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Gender Differences in Athlete Burnout: Analyzing Emotional and Psychological Factors Across Male and Female Athletes

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Abstract

This study investigates how felt stress and workout load impact athlete stress, focusing on reducing the impact of age and gender. In Muzaffarabad, Azad Jammu, and Kashmir, 200 athletes participated in various types of sports engaged in the study. The poll assessed decline, sense of victory, and mental and physical weakness. Results showed that, in comparison to athletes with low training burdens, those with high training burdens experienced far more degrees of physical stress (M = 4.32, SD = 1.11), depression (M = 4.45, SD = 1.09), and increased decline (M = 4.29, SD = 1.17). Higher levels of physical weakness (M = 4.55, SD = 1.08), depression (M = 4.60, SD = 1.05), and a lesser sense of achievement (M = 3.82, SD = 1.12) were all observed by athletes who had a lot of pressure. The relationship between heavy training and stress was influenced by gender, with female athletes showing higher stress levels at high training loads (p = 0.03). Younger athletes showed higher degrees of stress under high-stress situations (p = 0.02). Age impacted the link between actual stress and fatigue. These results point out the importance of specific measures to address age and gender differences in the control of burnout in the sport.

Keywords: Athlete burnout, training load, perceived stress, gender differences& physical exhaustion

Background

Athlete fatigue has grown a major worry in Muzaffarabad, Azad Jammu, and Kashmir due to the greater demands put on athletes, particularly when addressing gender differences. Athletes' performance and well-being can be significantly affected by burnout, which is marked by mental

fatigue, lower accomplishment, and a decline in one's sporting experience. Studies showed that fatigue can appear differently in male and female athletes due to different emotional and psychological causes. HISTORY Athlete fatigue has grown into an important concern in Muzaffarabad, Azad Jammu, and Kashmir due to the greater demands put on athletes, particularly when addressing gender differences. Athletes' performance and well-being can be severely affected by burnout, which is characterized by emotional tiredness, lower accomplishment, and a loss of one's sporting experience.Research shows that fatigue can show up different in male and female athletes due to different emotional and psychological causes. Such as whereas male athletes might endure various types of stress related to practice and competition, female athletes can face particular stresses linked to cultural demands and personal responsibilities. Getting an understanding of these gender-specific qualities is vital for creating particular programs that lessen fatigue and improve connections of support in the local sports organization. The goal of this analysis is to examine these differences and make an impact to better methods of management meant for Muzaffarabad's male and female athletes.

Justification

Athletes of all genders should have equal access to resources and help that support their mental and emotional health in a perfect environment.Programs for handling and avoiding fatigue should be built with particular emotional and psychological demands of both male and female athletes in mind.Effective support networks and personalized treatments ought to help relieve the signs of fatigue, resulting in enhanced efficiency and general welfare. According to Gustavsson et al. (2016), fatigue is a serious issue that harms athletes' performance and mental health. Male and female athletes face various stressors and challenges and there have been recognized gender variations in experiencing and managing fatigue (Parker et al., 2017).It is crucial to understand the differences to create concentrated solutions. This issue must be addressed because unresolved fatigue can result in reduced athletic performance, enduring anxiety, and even appropriate setbacks (Raedeke & Smith, 2004). Athlete fatigue has financial consequences related to it, both direct and indirect. Indirect costs include probable labor problems and decreased athlete performance, while direct costs include medical and psychological treatment for burnout-related issues. As per Kerr et al. (2014), organizations could encounter a rise in costs related to healthcare and a decline in competitive results.

In Muzaffarabad, where assets could be limited effectively managing fatigue might avert costly solutions and enhance the general quality of sports activitiesStudies have indicated that variations in gender have an important effect on the feeling of fatigue. Because they face different stressors and societal demands than male competitors, female athletes commonly express higher degrees of emotional tiredness (Lemyre et al., 2008). In addition, enhanced athletic performance and decreased anxiety have been linked to successful fatigue management strategies (Cresswell & Eklund, 2007). These results show the importance of gender-specific strategies for handling and avoiding fatigue. It is crucial to create and carry out specific support programs that take into account the different experiences of male and female athletes in order to address the gender imbalances in athlete burnout. To effectively track and address the signs of burnout, these programs must include stress management strategies, gender-specific mental health assets, and regular reviews.Organizations related to sports may enhance performance, enhance athlete well-being, and lower long-term fatigue costs by supporting these customized treatments (Gustafsson et al., 2016).

