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# COMPARISON OF THE RUNNING PARAMETERS IN MORNING AND EVENING TRAININGS OF ELITE SOCCER PLAYERS

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## ABSTRACT

**Purpose:** Although there are many studies in the literature regarding the running of soccer players, there is a need to examine the running asymmetry of the athletes' actual training, regardless of a specific intervention protocol. The aim of this study was to compare the running asymmetry of healthy elite soccer players in training sessions at different times of the day.

**Methods:** Sixteen healthy male elite soccer players were included in this study. Global Positioning System units (GPSports, SPI Pro, 5 Hz, GPSport, Canberra, Australia) were used to define training and running details. Fourteen (7 morning, 7 evening) training data were evaluated.

**Results:** There was no statistical difference between morning and evening trainings in terms of training time, heart rate average and total running distance except for high speed running distance. Running asymmetry was 66% greater in evening training sessions than in morning training sessions ( $p=0.001$ ;  $4.13\pm 1.92$ ,  $2.49\pm 1.32$  respectively). Running asymmetry did not show any significant correlation with training time, heart rate average, running distance, and high speed running distance ( $p>0.05$ ).

**Conclusion:** Running asymmetry is higher in evening training sessions than in morning training sessions. Therefore, for athletes who are particularly at high risk of injury or who are in the process of a return to sports, and from whom high performance is not expected, morning trainings may be preferred instead of evening trainings. If training can not be performed in the morning, clinicians should follow the athletes instantly during evening training.

**Key Words:** Athletes, Lower extremity, Soccer, Technology

## ELİT FUTBOLCULARIN SABAH VE AKŞAM ANTRENMANLARINDAKİ KOŞU PARAMETRELERİNİN KARŞILAŞTIRILMASI

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## ÖZ

**Amaç:** Futbolcuların koşularına yönelik literatürde birçok araştırma olmasına rağmen, belli bir müdahale protokolüne bağlı kalmaksızın sporcuların gerçek antrenmanlarındaki koşu asimetrisinin incelenmesine ihtiyaç vardır. Bu çalışmanın amacı, sağlıklı elit futbolcuların günün farklı saatlerinde yapılan antrenmanlardaki koşu asimetrisini karşılaştırmaktır.

**Yöntem:** Çalışmaya 16 sağlıklı erkek elit futbolcu dâhil edildi. Antrenman ve koşu detaylarını belirlemek için Küresel Konumlama Sistemi (GPSports, SPI Pro, 5 Hz, GPSport, Canberra, Australia) kullanıldı. On dört (sabah yedi, akşam yedi) antrenman verisi değerlendirildi.

**Sonuçlar:** Yüksek hızlı koşu mesafesi dışında sabah ve akşam antrenmanları arasında antrenman süresi, kalp atış hızı ortalaması ve toplam koşu mesafesi açısından istatistiksel olarak fark yoktu. Koşu asimetrisi, akşam antrenmanlarında sabah antrenmanlarına göre %66 daha fazlaydı ( $p=0,001$ ; sırasıyla:  $4,13\pm 1,92$ ;  $2,49\pm 1,32$ ). Koşu asimetrisi antrenman süresi, kalp atış hızı ortalaması, koşu mesafesi ve yüksek hızda koşu mesafesi ile anlamlı bir ilişki göstermedi ( $p > 0,050$ ).

**Tartışma:** Koşu asimetrisi akşam antrenmanlarında sabah antrenmanlarına kıyasla daha yüksektir. Bu nedenle, özellikle yüksek yaralanma riski olan veya spora geri dönüş sürecinde olup yüksek performans beklenmeyen sporcular için, akşam antrenmanları yerine sabah antrenmanları tercih edilebilir. Eğer antrenmanlar sabah yapılamıyorsa, klinisyenler akşam antrenmanları süresince sporcuları anlık olarak takip etmelidir.

**Anahtar Kelimeler:** Sporcular, Alt ekstremitte, Futbol, Teknoloji

## INTRODUCTION

Soccer is one of the most popular sports in the world with more than 265 million athletes (1). Many soccer players are exposed to risk of injury. The incidence of injuries per 1000 hours of exposure is 3.7 in training and 36 in matches (2). These injuries affect team performance, and the health of athletes (3), and can cause economic consequences for the clubs and the players. Not only the health-care costs of the injury, but also the fact that the athlete is not able to play in a match causes economic expense, even for elite level teams. It has been stated that the monthly cost of injured upper league soccer players is approximately € 500,000 (4). Determining the factors that may present a risk of injury and taking measures against them may reduce the incidence of injury, and contribute to the reduction of such a large economic expenditure for soccer clubs.

