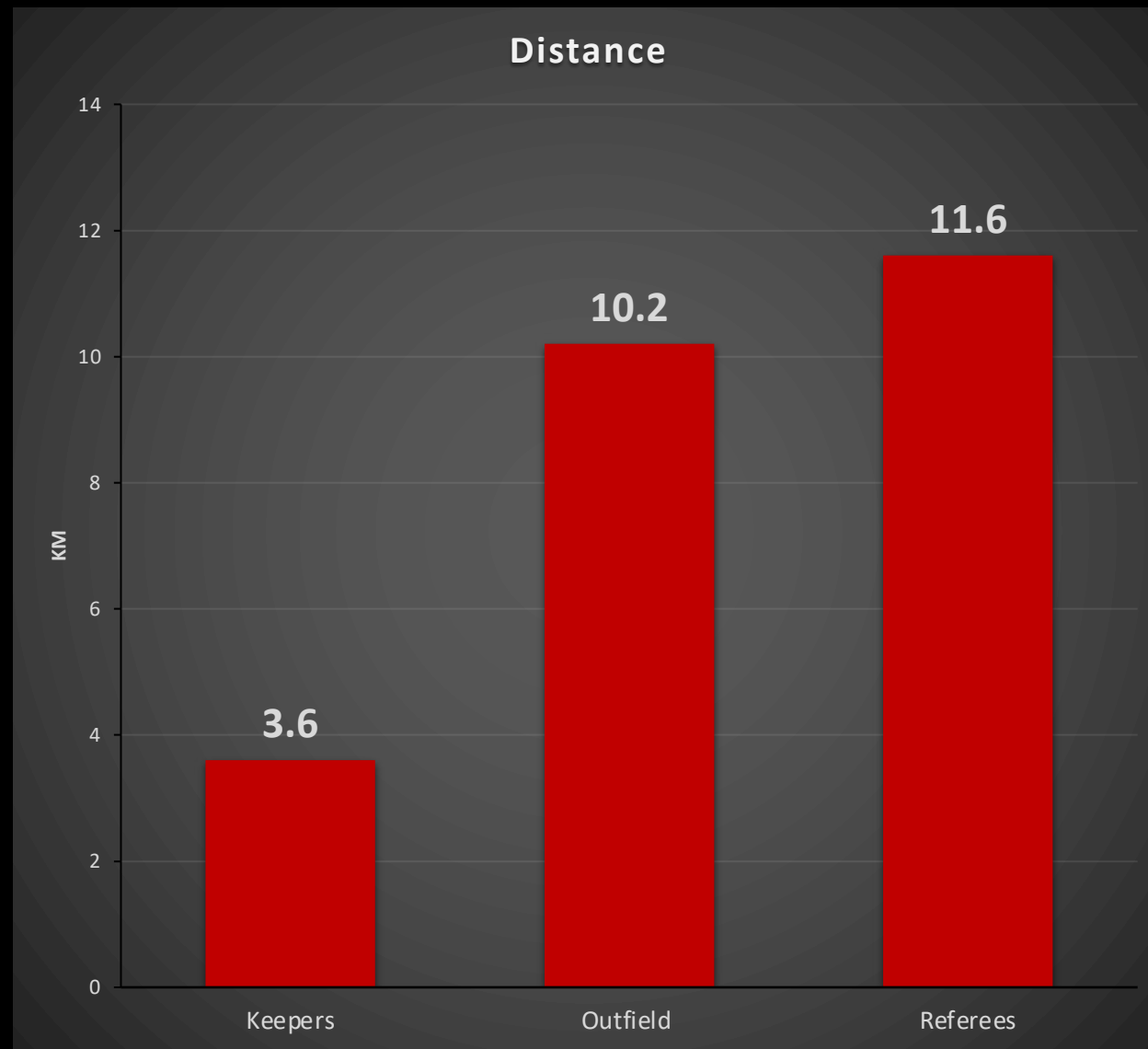
# Performance Nutrition Pyramid



# Energy Balance



Referee = Athlete



# Energy

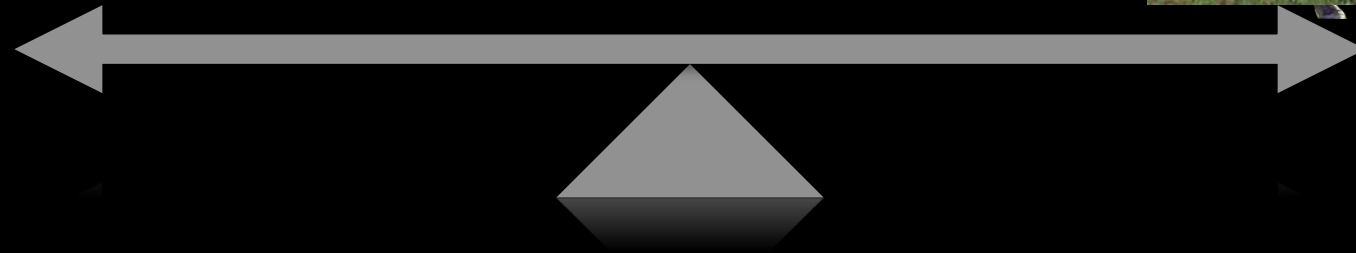
- What is energy?
  - Kilocalories (Kcal)
  - Kilojoules (kJ)
  - $1\text{kcal} = 4.18\text{kJ}$



# Energy Balance



Vs.



# Measuring EE

Method	Advantages	Limitations
Direct calorimetry	The most accurate method to estimate EE. Minimal error.	Very expensive. Not applicable to measurement in free-living conditions.
Indirect calorimetry	Accurate (error $\approx$ 5 %) Breath-by-breath analysis also possible. Portable devices are also available.	Expensive. Long-lasting measurements are not possible. Does not allow daily use.
Doubly labelled water	Accurate (<5%). Suited for long-term measurements (4-20 days)	Very expensive. No information on short bouts of activity. Only TEE
Heart rate	Inexpensive & easy to use. High accuracy, (error 7- 25%),no lab calibration. Provides second-by-second estimation of EE.	Larger error than in calorimetry or DLW-techniques. Requires beat-by-beat HR data collection with sufficient accuracy.
HR level with general equations	Inexpensive and easy. Does not require beat-by-beat data.	Large error (20-35%) in the HR-EE relationship,.
Motion detection based estimation	Inexpensive (or very inexpensive), very easy to measure. Provides reliably summary information on periods of physical activity (e.g. active time).	Large estimation error (20-35%). Uniaxial sensors are not sufficiently sensitive to quantify EE (error up to 60%). Is best suited for identifying periods (of physical activity).
Activity diary & questionnaires	Very inexpensive. Does not necessarily require hardware. Users may benefit from self-evaluation.	Large estimation error (20-60%). No information on instantaneous values of EE. Accurate measurement requires lots of time and learning from the person whose EE is estimated.



INTAKE

# Intake

- **Basics** right first
- Ensure you eat **good amounts of all food groups**
- Energy for **living and exercising**
- A **right** amount of calories
- Right foods

# Healthy Plate

- What does a **healthy plate** look like?
- Structuring your plate to include **all food groups**
- A source of **hydration** is essential
- Your diet should consist of:



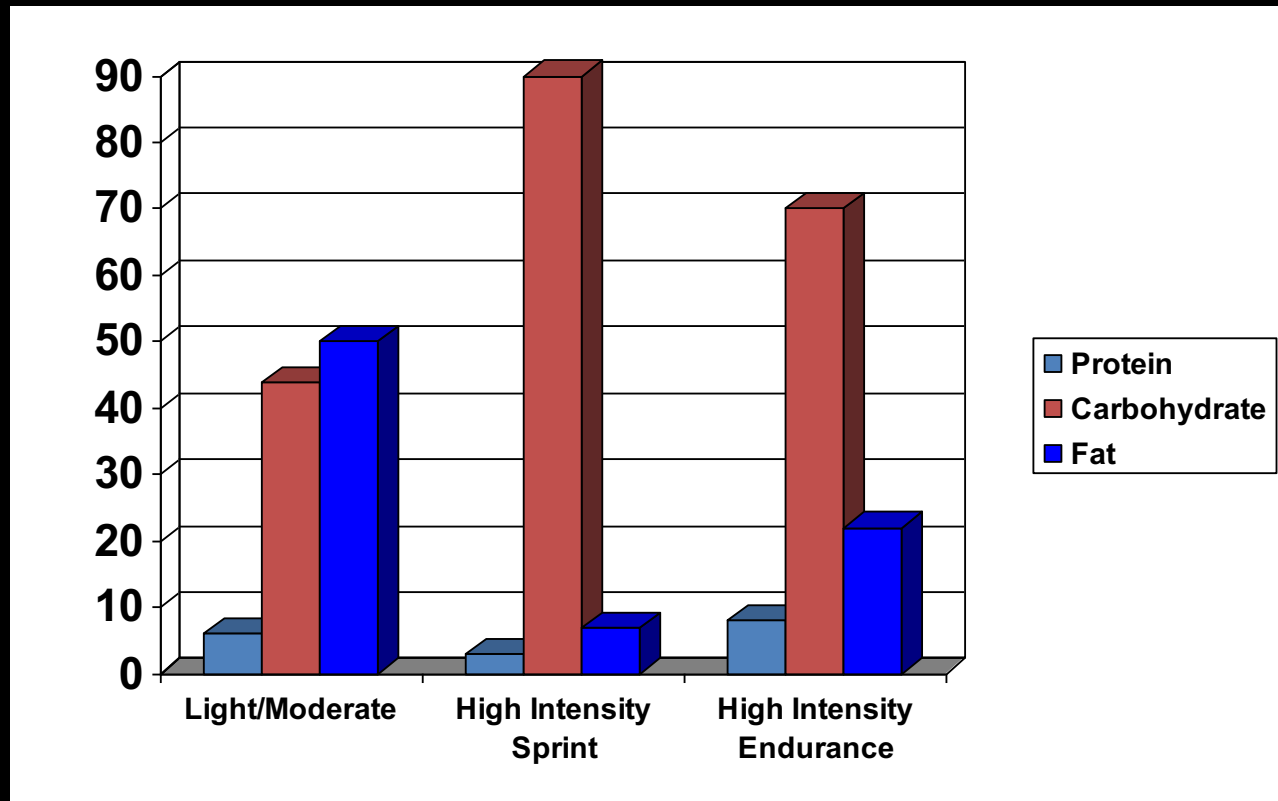
# Macronutrients

- Carbohydrate 4 kcal/g
- Protein 4 kcal/g
- Alcohol 7 kcal/g
- Fat 9 kcal/g



# Macronutrients

- When  $\text{VO}_2\text{max}$  is over 85%, main source of energy subtract: muscle glycogen



