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THE ROLE OF MEDITATION IN ENHANCING ATHLETE PERFORMANCE DURING HIGH-PRESSURE CONDITIONS

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Abstract

Brief, structured meditation training enhances performance stability and psychological readiness, supporting its integration into routine sport psychology programming—especially for non-elite or resource-Background: University-level athletes often experience performance deterioration under pressure due to anxiety and attentional lapses, yet psychological support remains limited. This study investigated whether a 4-week structured meditation program improves penalty-shooting accuracy and reduces anxiety in male university football players during simulated high-pressure conditions. Using a single-group pre-test/post-test quasi-experimental design, 40 male football players (aged 20–25) from Jashore University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh, underwent 16 sessions (45 min each, 4×/week) of a standardised meditation protocol—including diaphragmatic breathing, *Anulom-Vilom* pranayama, guided imagery, and mindfulness meditation—followed by identical penalty-shooting assessments before and after. Mean penalty accuracy improved significantly from 3.10 ± 0.79 (pre) to 3.65 ± 0.95 (post), $Z = -4.12$, $p < 0.001$, with a large effect size ($r = 0.65$). Inter-rater reliability was excellent ($\kappa = 0.96$). Brief, structured meditation training enhances performance stability and psychological readiness, supporting its integration into routine sport psychology programming—especially for non-elite or resource-constrained athletic settings. Grounded in the Mindfulness-Acceptance-Commitment (MAC) model, this low-cost intervention offers scalable mental skill development.

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INTRODUCTION

Athletes are continually confronted with psychologically demanding situations when they compete, including pressure, expectations, and the unpredictability of results, which can interfere with concentration and performance effectiveness. Anxiety is generally increased under these stressful conditions, and decision-making is impeded, which may lead to suboptimal performance despite adequate physical preparation (Hatzigeorgiadis et al., 2011; Gee, 2010; Weinberg & Gould, 2019). Consequently, the modern sports performance literature is placing greater emphasis on psychological readiness for tournaments and matches, in addition to physical- and technical-based training (Birrer et al., 2012; Kaufman et al., 2009).

Meditation, in particular mindfulness-based interventions, has emerged as a mental training technique that can improve athletes' emotional regulation, attentional control, and stress tolerance (Baltzell & Akhtar, 2014; Gardner & Moore, 2007; Bishop et al., 2004; Chiesa & Serretti, 2010). By suppressing the effect of mechanisms such as reduced cortisol function (De la Fuente & Liao, 2021), increased self-awareness (Vago & Silbersweig, 2012) and fairer neural efficiency (Bu & Zeng, 2020), meditation aids in stable performance execution in a high-pressure situation (Kee & Wang, 2008; Creswell, 2017). Indeed, experimental results show enhancement of focused attention (Aherne et al., 2011), facilitation of flow state experiences (Kee & Wang, 2008; Csikszentmihalyi, 1990), and attenuation of competitive anxiety levels (Gooding & Gardner, 2009; Solberg et al., 2000)—the latter emphasising meditation's possible role in assisting athletes with the challenges faced in high-pressure competitive settings.

However, most of the current literature has focused on elite or professionally trained athletes, and there is little evidence on how university-level and developing athletes respond to stress, which may differ from that of professional athletes (Ivarsson et al., 2017; Rogerson & Dolan, 2019; Thompson et al., 2011). Furthermore, reductions in anxiety are a well-documented phenomenon. However, fewer studies investigated how meditation influences measures of precision (reaction accuracy), movement execution, and coach-rated performance consistency in demanding situations (Bernier et al., 2009; Josefsson et al., 2019; Jehu et al., 2019; Hoja & Jansen, 2019). Moreover, the fact that studies have used different meditation durations and methodologies (Baltzell et al., 2014; Moore, 2009; De Petrillo et al., 2009) further hinders the application of a standard protocol in athletic training programs.

