

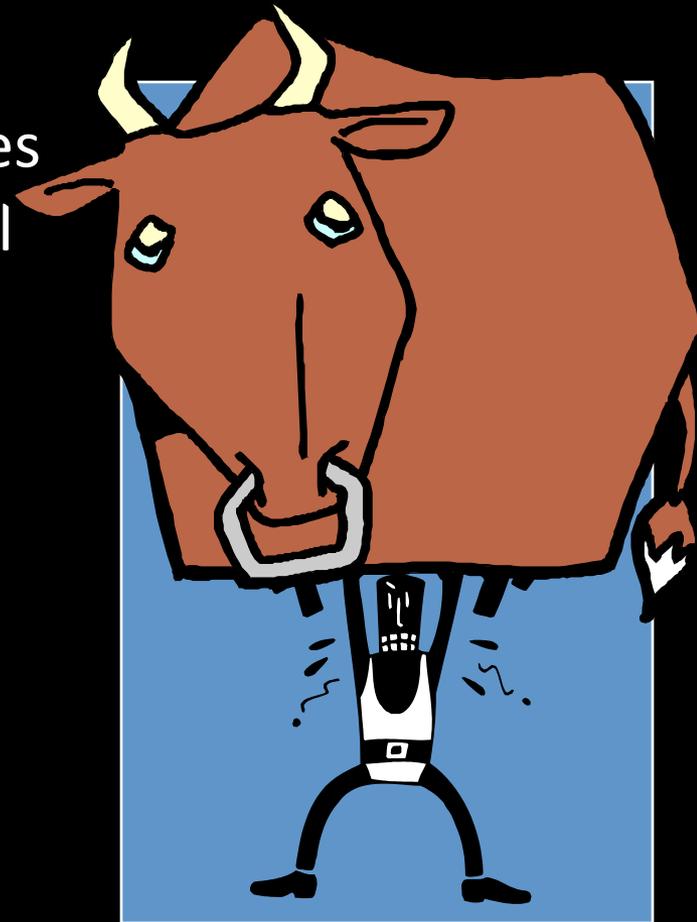
# The How and Why of Distance Workouts

# Basic Principles of training

- Overload
- Accumulation
- SAID
- Adaption
- Rest and Recovery
- Individually

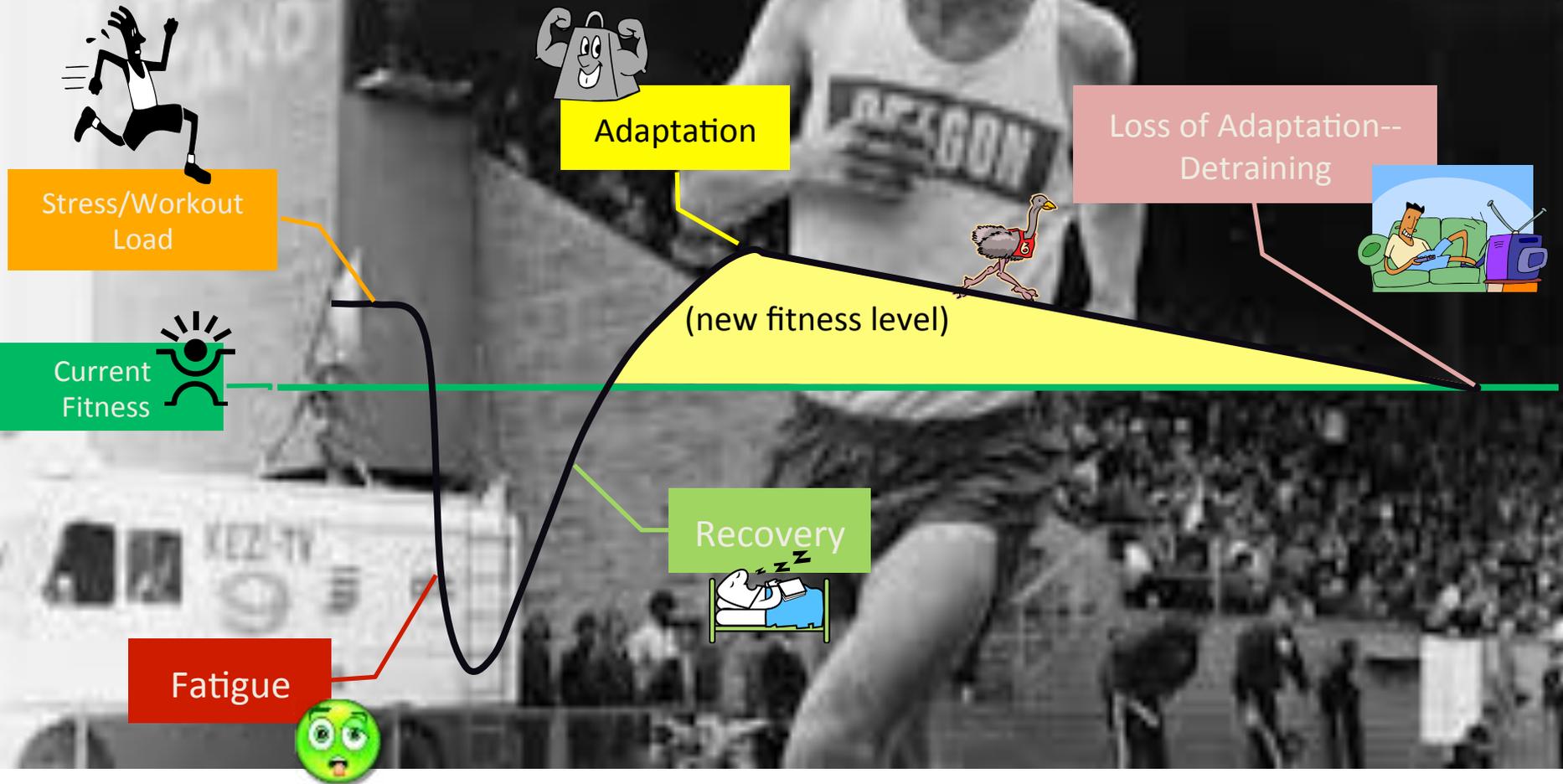
# The “Overload” Principle

- The ‘Ultimate’ principle to apply to all facets of training in most sports.
- Gradual increase in workout stresses create a physiological/psychological adaptation over time.