# Carbohydrates

- Main **source of energy?**
- What are carbohydrates
  - Simple
  - Complex
- How much do I need?
- Complex carbohydrates at every meal?



Simple



Complex



# Carbohydrates



Depletion of carbohydrate stores major cause of fatigue during exercise



Optimising carbohydrate status in muscle & liver primary goal of pre-exercise feeding



Key ingredients for glycogen storage is dietary carbohydrate intake (+ tapering for muscles)

# Fuelling



- **CHO availability is fundamental** for high-intensity endurance performance
- **Finite CHO stores** (~500 g) for ~90 min
  - 1g/min
- **Periodise** CHO intake
- Low energy availability on menstrual function



# Timing

Rate of muscle glycogen storage is **30% faster** with early recovery feeding (<1h) compared to delayed feeding (>2h)

## Carbohydrate needs

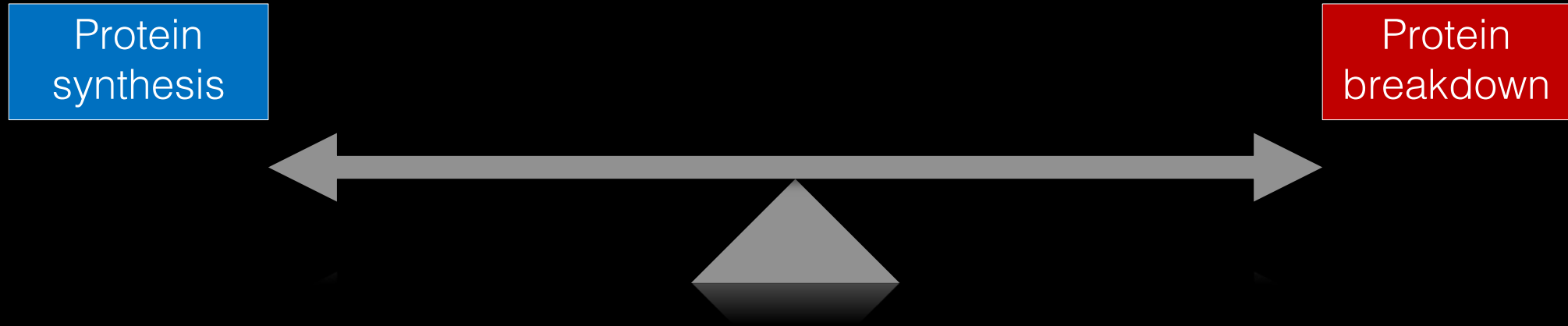
- Optimal **window 1h** with 1-1.2 g/kg/h
- Moderate to high GI (50-60g)
- 5- 7g/kg BW d low to moderate
- 7- 10g/kg BW d moderate to heavy (rare!)

# Protein

- Protein plays an **important role** in **building muscle** and aiding recovery after sessions
- Athletes should consume a **good portion** at each meal
- A practical way of measuring this is to consume **30 g protein 5-6 x day**



# Protein



- Protein intake to maximise skeletal muscle reconditioning
- Need: **1.2 - 2.7g/kg/BM/d**
- To build new muscle and repair damaged muscle
- Increase and strength gains alongside recovery

# Protein

- Dose response of protein synthesis after exercise:
  - 10-20g\* = worthwhile-optimum intake
- Should provide all essential amino acids
- Co-ingestion with carbohydrates for effective muscle growth

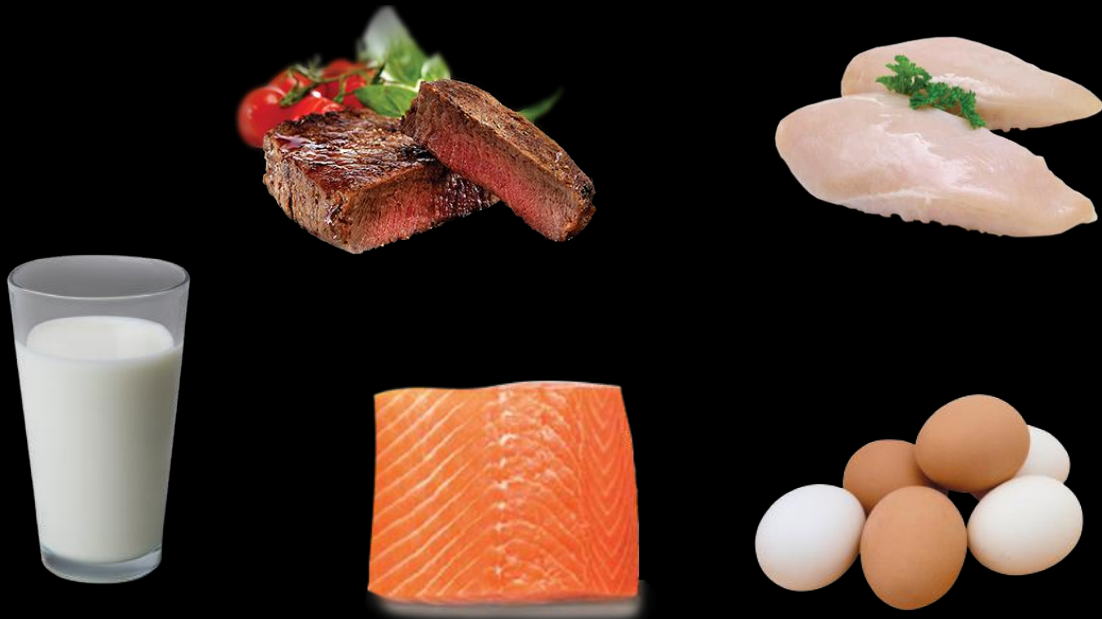


# Protein

- Builds and repairs muscle
- After training?
- Sources
  - Lean meat
  - Eggs
  - Fish
  - Nuts & seeds
  - Dairy products
  - Supplements



# Animal



# Plant



# Fats

- Are **fats important**?
- Energy rich
- Fuel for games and training?
- Protect **vital** organs
- Vitamins
- Types of fat
  - Saturated fats
  - Unsaturated



# Unsaturated



# Saturated



# Micronutrients



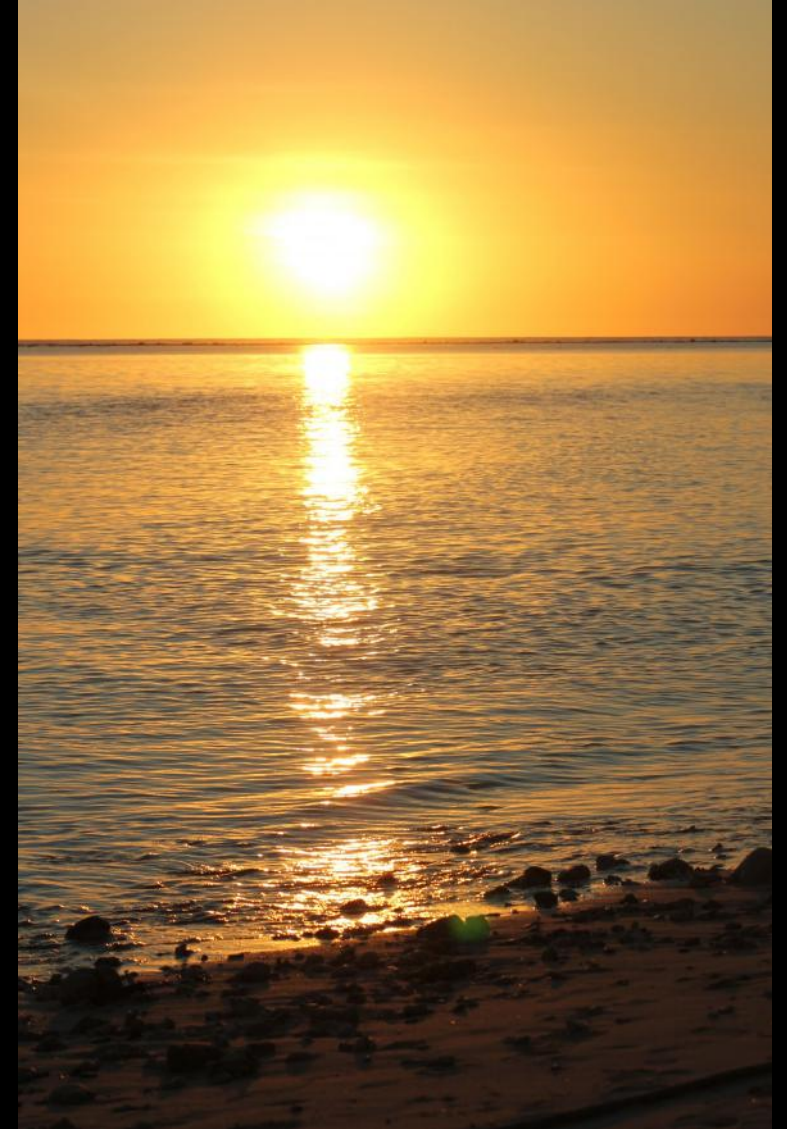
# Vitamins

- Not a macronutrient, but **essential**.....
- Many vitamins & minerals
  - **Important for body function**
- Anti-oxidants
  - Prevent illness
- Good sources:
  - Carrots, broccoli, bright coloured vegetables, nuts, seeds, fish, red meats