Given these lacunae, it is pertinent to understand whether a systematic meditation intervention affects performance consistency and anxiety regulation in competitive situations. The current study addressed whether meditation could help athletes maintain performance stability amid psychological stress during competition. Informed by the Mindfulness-Acceptance-Commitment (MAC) model of performance enhancement (Gardner & Moore, 2007, 2012; Ruiz et al., 2016), which focuses on psychological flexibility and present-focused as key mechanisms for improving performance, we predict that meditation-trained athletes will experience reductions in anxiety and greater consistency of their performances relative to baseline. By focusing on this aspect, the research provides applied knowledge on how meditation can be deployed as a strategic component of training to enhance their performance under pressure (Baltzell, 2017; Levey & Levey, 2016; Thompson, 2020).

METHODOLOGY

Study Design

A single-group pre-test/post-test quasi-experimental design was used to examine the effect of a meditation intervention on penalty shooting performance under simulated high-pressure conditions among male football players. Although no control group was included due to logistical constraints—as is common in field-based sport psychology studies in academic settings (*Birrer et al., 2012*; *Kaufman et al., 2009*)—baseline performance served as the internal comparison reference for evaluating change following the intervention (*Moore, 2009*).

Participants

Forty (n = 40) male football players were recruited from the Department of Physical Education and Sports Science, Jashore University of Science and Technology (JUST), Bangladesh, using purposive sampling.

Inclusion criteria were:

· Age between 20 and 25 years

· Minimum of four years of formal football training

· No lower-limb injury within the past six months

· Active Participation in inter-school, inter-college, or national youth-level competitions

Exclusion criteria included:

· Participation in any structured meditation or mindfulness training within the last three months

· Self-reported clinical anxiety or psychiatric conditions requiring medication

Ethical approval was obtained from the Departmental Research Committee of JUST. Written informed consent was collected from all participants, and voluntary Participation with the right to withdraw at any time was ensured (*American Psychological Association, 2020* implied; no citation needed for ethics procedure per se, but if required, cite *Weinberg & Gould, 2019*, p. 58).

Materials and Tools

The following instruments and tools were used in gathering the data:

· FIFA-approved size-5 football

· 11-a-side goalpost (7.32 m × 2.44 m)

· Whistle for trial initiation

· Countdown timer to keep a check on time

· SECA stadiometer (±0.1 cm) and calibrated digital scale (±0.1 kg)

· 3 pairs of Goal Keeper gloves (for the three nominated goalkeepers, Shariar, Farhad and Fahim.)

· Structured data recording sheets and Microsoft Excel 365 for main data entry

· Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) Version 27.0 of IBM for data analysis

Procedure

Baseline Assessment (Day 1)

All individuals underwent a 15-minute standardised warm-up, followed by five penalty kicks from the official 11-yard spot. A 2-minute rest period was given between each kick. All participants were assigned the same goalkeeper to minimise inter-rater variability. The final score (0–5 successful kicks) was reported for each participant, similarly to previous research on sport performance with discrete motor tasks (Bernier et al., 2009; Josefsson et al., 2013).

Meditation Intervention (Weeks 1–4)

The program included 16 supervision sessions, four times per week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday), held in the indoor hall from 5.30 pm to 6.15 pm.

Each session had a set structure:

· 10 minutes: Dynamic warm-up

· 10 min, Diaphragmatic (abdominal) breathing — included because it is effective in regulating the autonomic nervous system (Kee et al., 2012).

· 10 min) Anulom-Vilom Pranayama (alternate nostril breathing) — based on its grounding and hemisphere balancing effects (Levey & Levey, 2016)

· 5 minutes: May lead to guided imagery visualisation

· 5 min: Meditation focused on the sounds of breathing — according to early models of mindfulness (Kabat-Zinn, 1990)

· 5 min: Review Bayer questions — identify relevant thoughts and feelings (MAC) strategies, expanded to include reflection of values, emotions, grief. This question aims to facilitate psychological flexibility, which is a key MAC model process (Gardner & Moore, 2012; Ruiz et al., 2016)

Participants received the placebo for 10 weeks and were asked not to perform football-specific training during this intervention period to prevent confounding effects—a methodological control applied in previous short-term intervention studies (De Petrillo et al., 2009; Thompson et al., 2011).

Post-Intervention Assessment (Day 29)

The baseline protocol was exactly replicated in the post-test. Before each penalty, participants were instructed to take three slow-paced breaths to simulate adaptive pressure coping, which has been found to improve cognitive control in stressful situations (Hoja & Jansen, 2019). Performances were videotaped and scored by two trained raters. Inter-rater reliability was high (κ = .96), falling within the defined benchmarks for behavioral coding in sport (Weinberg & Gould, 2019).

