

The overhead athlete



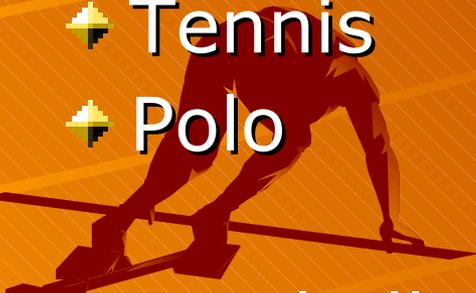
Who is an athlete

- ✦ What is the level of participation
 - recreational
 - amateur
 - professional
 - international



What type of sport

- ✦ Baseball
- ✦ Swimming
- ✦ Volley ball
- ✦ Javelin thrower
- ✦ Tennis
- ✦ Polo
- ✦ Football
- ✦ Basket ball



What type of problem

- ✦ Trauma related rproblem

- ✦ Overuse type of problem



The overhead athlete overuse type of problem

- ✦ Limitation of internal rotation
- ✦ Limitation of cross-body abduction
- ✦ Scapular dysfunction
- ✦ Weakness in external rotation
- ✦ Instability findings

excess translation

positive relocation testing

signs of impingement

excess external rotation



Instability and translation

- ✦ Instability=symptomatic loss of control of the ball in the shochet
- ✦ Symtoms of looseness or coming out



When pain is the only symptom

- ✦ Combined with excess translation
- ✦ Many patients have considerable physiologic translation and no symptoms



The load and shift test

- ✦ +up the face of the glenoid
- ✦ ++over the rim and back to the center
- ✦ +++dislocates

Then ask:



Do you feel the shoulder goes out and back during my examination?
Is this the feeling you have when the shoulder goes out?

The overuse situation

- ✦ Eccentric overload
- ✦ Undersurface rot cuff irritation
- ✦ Subtle anterior instability
- ✦ Biomechanical scapular dysfunction



Rehabilitation and prevention

- ✦ Eccentric control of the glenohumeral muscles
- ✦ Stable and efficient scapular platform
- ✦ Elimination of tight posterior capsule
- ✦ Appropriate muscle balance



Postoperative rehabilitation program

- ✦ Surgery when nothing is fixed
 - return to competition in 3-4 weeks
 - debridement of the labrum
 - debridement of internal impingement
 - ASAD
 - bursectomy
 - debridement of rot cuff

- ✦ Surgery where tissues were repaired
 - return to throwing in 4-5 months
 - and to competition in 8-9 months
 - SLAP repair
 - Bankart repair
 - rot cuff repair



HISTORY

📌 CHIEF COMPLAINT

📌 AGE



✦ Chief complaint

✦ History of present illness history ie of the chief complaint

how things started

what has been previously done

current state of the problem



Organized history

- ✦ What part of the physical examination should be emphasized
- ✦ Are the expectation from the physical examination met?



Principles of physical examination

- ✦ General status of the patient
avoid focusing too early
- ✦ Features of inspection as muscle
wasting deformity previous scars
- ✦ Palpation of known anatomic sites
- ✦ Range of motion active and passive
- ✦ Strength testing and neurologic
examination
- ✦ Stability assessment and laxity
measurement
- ✦ Special tests
- ✦ Lower extremities and trunk

Chief complaint: Pain

- ✦ Impingement
 - classic outlet impingement
 - internal impingement
 - subcoracoid impingement
- ✦ Rotator cuff
 - tendinosis
 - partial thickness tear
 - full thickness tear
- ✦ Instability
 - anterior
 - posterior
 - multidirectional MDI
- ✦ AC joint pathology
- ✦ Biceps and labral pathology
- ✦ Chondral defects
- ✦ Neurologic
 - cervical spine root compression
 - brachial neuritis
 - thoracic outlet syndrom
 - suprascapular nerve entrapment

Where is the pain?

- ✦ **Whole hand over deltoid in rubbing motion**
impingement /rot cuff
- ✦ **Greater tuberosity**
impingement /rot cuff
- ✦ **One finger on top of distal clavicle**
AC joint
- ✦ **In the back when the arm is in the throwing position**
internal impingement/ posterior SLAP
- ✦ **Down the neck and scapula medial border**
neck pathology
- ✦ **In front within deltopectoral groove**
biceps tendon/subscapularis
- ✦ **Deep inside**
labral or articular cartilage lesion
- ✦ **Vague and diffuse down arm**
brachial neuritis /thoracic outlet

Palpation to reproduce the pain

Greater tuberosity



rot cuff

Lesser tuberosity



Subscapularis
biceps

AC joint



AC joint

Acromion



Symptomatic os acromiale