# Vitamin D

- Deficiency is associated with many health conditions:
  - cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, cancer, autoimmune disease, poor musculoskeletal health and depression
- **Many athletes** are vitamin D deficient\*
- Correcting vitamin D may improve athletic performance



# Fibre

- Dietary fibre is the edible parts of plants resistant to digestion and absorption
- **Soluble fibre** found in foods like fruit and oats
- **Insoluble fibre** found in wheat bran and nuts
  - Healthy digestive tract
  - Satiety and blood sugar regulation
  - Cholesterol control
  - Digestive health, the microbiome and colon cancer
  - Longevity



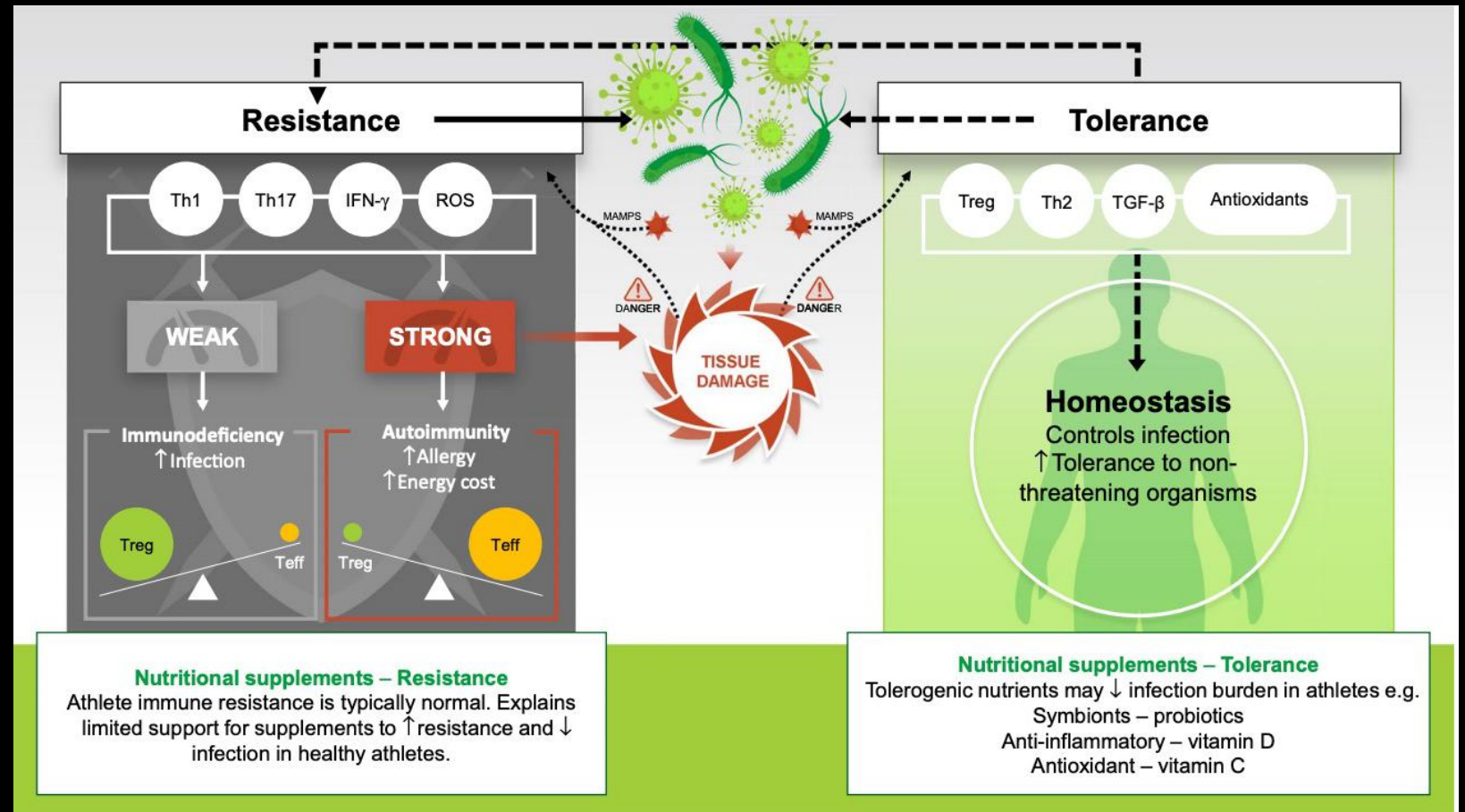
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- Target 30g/d

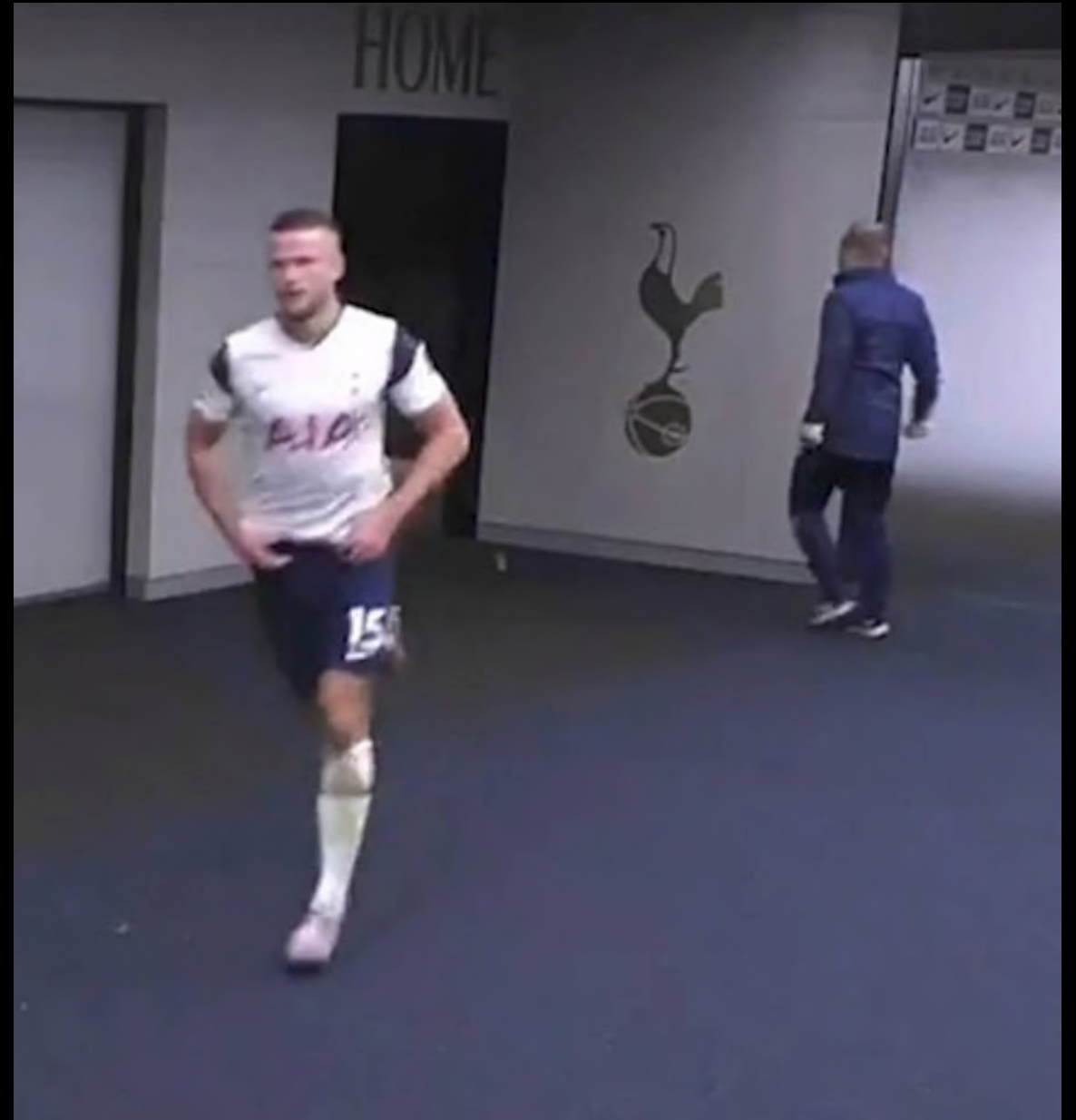
	Portion size	Fibre per portion (g)
<b>Breakfast</b>		
Porridge	50g	5g
with raspberries	80g	2.5g
<b>Snack</b>		
1 banana or apple	1 medium sized	2g
<b>Lunch</b>		
Baked Potato	180g - medium cooked	5g
Baked Beans	80g	3g
Sweetcorn (tinned)	80g	2g
<b>Dinner</b>		
Wholemeal Spaghetti	150g	5g
Suggestion: add a tomato based sauce and vegetables		
<b>Snack</b>		
Wholemeal Bread	2 slices	6g
Peanut Butter	1 Tablespoon	1g
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>31.5g</b>