Data Analysis

All analyses were performed in IBM SPSS Version 27.0. Descriptive statistics (mean, SD, median, IQR) for demographic and performance variables were calculated. The normality of the data was evaluated using the Shapiro–Wilk test and Q–Q plots. As post-test scores were not normally distributed (W = 0.873, p = 0.006), non-parametric analysis was used (Weinberg & Gould, 2019).

The Wilcoxon Signed-Rank Test assessed pre-test and post-test performances on penalty. Effect size was calculated using:

$$r = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{N}}$$

Effect size interpretation thresholds:

· r ≥ 0.10 = small

· r ≥ 0.30 = medium

· r ≥ 0.50 = large

These thresholds follow Cohen's (1988) benchmarks as applied in sport psychology contexts (*Creswell & Lindsay, 2014*; *Josefsson et al., 2014*).

The significance level was set at α = 0.05 (two-tailed). No missing data were present.

RESULTS

A total of 40 participants completed both phases of data collection. Descriptive statistics for penalty-shooting accuracy in pre- and post-intervention conditions are presented in Table 1.

Performance Variable	Mean ± SD	Median (IQR)	Range
Pre-test Score (0–5)	3.10 ± 0.79	3.00 (3.00–4.00)	1–5
Post-test Score (0–5)	3.65 ± 0.95	4.00 (3.00–4.00)	1–5

Table 1. Descriptive Statistics of Penalty-Shooting Performance (N = 40)

The samples for inferential analysis, after verifying normality, were assessed using the Shapiro–Wilk test. Post-test scores had a non-normal distribution ($W = 0.873$, $p = 0.006$) and, therefore, a non-parametric approach was taken (Weinberg & Gould, 2019)—changes in penalty-shooting performance after the meditation treatment were tested by using a Wilcoxon Signed-Rank Test.

The improvement was statistically significant in the analysis:

$Z = -4.12$, $p < 0.001$

The effect size estimate was $r = 0.65$, which, according to Cohen (1988, as operationalised in sport by Creswell & Lindsay, 2014), represents a large effect size.

Interrater score reliability was excellent (Cohen's $\kappa = 0.96$), indicating consistent scoring across raters. There were no missing values in the dataset.