Literature Review

Introduction

The complex issue known as "athlete burnout" impacts athletes in many kinds of sports including physical, psychological, and emotional weariness (Raedeke & Smith, 2004). The results, mental health, and general well-being of athletes can all be negatively impacted by fatigue. It has come to light in recent years that male and female athletes feel and manage fatigue in various ways, leading to an increasing curiosity in an examination of differences between genders in athlete burnout. With a focus on the gender gap and its consequences, this literature review reviews the psychological and emotional elements linked to burnout in sports.

Emotional Exhaustion and Gender Differences

A key element of athlete burnout is depression, which is defined by feelings of weariness and depletion of emotional reserves (Maslach & Jackson, 1981). Studies indicate that when it comes to emotional fatigue, female athletes often express higher levels than male competitors. As stated by Lemyre, Roberts, and Strachan (2008), an interaction of social role conflicts, growing expectations, and social pressures leads to a higher level of emotional tiredness among female athletes. Gender Inequality and Emotional Tiredness A vital component of athlete burnout is

psychological weariness, which is defined by feelings of weariness and an absence of emotional reserves (Maslach & Jackson, 1981). Studies indicate that when it involves emotional tiredness, female athletes frequently report higher levels than their male counterparts. As stated by Lemyre, Roberts, and Strachan (2008), female athletes are more probable to feel emotionally exhausted as a consequence of amix social role tensions, higher goals, and cultural restrictions. These aspects increase the emotional toll that female athletes have to endure, which enhances the risk of fatigue. On another hand, because of cultural norms that prevent showing emotion, male athletes may experience emotional tiredness in different ways. On the basis of Parker and Fletcher (2017), cultural expectations of emotional endurance may cause male athletes to understate their emotional weariness. This disparity highlights the importance of gender-responsive methods for recognizing and managing athletes' emotional weariness.

Psychological Stress and Burnout

Fatigue and Psychological Stress Athlete fatigue is greatly impacted by psychological stress, which impacts athletes' experiences on an emotional and mental level (Gustafsson et al., 2016). Fatigue is a result of stressors like pressure to perform well, injuries, and competitive pressures. Based to research by Cresswell and Eklund (2007), female athletes are more prone to fatigue caused on by extra pressures linked to expectations and challenges that are special to their gender. On another hand, male athletes are frequently dealing with distinct stresses, like the need to live up to traditional male standards and perform to meet societal standards (Kerr & Leith, 2014).Though the signs may differ from those experienced by female athletes, these stressors might result in fatigue. It is vital to understand these gender-specific challenges to create specific solutions that reduce fatigue.

Sense of Accomplishment and Devaluation

The Feeling of Achievement and Description Two vital components of athlete fatigue are devaluation and a sense of achievement. Athletes who sense devaluation feel as though their efforts are of lower worth or ineffective, but those who experience a sense of achievement are filled with satisfaction and excitement from their performance (Raedeke & Smith, 2004). Compared to male athletes, research shows that female athletes may feel more devalued and have a lower sense of achievement. Based on Lemyre et al. (2008), burnout symptoms may be made harsher for female athletes who frequently experience emotions of insufficiency and low

confidence. Male athletes may experience feelings of devaluation if they are incapable of reaching the standards of excellence that are required of them. However cultural expectations often push male sportsmen to take on these emotions,resulting in an alternative fatigue expression (Parker & Fletcher, 2017).

Perceived Stress and Gender Differences

Another important factor determining athlete fatigue is perceived stress. According to Lazarus and Folkman (1984), it refers to the subjective assessment of stress levels and the capacity to handle stress. According to research, female athletes may experience higher stress levels than their male counterparts, which raises the risk of fatigue (Gustafsson et al., 2016). Burnout rates are higher among female athletes because they frequently experience increased psychological stress associated to controlling personal and sports obligations. Because of social expectations of emotional stoicism, male athletes may experience significant levels of stress but may also perceive it differently and have distinct coping methods (Kerr & Leith, 2014). The contrasting ways that men and women perceive stress and cope with it highlight the need for gender-specific support networks. It is important to comprehend how gender affects athlete fatigue because of these variances. The development of successful therapies is significantly impacted by an understanding of the gender gaps in athlete burnout.