- Athletes enhance athletic performance by increasing the capacity for work over time.

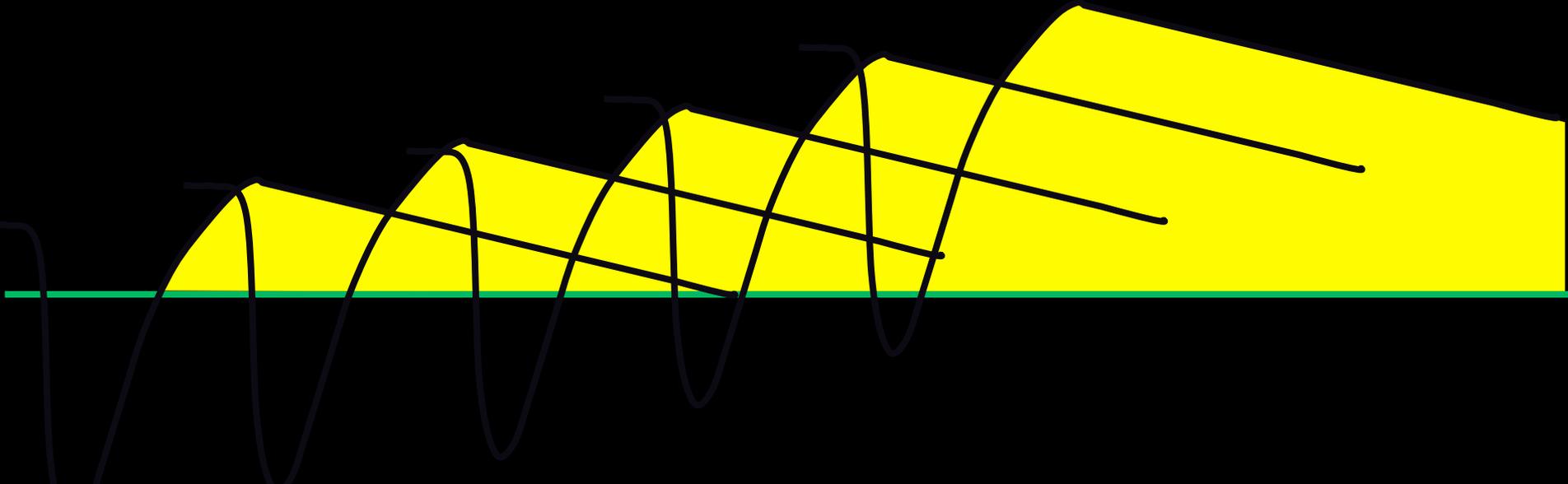


# Super Compensation

## The Adaptation and Training Effect



# The Law of Accumulation



- Effect of training can be cumulative.
- Over the course of weeks, months, seasons, and years the body adapts to the demands put on it.