# Illness

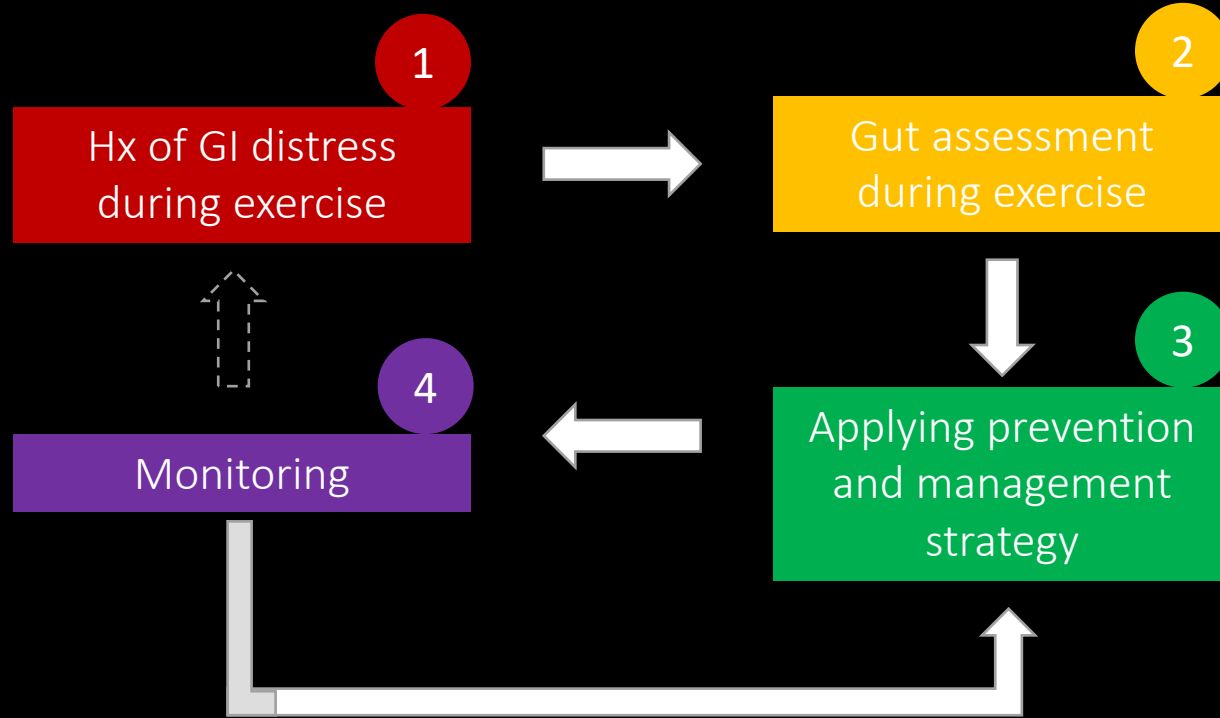
- Zinc
- Vitamin C & D
- Probiotics
- Carbohydrates
- Hand hygiene



# Gut Health



# Gut Health



- Carbohydrate consumption before and during exercise
- Training the gut
- **FODMAP**
  - Low residue diets



# LOW ENERGY AVAILABILITY (LEA)

- A condition of **low energy availability (LEA)** affecting male and female athletes of all levels and ages
- As the result of insufficient caloric intake and/or excessive energy expenditure

## Causes:

- **Unintentional**
  - Lack of awareness
  - Difficulties meeting high energy requirements
- **Intentional behaviors** clinical eating disorders