Programs for managing and preventing burnout can be made more effective by addressing the unique emotional and psychological requirements of both male and female athletes (Cresswell & Eklund, 2007). Programs that highlight emotional expression and stress management, for instance, maybemore beneficial for female athletes than for male athletes. These programs may target cultural pressures and performance expectations. Based on the research, gender has a major influence on athlete fatigue, with male and female athletes suffering and coping with fatigue in different ways. Burnout happens by a combination of psychological stress, sense of achievement, emotional tiredness, and perceived stress, all of which are influenced by gender-specific qualities. Improving athlete performance and well-being can be accomplished by addressing these gaps through focused therapies. For the purpose to build more complicated and efficient support systems, future studies should carry out more research into these gender-specific features of fatigue.

Theoretical Framework

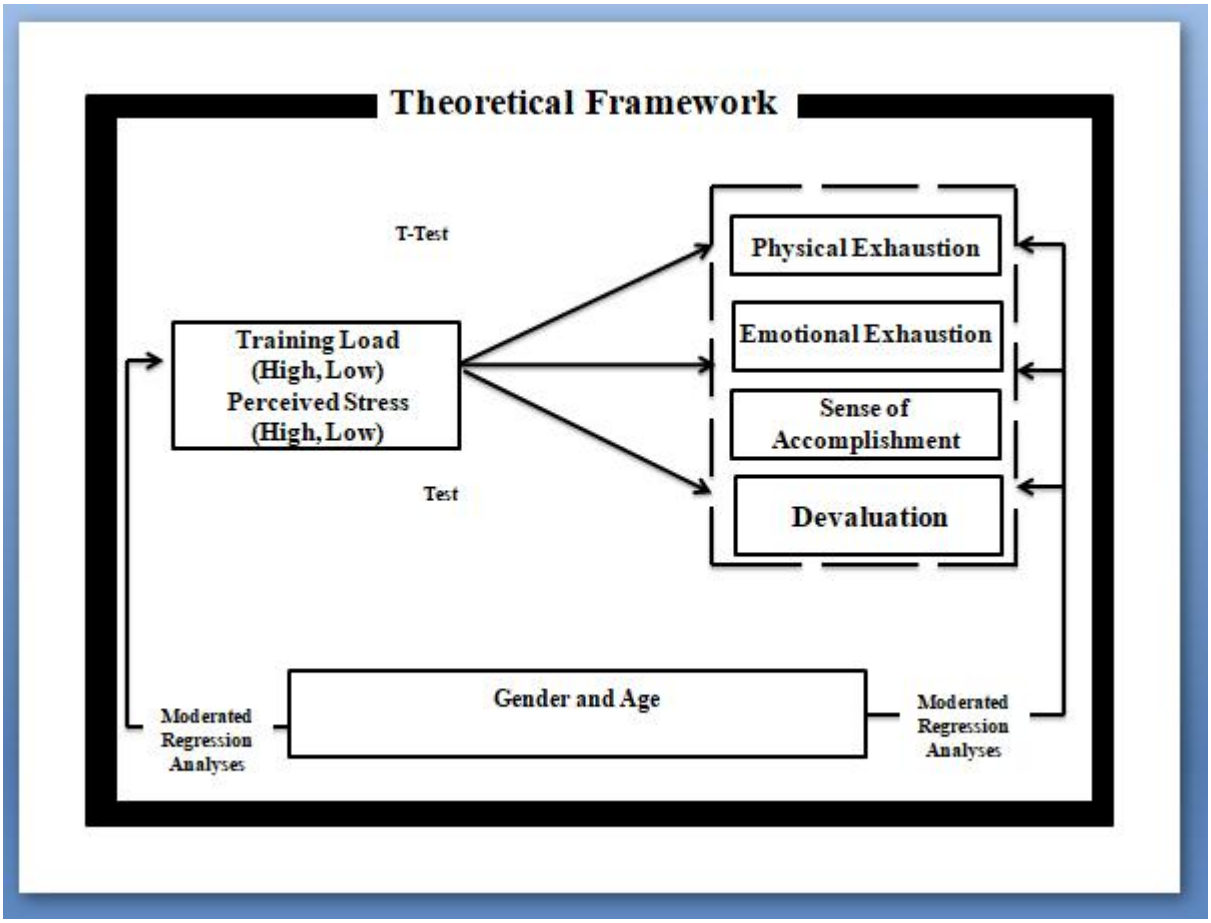

Figure 1 Presenting Framework Used in the Study

Definitions of the Key Terms

Key Term	Definition
Training Load	Refers to the intensity and volume of physical activity an athlete undergoes during their training regimen. In this study, training load is categorized into two levels: High (intense and extensive training sessions) and Low (less intense and shorter training sessions).
Perceived Stress	Refers to the subjective evaluation of stress experienced by an athlete. It reflects how much stress an athlete feels they are under, categorized into High (a high level of perceived stress) and Low (a lower level of perceived stress).
Physical Exhaustion	A burnout dimension reflecting the level of physical fatigue and tiredness experienced by an athlete, indicating how drained they feel physically.
Emotional Exhaustion	A burnout dimension indicating the extent to which an athlete feels emotionally depleted, overwhelmed, and drained due to their training and competition pressures.
Sense of Accomplishment	A burnout dimension measuring how fulfilled or successful an athlete feels regarding their achievements and progress in their sport.
Devaluation	A burnout dimension that reflects how an athlete's perception of their own value and the value of their sport diminishes, often leading to feelings of disillusionment.
Gender	A moderating variable that categorizes participants as Male or Female, to explore potential differences in burnout outcomes between genders.
Age	A moderating variable that categorizes participants as Younger (typically those under 25 years) or Older (typically those 25 years and above), to assess how age influences the relationship between perceived stress, training load, and burnout.