# Principle of Training: S.A.I.D.

- **Specific Adaptation to Imposed Demands.**
- **Train the skill or systems you will use in competition.**
- **Mimic the Demands of Competition in workouts.**
- **The body adapts to the demands placed on it.**

# Adaptation to Workouts and Recovery

- **Body will adapt to a specific workout, but then will have a lesser training response.**
  - Once a workout is no longer demanding there is little further physiological change.
  - When the body is not challenged by a specific workout, it is time to give it a different challenge.
- **Physiological gains are made during recovery.**
  - Body requires time to make the adaptations to stress.
  - If not enough time is provided then chronic problems begin to occur.
    - Stress fractures, tendonitis, anemia, chronic fatigue, “burn out”, etc... .

# Rest & Recovery

- Purpose of a recovery run
- Length of a recovery run
- Cross Training
- Recovery weeks
- Rest and recovery is not an absence of training, it is part of training
- “Forced” Recovery Days (smog, fires, wind, weather)
- Recovery for each individual
- Rest between seasons
- Purpose of complete rest



# Individuality

- Each training program has a different effect on an individual
- Tailor programs to individual needs
- Training age
- Chronological age
- Fast twitch/slow twitch
- Gender
- Body type

# Types of Workouts/Runs

## What are the demands of competition?

- Long Runs
- Race Pace work
- Speed play
- Race Callusing and Simulation
- Warm up and cool down

# Training for the specific race

- Alactic System
- Aerobic versus anaerobic
- Tactics of the race
- Level of competition

# USE IT OR LOSE IT – ALACTIC SYSTEM

- **Use the energy (CP) stored at the muscular level to get out fast the first 6 – 10 seconds of a race.**
- **Assume they will have it available also for the last sprint of the race to the finish.**



Source: Training For Youth Distance Runners, page 36

**Anaerobic**

- 100 Meters: 92%
- 200 Meters: 86%
- 400 Meters: 70%
- 800 Meters: 43%
- 1600 Meter: 24%
- 3200 Meter: 12%
- 5000 Meter: 07%

**Aerobic**

- 100 Meters: 08%
- 200 Meters: 14%
- 400 Meters: 30%
- 800 Meters: 57%
- 1600 Meter: 76%
- 3200 Meter: 88%
- 5000 Meter: 93%



# Long and Steady Aerobic Runs

- Increase Aerobic Capacity
  - Heart Volume
  - RBC Count
  - Perfusion
- Callus athletes for longer workouts
- Increase muscular fitness
- 20%-25% of weekly mileage
- Key workout in most pre-season training schedules.
- Aerobic (with oxygen) 65 – 85% of HR
- Length depends on the needs of the race