# LEA RISK FACTORS

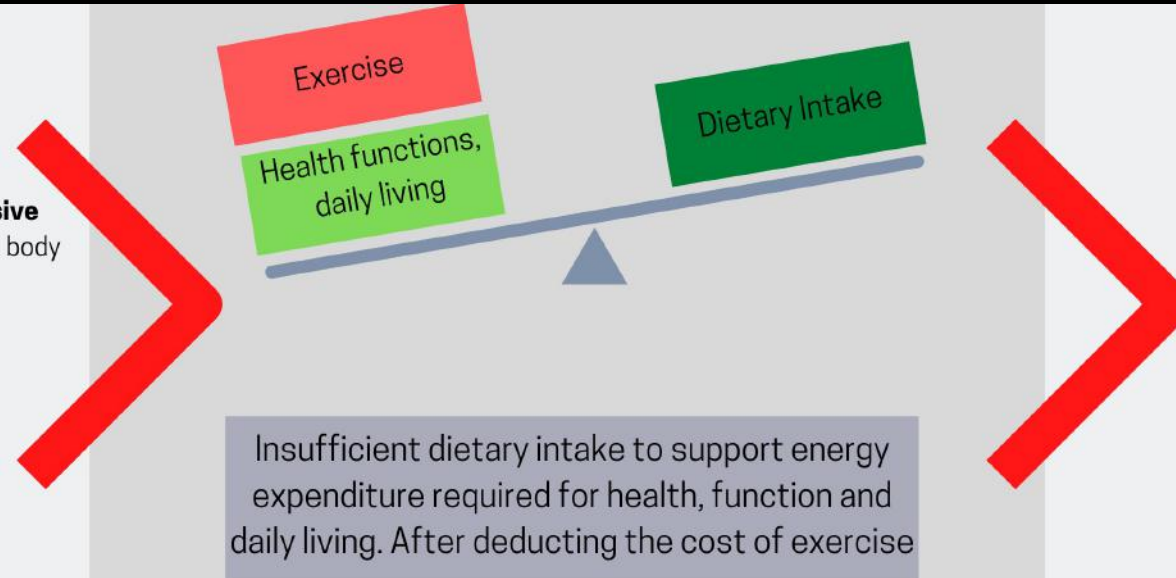
## LEA Risk Factors

**Unintentional**  
e.g. high volume of exercise

**Misguided but intentional**  
e.g. control body mass

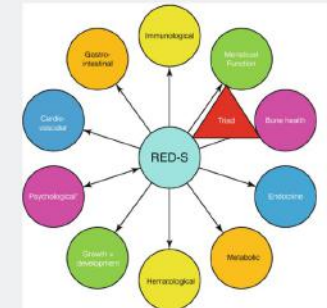
**Compulsive**  
e.g. control body mass

**Major risk factor**  
a drive to reduce body mass/body fat  
(Louck et al., 2021)

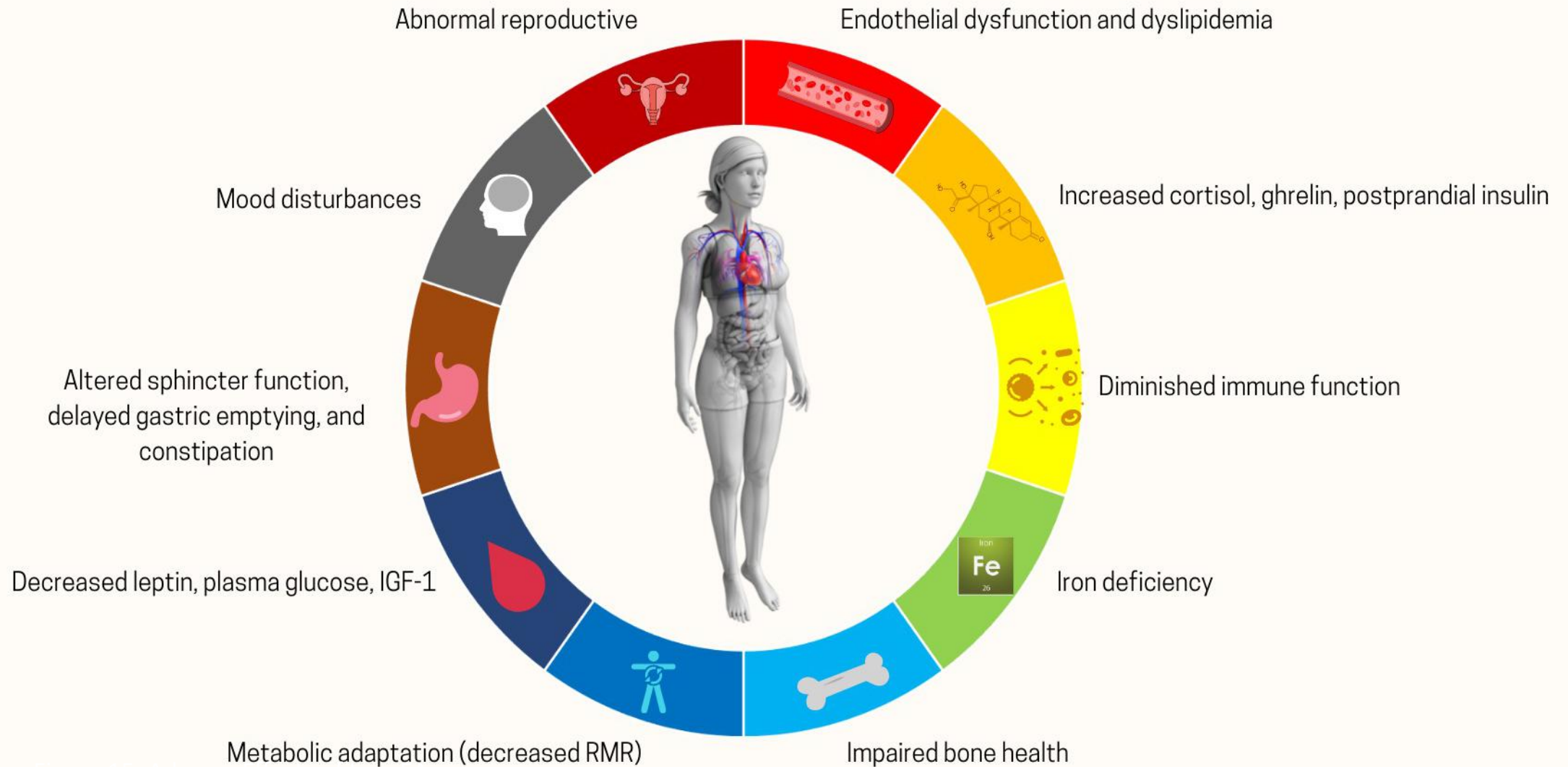


## RED-S

Impairs health & performance



# Adverse Effects of Low EA



BREAK - QUESTIONS

# Hydration

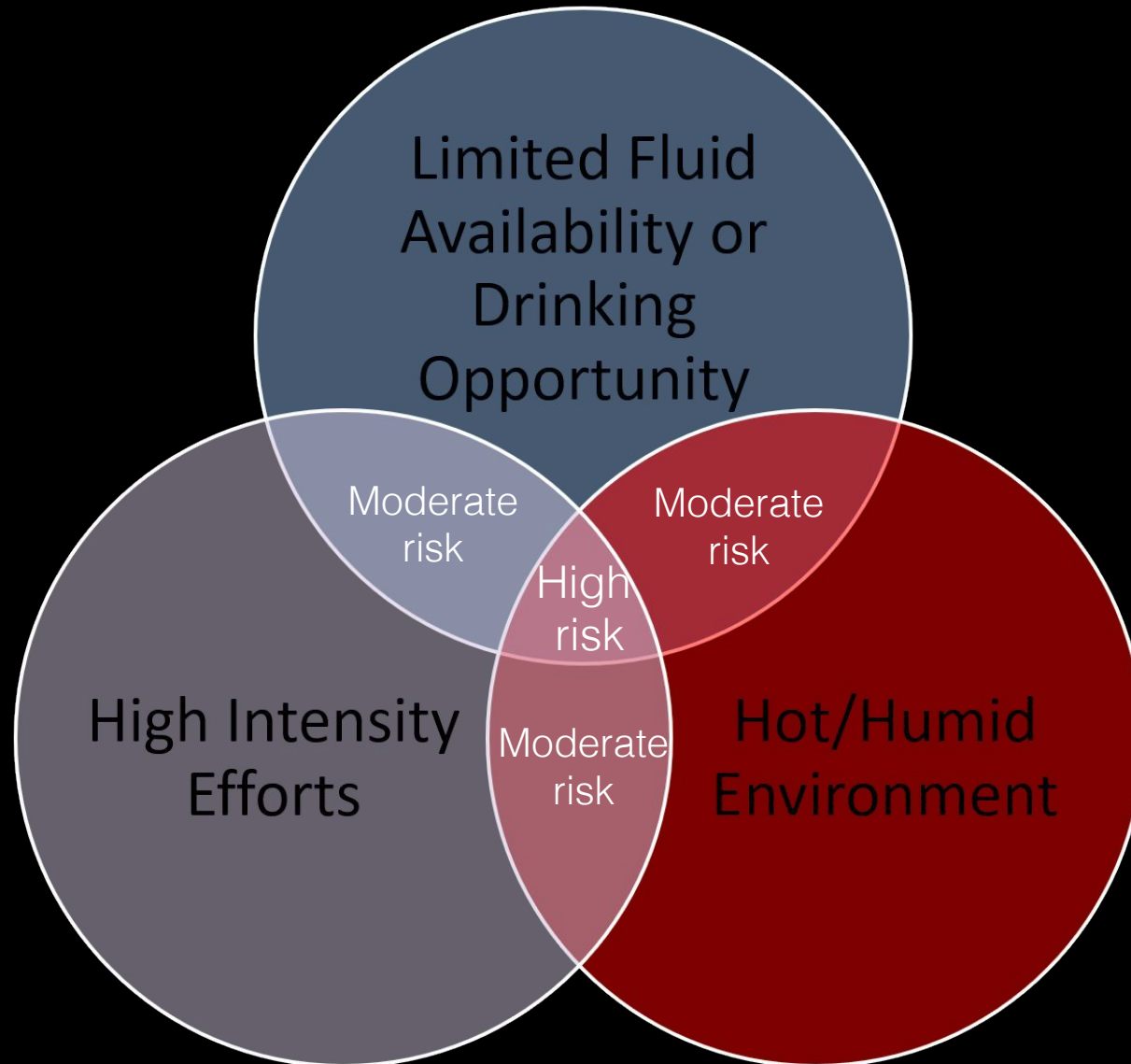


# Impact on Performance

Weight loss in %	Level of dehydration	Consequences
< 2%	Mild dehydration	Up to 20% decrease in physical capacities  Slower reaction and vision
2 – 5%	Moderate dehydration	20 - 30% decrease in physical capacities



# Risks Factors



# Exercise Associated Muscle Cramps

- Involuntary spasms and contractions of skeletal muscle
- Association with exercise in the heat and/or intensity of exercise
  - Twitching/tightening
  - Pain
  - ↓ performance
- Contributing factors
  - Muscle fatigue
  - Electrolytes losses\*



# Hydration Status

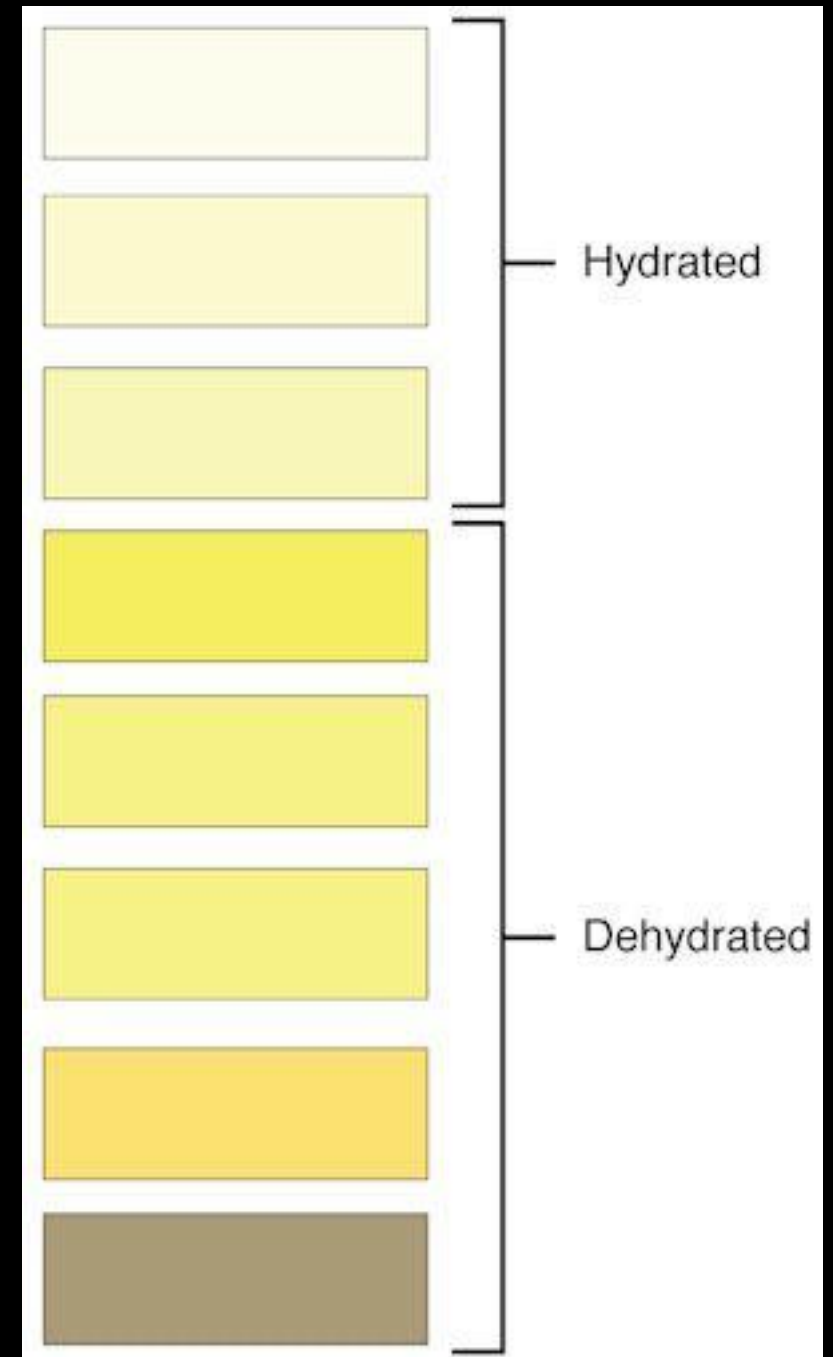
- Changes body mass% before and after games or training
- Blood osmolality and sodium
- Urine-specific gravity (USG), osmolality (UOsm)