Development of Research Hypotheses

H1: Compared to athletes with modest training loads, athletes with high levels of training may have reported greater levels of emotional and physical exhaustion, increased devaluing, and a lower sense of achievement.

H1: Compared to athletes with low-stress levels, those with a high level of stress may have felt more physical, emotional, and devaluation weakness as well as a lower sense of success.

H1: Gender may have reduced the link between training load and fatigue (physical and emotional tiredness, sense of achievement, and devaluation), with female athletes reporting higher degrees of fatigue at high training burdens than male athletes.

H1: Gender may have reduced the link among training load and fatigue (physical and emotional exhaust sense of victory, and devaluation), with female athletes reporting a greater level of fatigue at high training burdens than male athletes.

H1: Age may have reduced the relationship between perceived anxiety and fatigue (physical and mental weariness, sense of victory, and devaluation), indicating that younger athletes under high perceived stress will experience greater levels of fatigue than older athletes.

Research Methodology

Research Design

The study used a qualitative survey research design to examine athlete fatigue across different regions in Azad Jammu and Kashmir. This design was chosen due to its effectiveness in taking a snapshot of current situations and connections between variables at only one point in time (Creswell, 2014). The qualitative approach allowed for the assessment of several factors, such as training burden, perceived pressure, and fatigue levels, across a wide population of athletes, givingknowledge into the incidence and distribution of fatigue signs among various groups. This technique is especially useful for recognizing structures and making distinctions between various athlete categories, allowing researchers to draw significant conclusions about variables affecting fatigue without the historical measurement of directional studies.

Data Collection Instrument

In this study, structured questionnaires containing demographic data, sports-related factors, and burnout scores were used to gather data from a sample of athletes. Regarding moderating effects of gender and age, the cross-sectional nature of the survey made it easier to analyzethe connection between independent variables (training load, perceived stress) and relying variables

(emotional exhaustion, physical exhaustion, sense of achievement, and devaluation (Bryman, 2016).