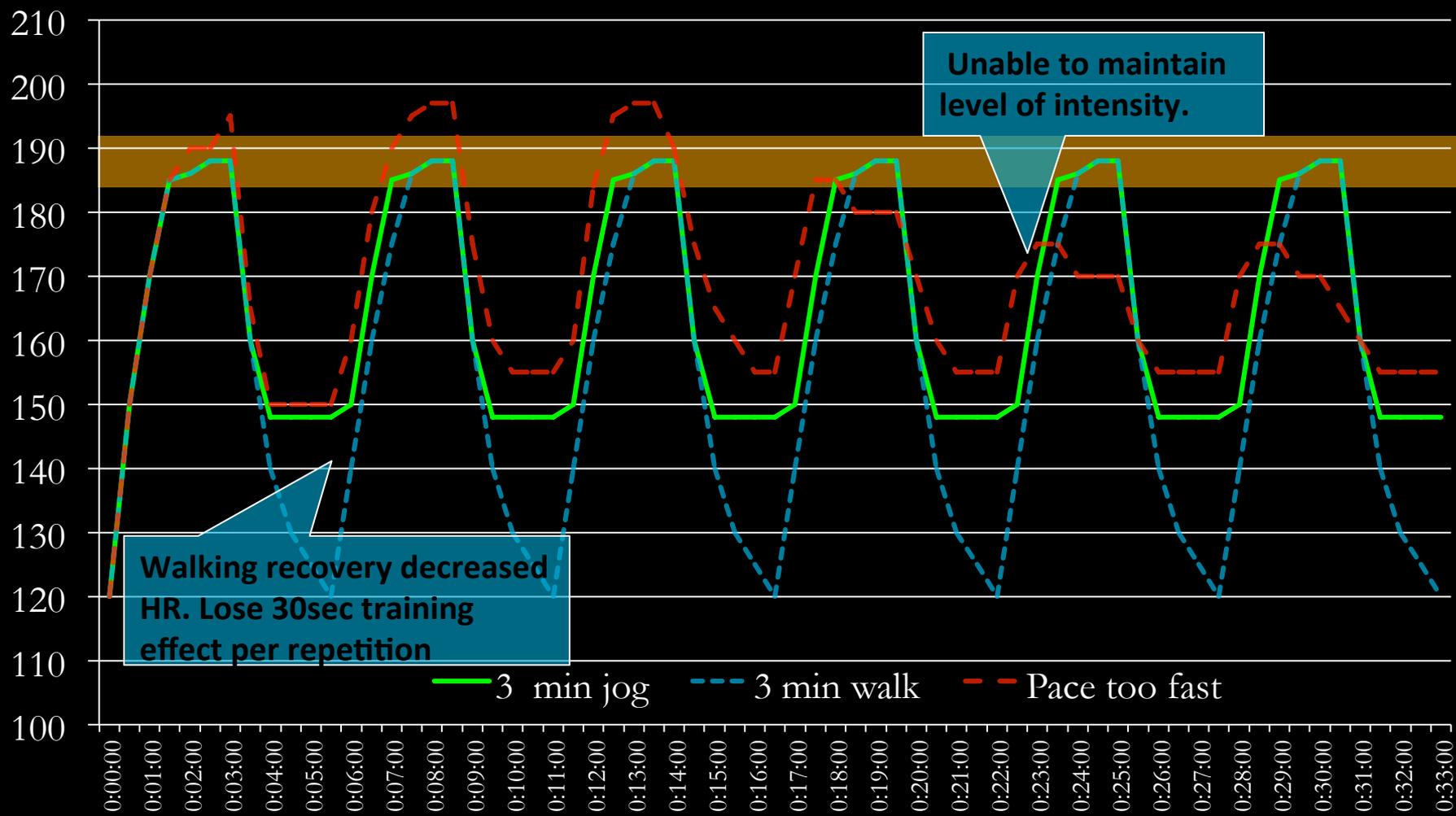
# Pace Work

- Length depends on distance event
- Race pace (Includes race start/finish pace)
- Max VO<sub>2</sub> reached after about 60 – 90 sec in each rep.
- Taught workout
  - Beginners need to succeed right away
- Aspects of Pace Workout
  - Variables – “Mimic Demands of Competition” & use to stimulate “overcompensation” when body is adapted.
    - Length
    - Intensity
    - Recovery
  - Running recovery
  - Run past the actual distance