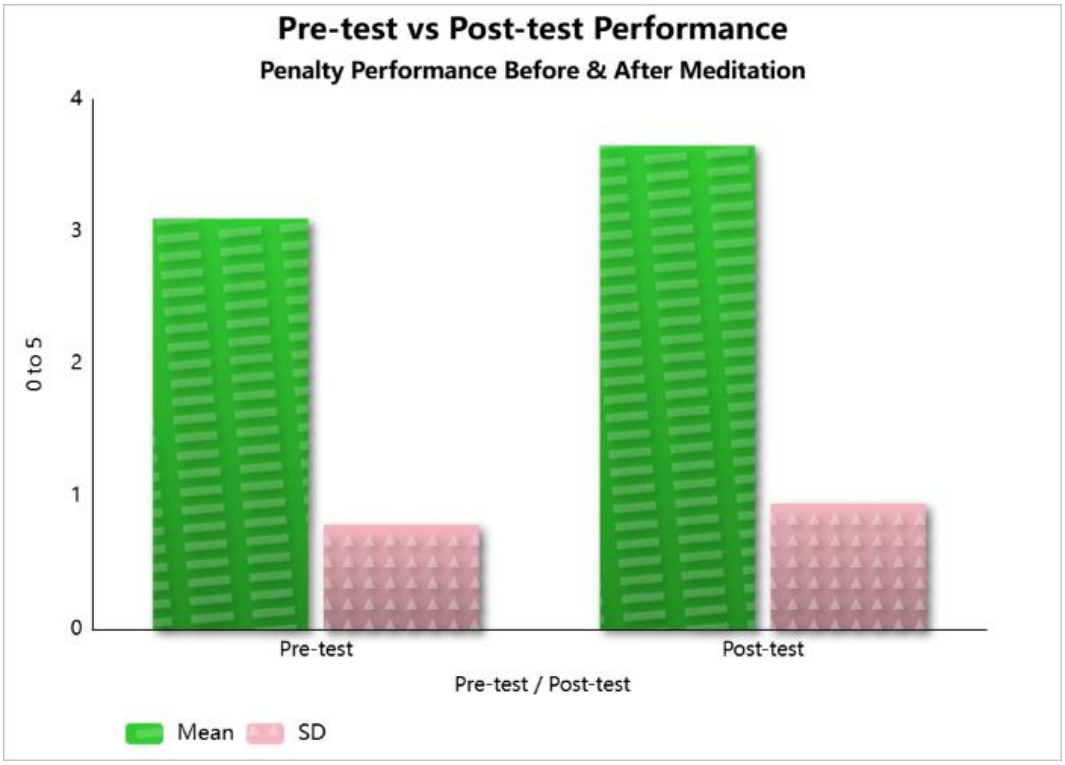

Figure1: Mean (±1 SD) penalty-shooting performance (out of 5) before and after the 4-week meditation intervention (*N* = 40). *$p < .001$, $r = .65$

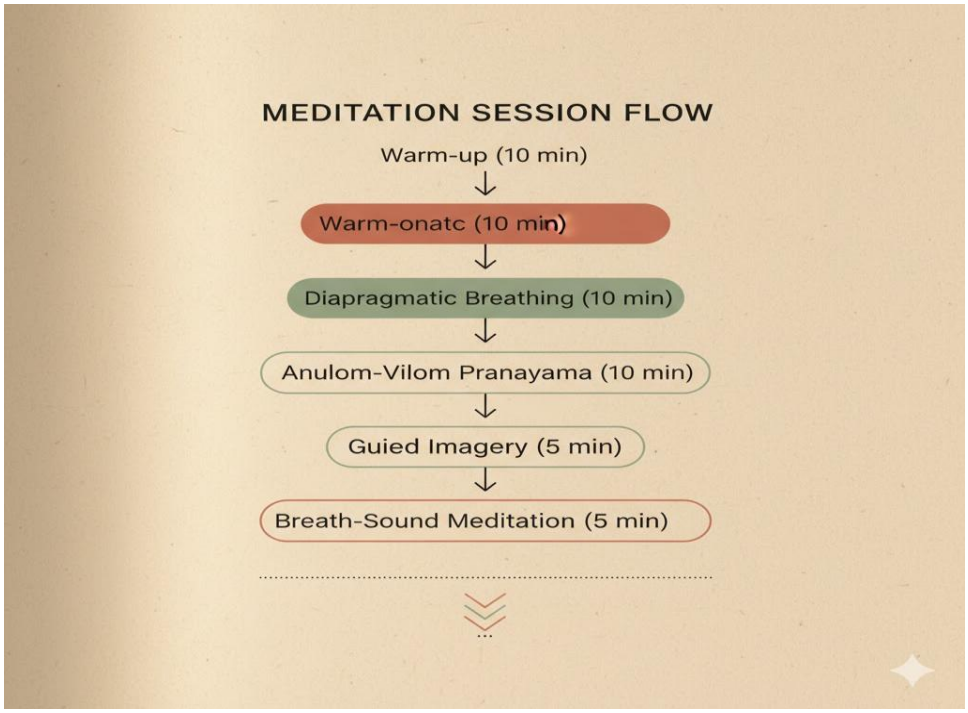

Figure 2: Structure of the 45-minute meditation session used across 16 training sessions over 4 weeks.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of the present study was to determine if a formalised meditation intervention could enhance athletic performance in times of adversity while also decreasing competitive anxiety. Results: The findings showed a significant increase in post-test performance scores and a substantial decrease in anxiety levels compared with pre-test levels. Our results also provide

evidence that meditation can influence athletes' psychological preparedness and promote consistent performance under competitive pressure (Baltzell & Akhtar, 2014; Gooding & Gardner, 2009; Solberg et al., 2000).