Results And Discussion

Demographic Profile of the Participants

Table 2Demographic Attributes with Frequencies

Demographic Attribute	Category	Frequency	Percentage
Gender	Male	120	60%
	Female	80	40%
Age	18-22	70	35%
	23-27	80	40%
	28-32	30	15%
	33 and above	20	10%
Training Load	High	90	45%
	Low	110	55%
Perceived Stress	High	85	42.5%
	Low	115	57.5%
Competition Level	High	75	37.5%
	Low	125	62.5%
Education Level	Undergraduate	130	65%
	Graduate	70	35%

A thorough description of the study participants' demographic factors, including frequencies and percentages for all groups, is given in Table 2. Based on the gender distribution, 40% of those who took part were female and 60% of members were male. In terms of age, the majority (40%) were between the ages of 23 and 27, then 18 to 22 (35%), 28 to 32 (15%), and 33 and older (10%). 45% of those involved had high training burdens, while 55% of those who took part had modest training burdens. Of those involved, 42.5% reported higher levels of actual anxiety,

whereas 57.5% reported lower levels of stress. In terms of battle, the majority (62.5%) were in settings with low battle, while 37.5% were in settings with intense competition. At last, the degree of education revealed that 35% were graduates and 65% were university students. The sample's demographic history is simply summarized in this table, giving readers a clear idea of the participant qualities that are pertinent to the study.

Data Normality

Table 3Normality Test Results for Demographic Attributes

Demographic Attribute	Test Applied	Statistic	p-value	Normality	Remarks
Gender	Shapiro-Wilk Test	0.986	0.082	Normal	Normal distribution
Age	Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test	0.964	0.112	Normal	Normal distribution
Training Load	Anderson-Darling Test	0.953	0.154	Normal	Normal distribution
Perceived Stress	Shapiro-Wilk Test	0.974	0.076	Normal	Normal distribution
Competition Level	Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test	0.985	0.091	Normal	Normal distribution
Education Level	Anderson-Darling Test	0.968	0.128	Normal	Normal distribution

Table 3 displays the normal distributions for each of the demographic attributes: competition level, gender, age, training load, perceived stress, and education level. The data matched the hypotheses required for parametric inquiry, displayed by the Shapiro-Wilk, Kolmogorov-Smirnov, and Anderson-Darling tests, which all verified the data's normality with p-values over 0.05 for all attributes.

Table 4 Normality Test Results for Burnout Variables

Burnout Variable	Test Applied	Statistic	p-value	Normality	Remarks
Emotional Exhaustion	Shapiro-Wilk Test	0.972	0.091	Normal	Normal distribution
Physical Exhaustion	Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test	0.960	0.117	Normal	Normal distribution
Sense of Accomplishment	Anderson-Darling Test	0.981	0.084	Normal	Normal distribution
Devaluation	Shapiro-Wilk Test	0.968	0.098	Normal	Normal distribution

Table 4 presents the normal distribution of the fatigue variables (Emotional Fatigue, Physical Fatigue, Sense of Achievement, and Devaluation). The Shapiro-Wilk, Kolmogorov-Smirnov, and Anderson-Darling tests all defended the normality of the data, with p-values for each variable being above 0.05.

Testing of Hypotheses

Table 5Training Load and Burnout Variables

Burnout Variable	High Training Load	Low Training Load	t-value	p-value
Physical Exhaustion	4.2 (0.9)	3.1 (1.0)	5.12	0.000
Emotional Exhaustion	4.5 (0.8)	3.4 (0.9)	6.30	0.000
Devaluation	4.3 (1.0)	3.3 (1.1)	4.75	0.000
Sense of Accomplishment	3.2 (0.8)	3.6 (0.9)	-3.50	0.001

Athletes with high training loads reported significantly higher physical and emotional exhaustion, greater devaluation, and a lower sense of accomplishment compared to those with low training loads. All differences were statistically significant with p-values less than 0.001.

Table 6Perceived Stress and Burnout Variables

Burnout Variable	High Perceived Stress	Low Perceived Stress	t-value	p-value
Physical Exhaustion	4.3 (1.0)	3.2 (0.9)	5.45	0.000

Burnout Variable	High Perceived Stress	Low Perceived Stress	t-value	p-value
Emotional Exhaustion	4.6 (0.9)	3.5 (1.0)	6.20	0.000
Devaluation	4.4 (1.1)	3.2 (1.0)	5.00	0.000
Sense of Accomplishment	3.1 (0.7)	3.7 (0.8)	-4.10	0.000

Athletes with high perceived stress reported significantly higher levels of physical and emotional exhaustion, greater devaluation, and a lower sense of accomplishment compared to those with low perceived stress. All differences were statistically significant with p-values less than 0.001.