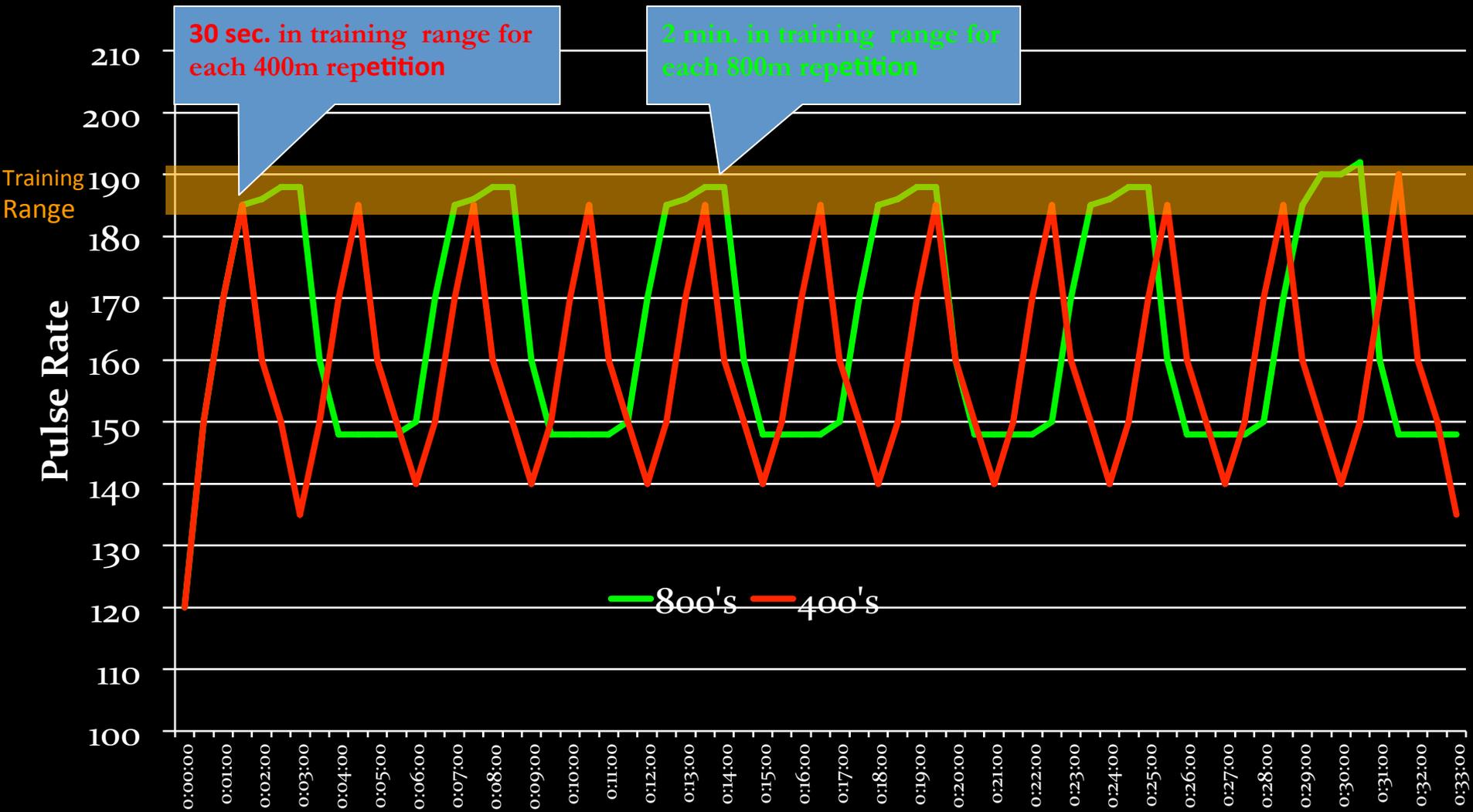
# Threshold “Tempo” Runs

- Used to raise the athletes ability to postpone and tolerate running anaerobically.
  - Might be toughest to teach
- Anaerobic Threshold (AT) & Lactate Threshold (LT)
- Negative Split Run (4 – 8 miles)
  - Gradually move paces from warm up to EP to AT to last ½ mile can be LT.
- AT Pace Runs (miles or minutes)
  - 1 – 2 miles warm up running, 1 – 4 miles at AT pace, 1 – 2 miles cool down running

Tempo 1000s



# Pace Work 800's vs 400's



# Sample from H.R. Monitor (uphill surges)



# Speed play/Surges

- [Native American Files](#)
- [Catch the Rabbit](#)
- **Pyramid or Ladder Surges**
  - 1 min on, 1 min off, 2 min on, 2 min off, 3 min on, 2 min off, 2 min on, 1 min off, 1 min on.
- **Secret Surges**
  - Each individual in group run a surge of their choice distance, and recovery.
- **Telephone Pole Surges, Block Surges, Tree Surges...**
- **Triangles**

# Speed-play Setup Triangles



[Triangles One Group](#)

[Triangles Three  
Pace Groups](#)

[Triangles  
Multiple groups](#)

[Triangles Handout](#)

# Why Warm Up?

- Pulse Rate
  - Prepare the body to rapidly increase the heart rate when race, or intense running is to begin. (cardiovascular)
- Circulation
  - Opens up all the “valves” to capillaries and micro blood vessels serving to perfuse the muscles with oxygenated blood and to remove CO<sub>2</sub> & anaerobic byproducts (cardiovascular)
- Range of Motion
  - Lubricate joint spaces, increase core temperature, prepare muscles to contract and relax (neuromuscular and muscular)
- Ph Buffers
  - Add acid buffers to the bloodstream in preparation of neutralizing acid byproducts of anaerobic processes.