Osmolality reading	Interpretation
200 - 700	Well hydrated
701-899	Moderate to severe dehydration
900+	Severe dehydration



# Hydration Status

- Urine colour
  - B vitamins and certain foods
- **Thirst**
- Physical signs
  - Dry mouth
  - Dry eyes
  - Salt streaks



# Guidelines

- Individuality
- Replacement should be **150%** of its deficit
- Electrolyte replacement: Na (50-80 mmol/L)
- Keep body **weight loss to under 2%**
  - 2L per day plus 1L for every hr of training
  - 500ml before competing
  - 150-250ml fluid every 15-20 minutes
  - 500ml immediately after exercise



# Alcohol

- Avoid **excessive** alcohol intake
- Impairs MPS and wound healing
- Tempting to indulge in alcohol to drown sorrows or diminish



# Alcohol



180kcal



210kcal



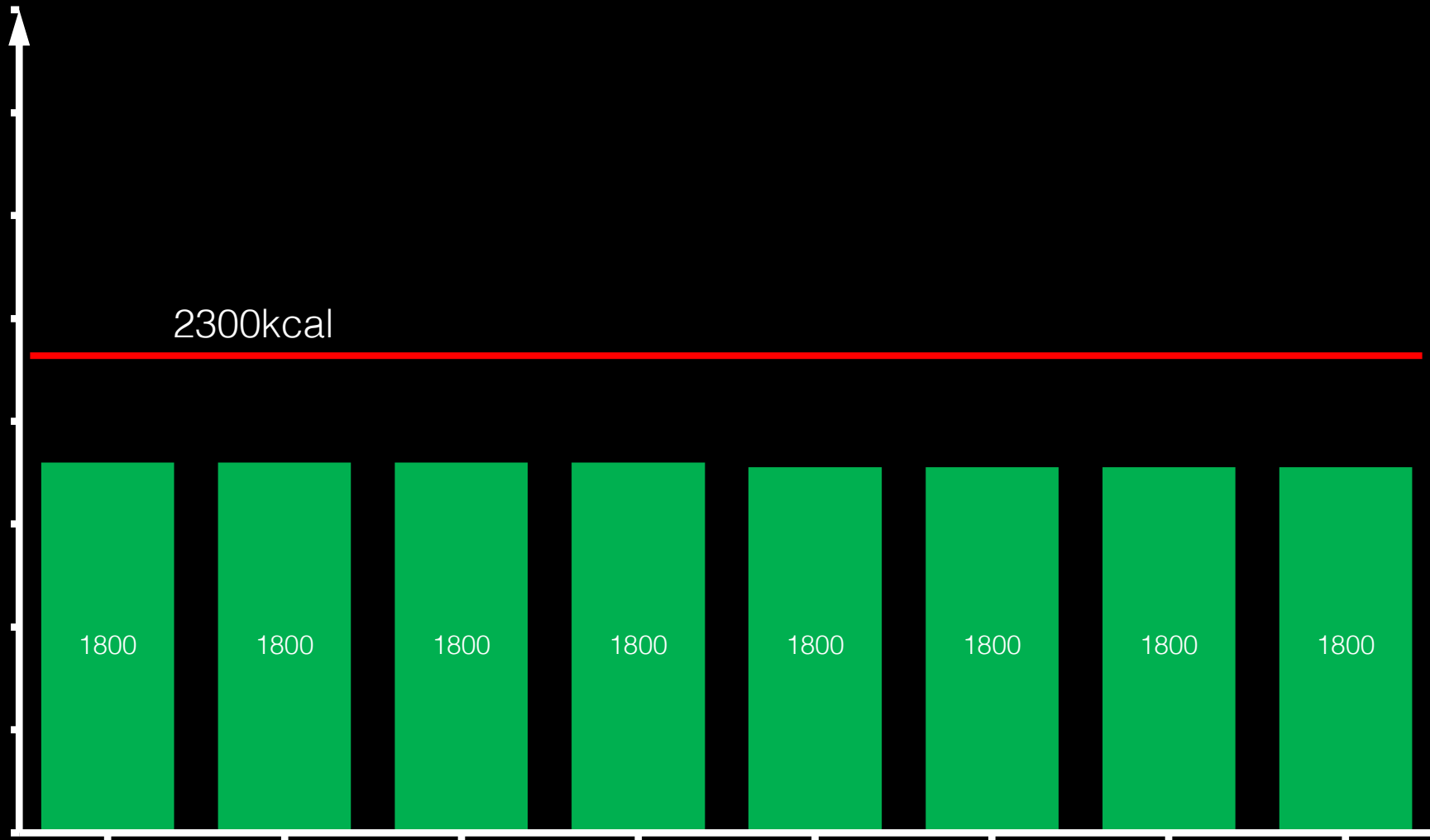
160kcal



90kcal



61kcal





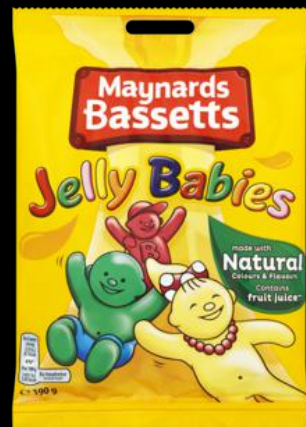
# Sports Food

**FUELLING  
STATION**

**PERFORMANCE  
NUTRITION**

# Sports Food

Sports foods are **specifically formulated** for and **marketed to athletes**, helping them to ensure an appropriate supply of fluids and nutrients which help the body prepare for, maintain and recover from intense physical performance.



# Sports Foods

## Carbohydrate

- Replenishing liver glycogen stores, pre-match
- Carb intake at 30-60g/hr or 60g per half
- Carb ingestion may improve:
  - shooting, dribbling speed and passing accuracy

## Fluids

- Proper hydration will support health and performance
  - Consume 5-7mL/kg/BM of fluid 2-4hrs prior to kick off
  - Aim for urine to be pale yellow in colour
  - Electrolytes

# Sport Supplements



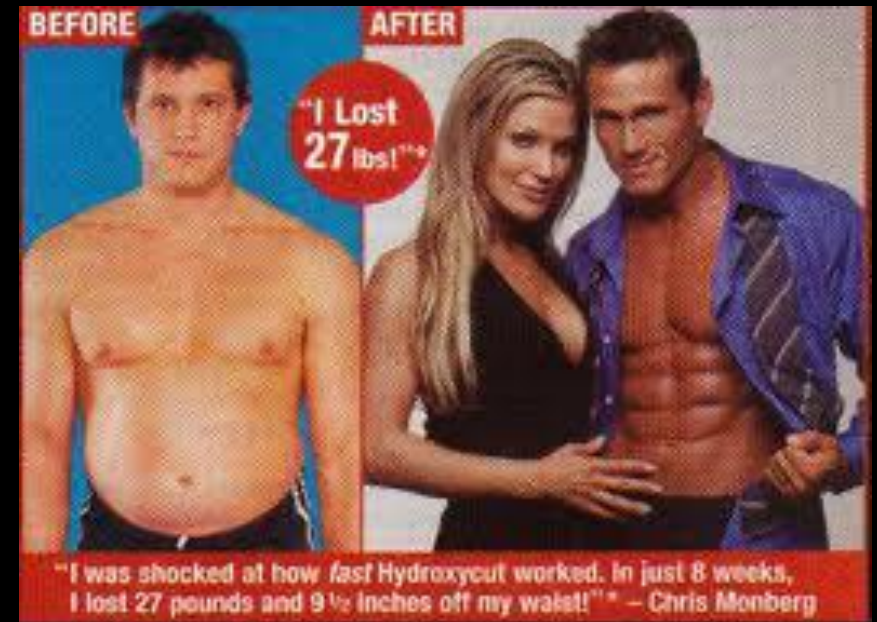
# Supplements



VS.



- Convenient and Appealing
- Evidence
- Excess/replacing real food
- Dubious claims
- WADA (Safety and Contamination)



# Ergogenic aids

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Effect of an acute dose of omega-3 fish oil following exercise-induced muscle damage

J. R. Jakeman<sup>1</sup> · D. M. Lambrick<sup>2</sup> · B. Wooley<sup>3</sup> · J. A. Babraj<sup>4</sup> · J. A. Faulkner<sup>5</sup>

## Oral creatine monohydrate supplementation improves brain performance: a double-blind, placebo-controlled, cross-over trial

Caroline Rae<sup>1\*</sup>, Alison L. Digney<sup>1</sup>, Sally R. McEwan<sup>1</sup> and Timothy C. Bates<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Discipline of Biochemistry, School of Molecular and Microbial Biosciences G08, The University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW 2006, Australia

<sup>2</sup>Macquarie Centre for Cognitive Science, Macquarie University, NSW 2109, Australia

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PLOS ONE

## A Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study on the Effects of Lutein and Zeaxanthin on Neural Processing Speed and Efficiency

Emily R. Bovier<sup>1</sup>, Lisa M. Renzi<sup>1,2</sup>, Billy R. Hammond<sup>1\*</sup>



Int J Sport Nutr Exerc Metab. 2016 Oct;26(5):445-453. Epub 2016 Aug 24.