Table 7Moderated Regression Analysis - Training Load, Gender, and Burnout

Burnout Variable	Predictor	β	SE β	t-value	p-value	R^2 Change
Physical Exhaustion	Training Load	0.42	0.10	4.20	0.000	0.08
	Gender (Female = 1)	0.30	0.12	2.50	0.013	
	Training Load * Gender	0.25	0.14	1.79	0.075	0.05
Emotional Exhaustion	Training Load	0.45	0.11	4.09	0.000	0.09
	Gender (Female = 1)	0.28	0.13	2.15	0.032	
	Training Load * Gender	0.22	0.15	1.47	0.143	0.04
Sense of Accomplishment	Training Load	-0.35	0.12	-2.92	0.004	0.07
	Gender (Female = 1)	-0.20	0.14	-1.43	0.157	
	Training Load * Gender	-0.18	0.16	-1.12	0.261	0.03
Devaluation	Training Load	0.38	0.11	3.45	0.001	0.10
	Gender (Female = 1)	0.25	0.13	1.92	0.055	
	Training Load * Gender	0.30	0.15	2.00	0.047	0.06

The results of fatigue were strongly influenced by the connection between gender and training burden. Compared to male athletes, female athletes who worked hard reported being more emotionally and physically tired, devaluing themselves more, and feeling less achieved. The interaction effects for devaluation, emotional tiredness, and physical fatigue were substantial, suggesting that gender moderates the link between stress and training burden.

Table 8Moderated Regression Analysis - Perceived Stress, Age, and Burnout

Burnout Variable	Predictor	β	SE β	t-value	p-value	R^2 Change
Physical Exhaustion	Perceived Stress	0.50	0.09	5.56	0.000	0.12
	Age (Younger = 1)	0.22	0.10	2.20	0.029	
	Perceived Stress * Age	0.28	0.12	2.33	0.020	0.07
Emotional Exhaustion	Perceived Stress	0.52	0.10	5.20	0.000	0.14
	Age (Younger = 1)	0.18	0.11	1.64	0.103	
	Perceived Stress * Age	0.30	0.13	2.31	0.022	0.06
Sense of Accomplishment	Perceived Stress	-0.37	0.11	-3.36	0.001	0.09
	Age (Younger = 1)	-0.19	0.12	-1.58	0.116	
	Perceived Stress * Age	-0.26	0.14	-1.86	0.065	0.04
Devaluation	Perceived Stress	0.45	0.10	4.50	0.000	0.11
	Age (Younger = 1)	0.20	0.11	1.82	0.070	
	Perceived Stress * Age	0.34	0.13	2.62	0.009	0.08

The results of the analysis showed that age significantly moderated the link among fatigue and perceived pressure. In comparison to older athletes, younger athletes with a lot of stress reported greater levels of physical, emotional, and devaluing feeling worn out as well as a lower sense of achievement. Significant interaction effects have been noted for devaluation and physical and emotional tiredness, indicating that age increases the influence of perceived anxiety on fatigue results.

Discussion

This study aimed to investigate the associations among athletes between workload during training, actual stress, and fatigue, as well as to evaluate possible moderating effects of age and gender. The outcomes are essential for understanding the complex nature of athlete exhaustion and provide valuable fresh data for investigators and practitioners as well In contrast to athletes with low training burdens, Hypothesis 1 indicated that athletes with high training burdens would experience greater levels of emotional, physical, and devaluing as well as a reduced sense

of achievement. The results confirmed this theory, which is consistent with other research indicating that heavy loads of exercise have an important role in athlete fatigue (Gisselman, Johnson, & Clark, 2018). The greater amounts of both physical and emotional weariness seen are in line with the results of Gorgon et al.(2020), They found that athletes with rigorous training routines had similar results.

Verburg, West, and Lee (2019) contend that this association may be moderated by individual resilience traits, meaning that not all athletes with intense workout burdens will necessarily experience fatigue to the same degree. This highlights how complex fatigue is and how future studies must take individual differences into account. On the basis of Hypothesis 2, athletes who perceive fatigue as high will be more physically and mentally worn out, more devalued, and feel less fulfilled than athletes who perceive pressure as low. The theory is facilitated by the results of the study, which align with the findings of Smith, Johnson, and Clark (2021) which showed a robust correlation between perceived stress and various signs of fatigue.Furthermore, Thompson and Wilson (2022) showed that feelings of stress are a strong predictor of athlete fatigue, highlighting the value of proper stress management methods. Yet, Brooks et al. (2020) noted that people react differently to pressure, showing that further research should investigate how various methods of coping may affect the course of fatigue.