# Sample Warm ups

- Organized Workouts
  - 10 – 20 minutes of gradual buildup running.
  - Drills
  - Form Strides
- Road or Recovery Runs from home
  - Start with gradual build to pace over the first 5 – 10 minutes.
- Meet Days and some Pace Workout Days
- 5 – 10 min jog on arrival.
- 10 min. warm up (gradual warm up run to EP)
  - 6 drills once each (linear)
  - 5 – 6 minutes “cut down” run from EP to LT pace
  - 4 – 6 Long Strides (100 – 120m)
  - Short stay warm jogs, & strides (30 to 50 m)

# Train All components

- Speed
- Endurance
- Strength
- At the beginning of the season, train to eliminate weaknesses. End of the season, train to utilize strengths. Goal is to make speed, endurance and strength all strengths

# Drills

- Neuromuscular Fitness
  - 6 – 8 low impact form drills done daily
  - Rotate in another 4 – 6 daily to the routine drills
  - Work on
    - Foot speed
    - Mechanics
  - Must be taught regularly, re-enforced regularly and supervised.
  - Plyometrics
    - Must be limited and progressed
    - Would begin in off season, not mid season.

# Specific Drills

## Daily Drills (20 – 30 m) 2x each.

- Shin Toe & Heel Walks
- Cool Guy Walk\*
- Cool Guy Hop\*
- A – Skip\*
- B – Skip\*
- High Knee/High Heel\*
- Quick Leg Through (fast claw)\*
- Cariocas (2)
- Walking Lunges w/quick leg through

\*Pre Race Warmup Drills, one each.

## Rotated into Daily Routine

- Cariocas with knee over
- Speed Skip
- Power Skip Knee Up
- Power Skip Bound
- Speed Walk
- Backward Skip
- Cross the Line
- Honda Strides
- Egg Crushers
- Blind Babies
- Backward Walk – Backward run

# Work to improve form daily

- Drills
- Strides
  - A. Foot placement
  - B. Arms
  - C. Breathe against the cheeks
  - D. Focal point
- Finish Line