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Jones RL, Stellingwerff T, Artioli GG, Saunders B, Cooper S, Sale C.

## Influence of dietary nitrate supplementation on physiological and muscle metabolic adaptations to sprint interval training

Christopher Thompson, Lee J. Wylie, Jamie R. Blackwell, Jonathan Fulford, Matthew I. Black, James Kelly, Sinead T.J. McDonagh, James Carter, Stephen J. Bailey, Anni Vanhatalo, Andrew M. Jones

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SPORT

Nutritional Recommendation	Benefits	Intake/other
B - alanine	Act as pH buffer increased training intensity	~3.2–6.4 g (~65 mg/kg BM) per day, consumed for a minimum of 2–4 weeks, and up to 12 weeks, Itchy or tingling sensation (paraesthesia)
Nitrate	Reduces O <sub>2</sub> cost of submaximal exercise. Performance benefits may manifest acutely (i.e., within 2–3 hr)	NO – bolus of 5–9 mmol (310–560 mg)
Caffeine	Improve endurance capacity	Low to moderate doses of caffeine (~3–6 mg/kg BM), consumed 60 min pre-exercise
Collagen	Variety of benefits, from relieving joint pain to increasing muscle mass	15-20g/d (pre-training)
Creatine	Reduce protein degradation, promote MPS	2-5g per day
Omega 3	Anti-inflammatory and immunomodulatory properties	1-6g/d
Vitamin D	Muscle, cardiac, immune function and skeletal health	1000-4000iu/d
Multivitamin	Avoid micronutrient deficiencies	Once per day

It's essential to get the  
base diet right first!

BREAK - QUESTIONS







# Match Day



# KIT BAG ESSENTIALS

KEEP THESE IN  
YOUR MATCH  
DAY/TRAINING BAG



<p><b>Water</b></p>	<p>Essential for proper hydration. Have a bottle to hand – drink to thirst</p>	
<p><b>Sports drink</b></p>	<p>Replaces water, electrolytes, and energy before, during and after training or competition</p>	
<p><b>Protein/recovery powder</b></p>	<p>Take post -raining to ensure recovery and repair. Carbohydrates to replenish glycogen Protein to help rebuild muscle damage</p>	
<p><b>Gels</b></p>	<p>Great source of simple sugars, your body's preferred source of fuel during exercise. Ensure they contain different carbohydrate sources, such as glucose, maltodextrin and fructose.</p>	
<p><b>Jelly babies/fruit</b></p>	<p>Alternative sources of simple sugars</p>	
<p><b>Caffeine gels/shots</b></p>	<p>Use before or during exercise. To maintain focus and concentration and reduce tiredness and fatigue. <b>Aim for 3-6mg/kg</b> <b>Trial before a training session or match</b></p>	



# Recovery



# Recovery

- Nutrition MD+1/MD+2
- Recovery shakes, macro/micronutrient supplementation (e.g. Omega 3)
- **Recovery modalities**
- Cryotherapy, contrast, massage, active recovery, normatec



# Nutritional Recommendations

Nutritional Recommendation	Daily intake	Goal/purpose
Protein from chicken/lean meat/eggs or protein shake	Every 3-4 hours	Attenuate lean tissue loss/maintain high rates of protein synthesis
Vegetables at each meal	Over 5 portions	Maintain intake of vitamins, minerals and fibre
Complex Carbohydrates	At each meal	Manage overall energy intake
Collagen protein shot 20g	Twice (1x AM, 1x PM)	Reduce protein degradation, promote MPS
Creatine 2.5g	Once (AM)	Reduce protein degradation, promote MPS
Omega 3 6g	Once (AM)	Balance inflammation

# Recovery

## Avoid

- Energy deficits
- Inadequate protein
- Vitamin D deficiency
- Poor hydration status

## Consider

- Leucine
- Creatine
- Omega-3 fatty acids\*
- Collagen\*

# Recovery Shakes

## THE 'HAYMAKER'

### Nutrition Info

- 784 kcal
- Carbs 152g
- Protein 18g
- Fat 15.7g
- Good source of potassium, vitamin A, vitamin C, calcium and iron



## MD + I RECOVERY SHAKE

### Cherry & Banana

- Reduces Muscle Soreness
- Reduces Inflammation
- Improves Sleep
- Enhances Muscle Recovery



## IMMUNE BOOSTER+ CARROT GINGER TURMERIC

### Nutrition Info

- Boost Immune Function
- Anti-inflammatory
- Aids Digestion 50 kcal
- Good source of potassium, vitamin C and Antioxidants