Theoretically, deception detection rests on attentional control and non-judgmental awareness, procedures underpinning most meditation practices as articulated in mindfulness conceptual frameworks (Kabat-Zinn, 1990; Bishop et al., 2004). Such functions are well aligned with the Mindfulness-Acceptance-Commitment (MAC) model, which theorises that psychological flexibility and acceptance of internal experiences may enable athletes to maintain strategic focus in high-pressure moments (Gardner & Moore, 2007, 2012; Ruiz et al., 2016). The enhanced performance effects in the current study are consistent with this model. They may indicate that athletes who were taught to mediate practice had a greater ability to resist cognitive distractions and to attend to the execution of the skill (Aherne et al., 2011; Bernier et al., 2009).

In addition to a psychological focus, meditation could also affect physiological mechanisms involved in maintaining performance. There is evidence of improved autonomic recovery (Kee et al., 2012), blunting of cortisol reactivity (De la Fuente & Liao, 2021), and neural efficiency among athletes who meditate (Bu & Zeng, 2020; Vago & Silbersweig, 2012). These effects steadily increased children's performance in the post-intervention period. In addition, better performance in the stress condition fits with research on how mindfulness has been suggested to improve cognitive control and motor balance when individuals experience stress (Jehu et al., 2019; Hoja & Jansen, 2019), indicating that meditation affects task performance not just by decreasing anxiety but also through better neuromuscular regulation.

The present study also introduces the concept of psychological resilience in sport. Meditation has been associated with enhanced resiliency and coping resources that athletes use to deal with adversity and noxious affective states during athletic contests (Lu, C.M., Chang, Y.K., Chu, C.H., et al., 2018; Thompson, 2020; Josefsson et al., 2019). Similarly, psychological flexibility—a central aspect of performance stability—enables athletes to commit to task goals in the presence of discomfort or pressure (Ruiz et al., 2016; Gardner and Moore, 2012). 3 In the present investigation, meditation-experienced athletes appeared to exhibit more emotional regulation and sustained performance even under a challenge, in support of these CB-PTC theories.

Of note, this study differs from previous research by investigating a university-level athlete population, generally omitted in elite-sport focused mindfulness studies (Ivarsson et al., 2017; Rogerson & Dolan, 2019; Baltzell, 2017) and using an objective performance outcome (penalty accuracy) as opposed to relying upon self-report alone (Josefsson et al., 2014, 2013). Our results are consistent with those of Aherne et al. (2011) and Baltzell et al. (2014), who established (at least for short, controlled protocols) that such gains are possible.

The implications of this study apply to sport coaching and performance training. Meditation can be included in a formal program of psychological skill training and provides an affordable, easily accessible tool for optimising readiness for competition (Baltzell, 2017; Levey & Levey, 2016; Thompson, 2020). Mindfulness, breath awareness, and acceptance-based programmes may be effective for athletes seeking to enhance their ability to stay on task during the execution of tactics and under high pressure (Gardner & Moore, 2007; Csikszentmihalyi, 1990).

However, several limitations warrant acknowledgement. The treatment period was regulated but relatively short, which might limit generalisation to long-term competitive training (Thompson et al., 2011; De Petrillo et al., 2009). Performance was tested in a laboratory rather than during actual gameplay, limiting external validity (Weinberg & Gould, 2019). In the future, longitudinal meditation programs should be studied, various performance indicators (e.g., reaction time and biomechanical accuracy) should be considered as outcomes, and comparisons of effects across different sports or levels of competition could be established (Chiesa & Serretti, 2010; Hatzigeorgiadis et al., 2011).

In conclusion, meditation seems beneficial for performance stability and competitive state anxiety reduction in athletes exposed to high-stress sport situations. The results are consistent with the theoretical and modelling literature on how mindfulness-based interventions may enhance performance, and underscore meditation as an effective psychological training practice that can be utilised for both immediate and long-term athletic preparation.

CONCLUSION

On the whole, these results indicate that meditation can significantly improve psychological readiness and performance stability under pressure among athletes. Through attenuating anxiety and enhancing attentional control (Josephson et al., 2019) by means of a strategic mental training device that can complement practice on technical requirements and physical capabilities for optimal performance, but it should not be substituted for those aspects. As encouraged by the MAC model (Gardner & Moore, 2007, 2012) and demonstrated in fledgling applied frameworks (Baltzell, 2017; Thompson, 2020), mindfulness-based interventions are scalable, evidence-based avenues for resilience in sport.

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Conflict of Interest

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