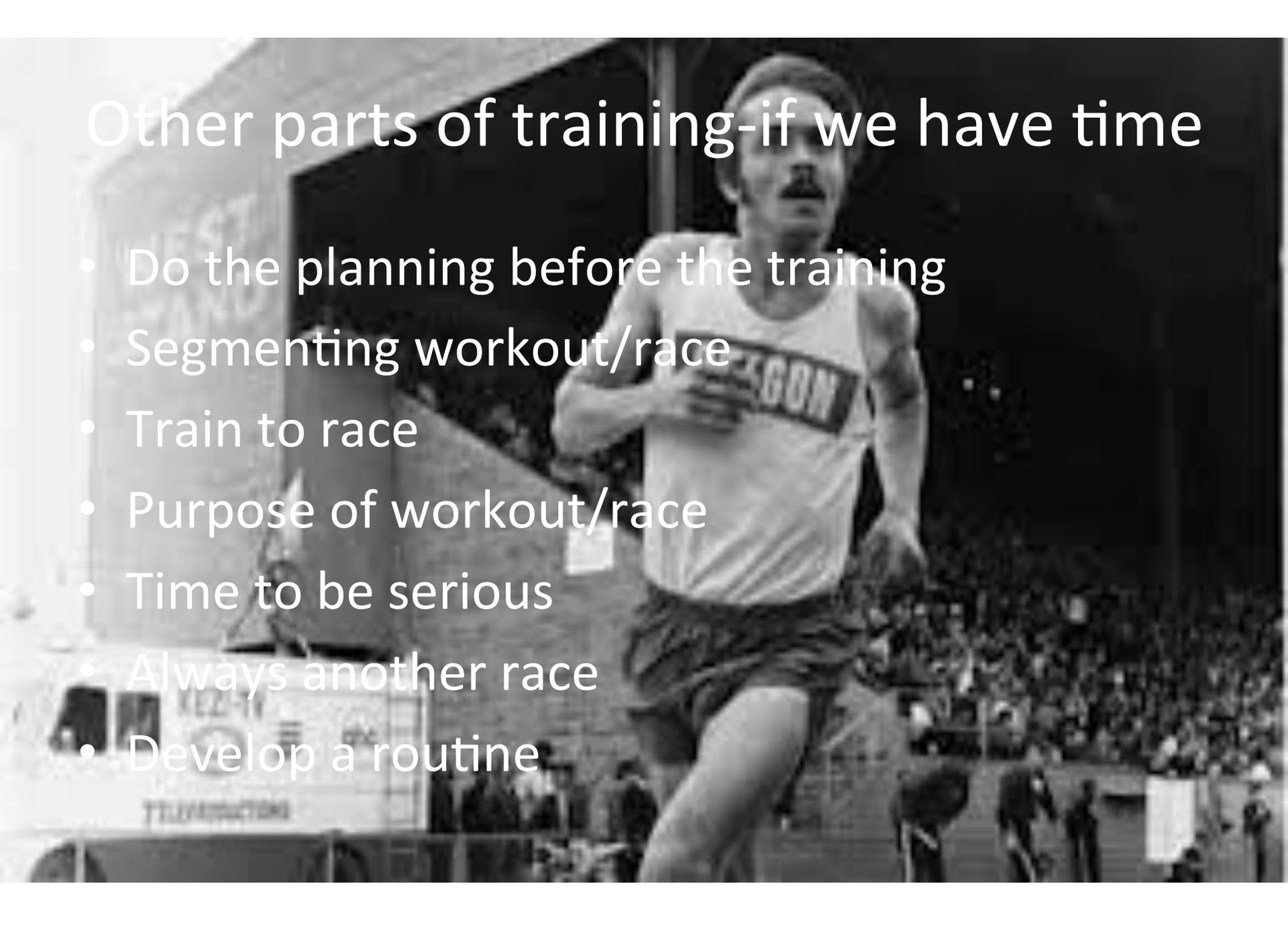


# Cool Down

- Purpose
- Advantages
- When
- How long
- After cool down
  - Body Weight Exercises
  - Nutrition/Hydration
  - Stretching
  - Injury Rehab/Prevention Exercises
  - Check Out

# Other parts of training-if we have time

- Do the planning before the training
- Segmenting workout/race
- Train to race
- Purpose of workout/race
- Time to be serious
- Always another race
- Develop a routine



# Periodize your training

- “In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable.”
- — [Dwight D. Eisenhower](#)
- **Need**
  - Pencil
  - Calendar
  - Some knowledge
  - Eraser

# Hydration

- 60 – 90 oz. of water depending on level of activity & climate.
- 1 cup is 8 oz.
- Asked to have 2 cups before breakfast!
- Drink 1 – 2 cups per period during school. (bathroom pass letter)
- Must eat breakfast, nutrition & lunch or add an electrolyte drink.
  - Prevent electrolytes from being leached out of the body.
  - Electrolyte sources include regular diet over the long term, and in the short term include vegetable juice, electrolyte drinks, electrolyte products.
- Expectation of all Athletes.
- Able to do main section of workout without hydrating (unless unusually hot).

# Segment the Race or Workout

- **Break the race or workout into sections.**
- **Segmenting depends on the race**
  - **Most races into three segments**
    - **300-200-300**
    - **600-400-600**
    - **1200-800-1200**
- **Simulate physically, or through visualization the different sections during workouts.**

## *Train to race*



- Race pace or faster
- Simulate the race in practice
- Practice starts
- Practice tactics

Practice finishes

Last dominate thought

Segment, segment,  
segment

First and last match

# Purpose for every workout/race

- Planning
  - Plan out races prior to the start of the season
- What's important now (win)
- Goal for practice daily
- Groups
- Individualization

# Time to be serious, Time to have fun, Time for Serious fun

- Serious
- Fun
- Serious fun
- Bus rides
- Team functions
- Races



# There is always another race

- Successes and failures
- 10 minute rule
- Prerace planning
- Post race evaluation
- Life goes on



# THE ROUTINE

- Daily practice
- When you get to a meet
  - Locate these four places
  - Short run
- Warm up ritual
- Cool down routine
- Bus ride home





**That's It!**