# Recovery Modalities

MATCH DAY +2  
**REGENERATION**

**SLEEP RECHARGE!**  
GET 9 - 10 HOURS EVERY NIGHT

**CRYOCHAMBER**  
3 MINUTES

OR

**CONTRAST BATHS**  
CONTRAST BATHS 5x1 MIN EACH

**MASSAGE**  
INDIVIDUAL PHYSIO

OR

**FOAM ROLLER/STRETCH**  
10 - 12 MINUTES

**JOG/BIKE/HEAD TENNIS**  
20 - 30 MINUTES

OR

**POOL MOBILITY**  
20 - 30 MINUTES

**PHYSIO**  
INDIVIDUAL WORK

BOOST

**NORMATEC**  
OR COMPRESSION SOCKS

**PRO SLEEP**  
TRYPTOPHAN AND CHERRY-ACTIVE

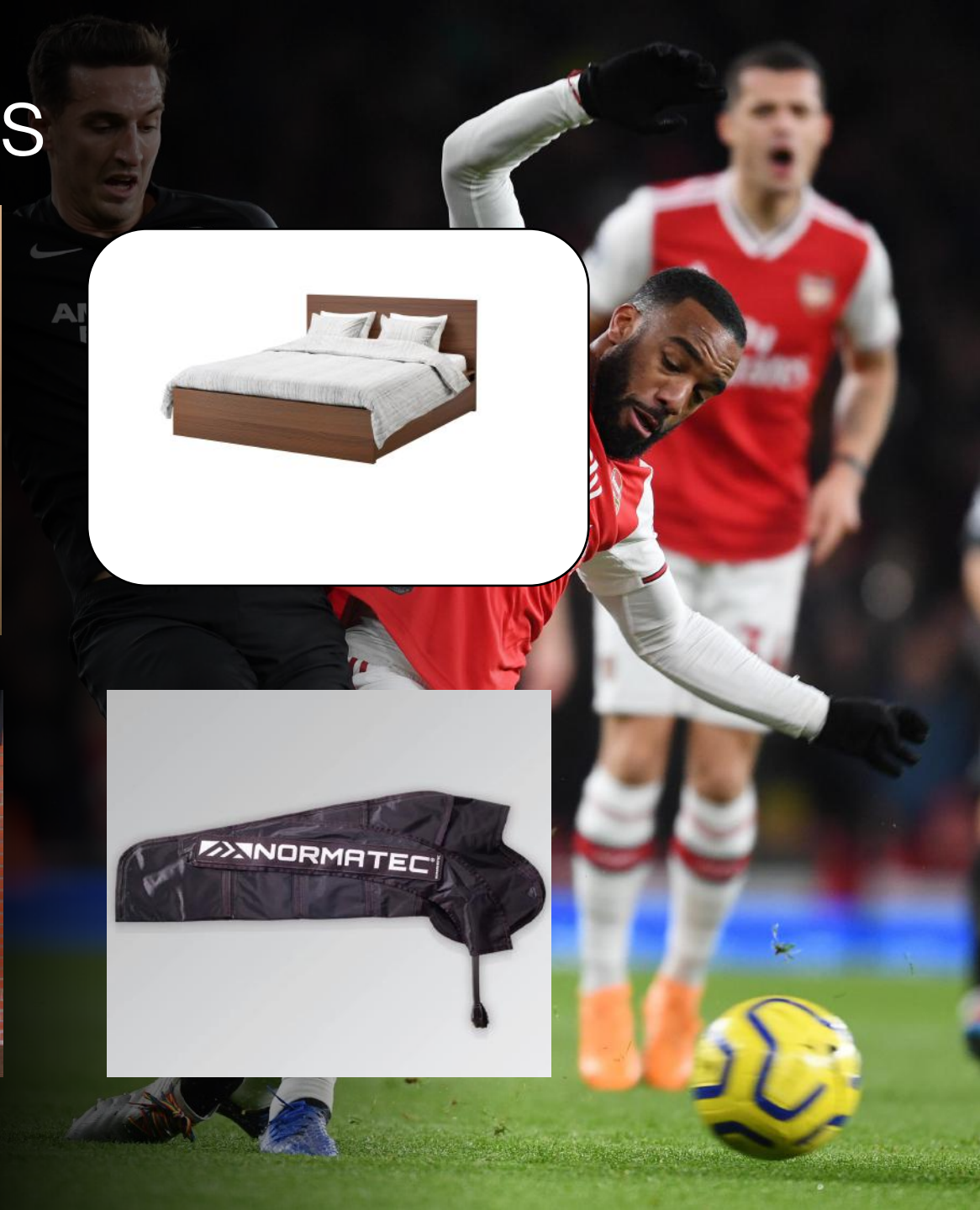
**REFUEL**  
FUEL WITH CARBOHYDRATES

**IMMUNITY**  
PROBIOTICS, HIGH DOSE VITAMIN C AND ZINC

**SHAKE**  
HIGH DOSE OMEGA 3 OR CHERRY-ACTIVE

**BREATHING PROTOCOL**  
20 MINUTES

**REVIEW YOUR GAME**  
DID YOU DO YOUR JOB?



Sleep



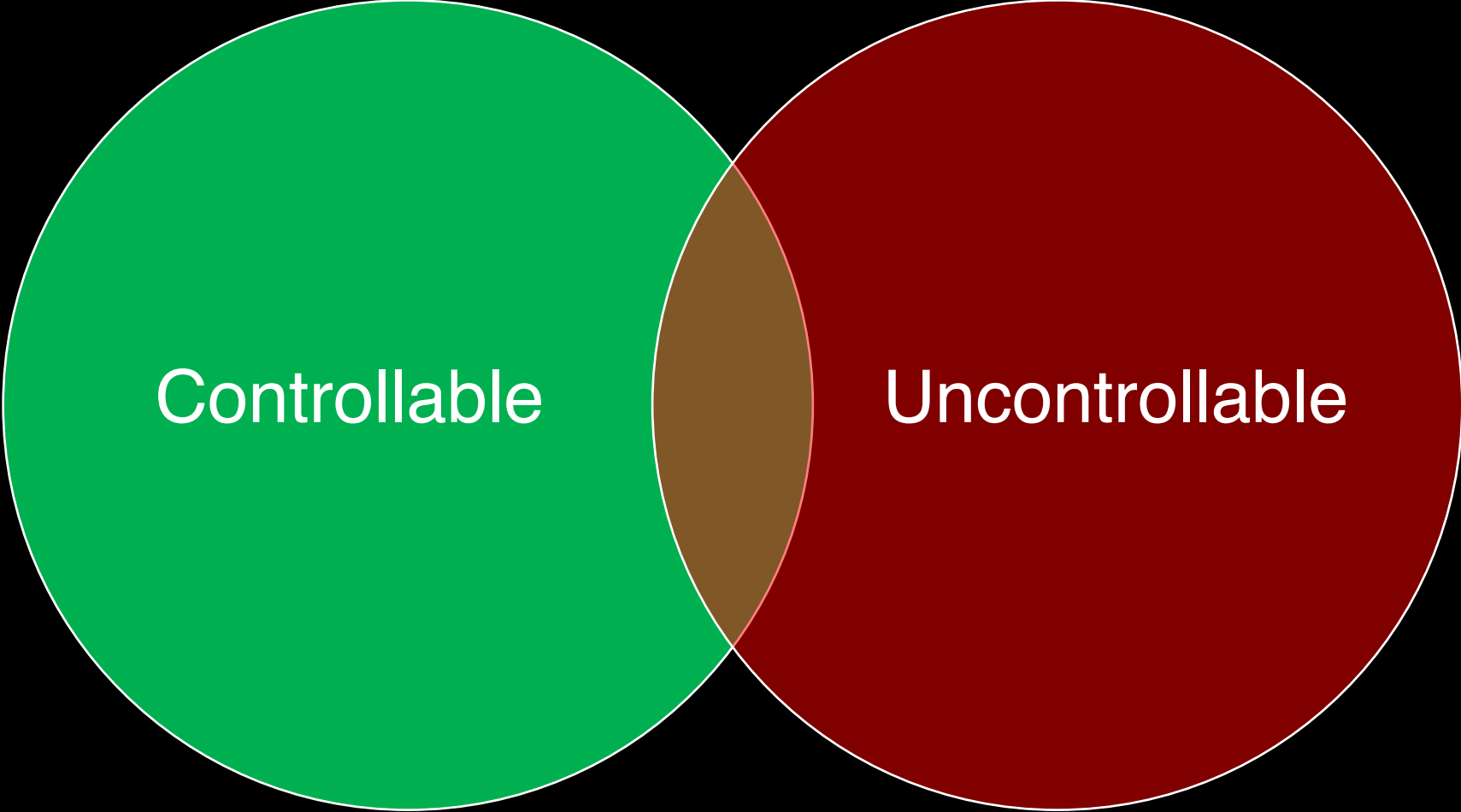
# Sleep

- Sleep is generally recognised as a critical factor in performance and mood
- **Insufficient sleep = detrimental effects on performance**
  - Cognition
  - Pain perception
  - Immunity and inflammation
  - Changes in CHO metabolism, protein synthesis and food intake

# Factors

- Lighting
- Phones, gaming etc...
- Temperature
- Caffeine (energy drinks)





Coffee



# Coffee

- Caffeine **latches on to adenosine receptors**, blocking the sleep signal
- While the caffeine is working its magic, the brain is still building up adenosine
- By the time the caffeine has worn off, you'll have **additional sleep pressure**

“If you’re drinking caffeine before mid day, you’re probably just self medicating your state of sleep deprivation”



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# Match Day & Training

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# Pre-Training/Matches

- Prepare you for the activity
- **Low in fat and fibre** to minimise gastrointestinal distress
- Moderate in protein
- **High in carbohydrate** to maintain blood glucose
- Consume meals that you are **used to**
- Smaller meals can be consumed nearer to the time of training (1 - 2 hrs)
- Aim to drink 500ml - 2 hours before training begins



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# During Training/Matches

- There is **little need** to consume any food if your nutrition has been sufficient leading into the training session
- **Drink water** to support hydration, between 250ml -1 litre per hour depending on the environment
- During intense training sessions it **may be beneficial** to consume **carbohydrate**



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# Post Training/Matches

- The goal of post-training nutrition
  - **Refuel** – to fuel the muscles for training and matches, maximise energy levels – Carbohydrates
  - **Recovery** – to enhance the recovery , leave the muscles feeling less sore– Proteins
  - **Rehydration** – prevent reduction in decision making and physical performance - Fluids
  - **Immunity** – to boost the immune systems– Fruits, Vegetables & Good Fats
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# Periodised Diet Plan

A vibrant, close-up photograph of fresh vegetables. In the foreground, there are several bright red bell peppers and a cluster of small, round cherry tomatoes still on their green vine. Behind them, there are yellow and orange bell peppers, and several green beans. The background is softly blurred, showing more vegetables like purple onions and green leafy vegetables. The overall lighting is bright and natural, highlighting the freshness and variety of the produce.

# Example Diet Plan

Breakfast      Snack      Lunch      Snack      Evening Meal      Pre-bed


Recovery Day – Low Carb

Monday

Omelette x3 eggs Spinach Peppers Probiotic (e.g. actimel)	Protein shake	Chicken & pineapple skewers (2x chicken breast)  Mixed vegetables (broccoli, cauliflower, carrot and asparagus)	All-Day Egg Muffins x2 	Grilled salmon (110g) Rice (1 x ladles)  Steamed veg (broccoli, cauliflower, carrot and asparagus)	Protein shake
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Immunity      @Training ground      Moderate to high carb day

Tuesday

Scrambled egg x3 Spinach Toast x2 Probiotic (e.g. actimel)	Ginger shot 	2x portion lean protein (chicken/fish)  2x ladles rice Vegetables (Choose freely)	Protein shake	Korean-style chicken With rice and steamed green veg	Protein shake
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@training ground      Moderate to high carb day

Wednesday

Scrambled egg x3 Spinach Toast x2 Probiotic (e.g. actimel)	Ginger shot	2x portion lean protein (chicken/fish)  3x ladles rice Vegetables (Choose freely)	Protein shake  Carb up for Thursday	Salmon with tray-baked veg	Protein shake
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@Hotel      Pre-match      Match      Recovery

Thursday

Wholegrain toast x2 Scrambled eggs Low Fat Fruit Yoghurt Sliced Fresh Fruit Probiotic (e.g. actimel)	Ginger shot	Dover Sole or chicken Spaghetti with tomato sauce Green beans and carrots	Gels/sports drink as per normal pre match		Protein shake
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## Goals

- Lean protein at each meal
- Complex carbohydrates around training and matches
- Healthy fats




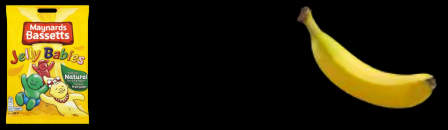

## Limit

- Simple sugars
- Refined foods
- Alcohol

# Kit Bag Essentials

Keep these in your match day/training bag



Water	Essential for proper hydration. Have a bottle to hand –drink to thirst	
Sports drink	Replaces water, electrolytes, and energy before, during and after training or competition	
Protein/recovery powder	Take post -raining to ensure recovery and repair. Carbohydrates to replenish glycogen Protein to help rebuild muscle damage	
Gels	Great source of simple sugars, your body's preferred source of fuel during exercise. Ensure they contain different carbohydrate sources, such as glucose, maltodextrin and fructose.	
Jelly babies/fruit	Alterative sources of simple sugars	
Caffeine gels/shots	Use before or during exercise. To maintain focus and concentration and reduce tiredness and fatigue. Aim for 3-6mg/kg Trial before a training session or match	

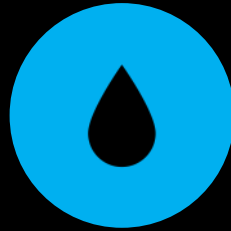
# Take Home



Quality whole foods  
Protein, carbs and fats



Micronutrients  
Avoid  
deficiencies  
supplement  
vitamin D



Hydration –  
Drink to thirst



Timing –  
Pre-match carbs  
and hydration v.  
Important



Supplements –  
If evidenced  
based/need.  
Safety

# Thank you

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