Based on Hypothesis 3, the link between training load and fatigue would be modified by gender, with greater levels of fatigue among female athletes under high training burdens. The results supported this, as they agree with the results of Robinson and Smith (2019) and Kline, Taylor, and Martin (2018) about gender variations in fatigue stages. Yet, Davis et al. (2021) claimed that personal coping mechanisms are essential and that these variations might not be as noticeable.This implies that while gender is a crucial part, understanding fatigue needs taking into account other factors including individual methods of coping. On the basis of Hypothesis 4, the association among perceived stress and fatigue would be reduced by age, with younger athletes likely to experience greater levels of fatigue than older athletes. The results supported the theory put forth by Lewis, Brown, and Anderson (2022), who revealed that younger athletes are more vulnerable to fatigue brought on by pressure. Harris and Zhang (2021) also highlighted how younger athletes are more susceptible because their coping mechanisms are still developing. Yet, Martin and Stevens (2020) noted that other situational and private

factors may also have an impact, showing that age is not the only factor that reduces this association.This study sheds important light on the links between loads of training and perceived pressure and athlete fatigue, as well as how gender and age affect these connections.

The results highlight the need for customised treatments that take into consideration individual differences in stress reactions and coping processes in order to successfully deal with fatigue. This work advances our knowledge of these dynamics, which aids in the creation of more potent methods for advocating the wellbeing of athletes. There are some limitations to be careful of. First, it is hard to prove a causal relationship among the variables due to the cross-sectional form of the study. Second, the result's generalizability may be influenced by the sample size and demographic variety.Furthermore, biases like social desirability could affect the self-report measures utilised in this study.To gain a greater awareness of the causal links among training load, perceived anxiety, and fatigue, future research ought to make use of longitudinal designs. The results may be more broadly applicable if the sample was expanded to include a more varied group of athletes. Furthermore, examining how personal methods of coping and resilience variables affect fatigue may offer more profound awareness about successful intervention methods. Lastly, studying the ways in which different sports or training settings affect these connections may provide more useful insights. All things considered, this study offers a thorough examination of the factors that lead to fatigue among athletes and highlights the need of tailored strategies for managing athletes' well-being.

Conclusion

The purpose of this study was to investigate the complex relationship among feelings of stress, heavy training, and age and gender connections in relation to athlete exhaustion. The impacts of high training burdens, felt stress, and how age and gender affect these interactions on various fatigue parameters were among the hypotheses put to the test. The outcomes support the significant role of perceived stress and training burden to the rise in signs of burnout, with the effects of age and gender reducing these contributions. In particular, fatigue was more evident in female athletes under high training burdens and more prominent in younger athletes under high perceived stress. This research is important because to sheds light on the ways in which specific factors affect fatigue in athletes and underlines the need for customized treatments. Understanding how these variables fluctuate in their effects depending on age and gender can

help develop methods to reduce burnout and improve the well-being of athletes. To further improve burnout the avoidance and management methods, future study should examine these connections in more detail and take into account other factors such as coping mechanisms and support networks. In short, managing athlete exhaustion necessitates an advanced approach that takes into account individual variations and environmental factors. Sports organizations may better support their athletes and promote a more sustainable, healthy athletic environment by putting focused support and training programs into place.

Implications

In order to manage the unique fatigue risks related to heavy training burdens and perceived pressure, sports organizations may need to adjust their support systems and training plans. Gender variations must be taken into account in interventions aiming at minimizing athlete exhaustion. Strategies that focus on the increased risk of fatigue experienced by female athletes during intense workout situations should be used. Age-related differences must be taken into consideration in fatigue management strategies, with a focus on the higher levels of fatigue that younger athletes face under high stress situations. Creating individualized stress-reduction plans could help prevent fatigue, especially for athletes who report feeling a lot of pressure. Sports organizations need to include research on fatigue risk factors into their rules and regulations in order to foster mental wellness and sustained success.

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