Training loads increase the risk of injury to soccer players (5). It is important for athletes, coaches, and the medical staff to reduce the risk of injury in soccer, and to plan the return to sports after injury. Reducing training injuries should be a special focus particularly for elite youth players (6). Factors that may pose a risk for injury should be identified and eliminated as far as possible. As soccer involves running at different intensities and in different directions, examining running asymmetry in training can provide significant benefit. Running asymmetry can be defined as the exposure of athletes to loads at different rates according to the right and left sides of their bodies during running. Since almost all physiological and biochemical processes in the human body follow the circadian rhythm, these asymmetries should be examined according to training at different times of the day.

In the last decade, Global Positioning System (GPS)-based assessments have been used to examine the running of soccer players. This system is field-based technology used to describe the running of athletes in team sports and has an acceptable level of accuracy and reliability for distance, and speed (7). GPS researches in the literature focuses on running distance, high-speed running distance and acute: chronic workload ratio rather than microtechnology sensor studies such as acceler-

ometers (8,9). In these studies, the running performance in the matches is explained (10), evaluations are made in terms of injury risk (9), different sided games are examined (11) and running parameters are evaluated according to the game sequence and player position (12) However, as far as we know, there is no study in the literature that examines running asymmetry using GPS.

In this study, soccer, running and technology titles were gathered together to examine the training at different times of the day. The primary aim of this study was to compare running asymmetries of elite soccer players in morning and evening trainings. Secondly, the correlations between running asymmetry and training time, heart rate average, running distance and high speed running distance parameters were examined.

## METHODS

In this study, the data were evaluated retrospectively. However, measurements were taken routinely by researchers in the training periods. The independent variables of this study were morning and evening trainings. The dependent variables are running asymmetry, training time, heart rate average, running distance, and high speed running distance. All the study procedures were conducted in accordance with the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki. The ethical approval of study was granted by the University of Health Sciences Kanuni Education and Research Hospital Clinical Research Ethics Committee (Approval Date: 07.02.2019, and Approval Number: 2018-32).

## Participants

Twenty-five elite male soccer players were included in this study. Four of them were excluded for being goalkeepers. Also, five athletes were not included because they did not have sufficient data selected according to the training criteria in the study. As a result, 16 players (age:  $25.31 \pm 4.17$  years, height:  $182.5 \pm 6.86$  cm, body weight:  $79.48 \pm 5.73$  kg, body mass index:  $23.88 \pm 0.84$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>) met the required criteria. Before the measurements, the athletes were evaluated by an orthopedist and a sports physician. Athletes with any health problems were not allowed to participate in the training. In addition, the athletes who were in the process of returning

to sports after injury were not allowed to participate directly in the training without fieldwork and evaluation with sport-specific tests. Athletes did not participate in any sporting activity other than trainings and matches.

### Trainings

Trainings from September to December were examined. The data of training sessions held between 10.00-12.30 for morning training, and 18.00-20.30 for evening training were used. Players did not participate in the field training outside these hours. The training session lasted 60-90 minutes (warm up, training, cool down). But, GPS data were not recorded during warm-up (jogging, limb movements, short passing, passing, and so on) and cooling (jogging, stretching, and so on).

The content of all training sessions was determined by the coaches, and the trainings were carried out by them. However, the trainings to be examined within the scope of the current study were determined by the researchers according to the following rules: 1) morning and evening trainings with similar content (game, run, sprint) were included 2) if both morning and evening training sessions were held on the same day, the data for that day were not used so that fatigue caused by morning training would not affect evening training 3) the data of the training sessions performed one day before and after a match were not evaluated because they were generally at a low intensity (foot tennis, passing, jogging, and so on) 4) similarly, first trainings after long rest (>36 hour) were not included as they were not comprehensive, and 5) the trainings performed on the day after the match were not evaluated with the idea that it was regeneration training and the match fatigue could affect the results of the study

Of the 45 training examined, it was decided that 7 morning and 13 evening training sessions were suitable for the study. In order to have similar total duration of morning and evening trainings, seven evening trainings showing maximum homogeneity with seven morning trainings were randomly selected regardless of running asymmetries. Training details are shown in table 1.

### Procedures

Training and running data were collected by GPS

units (GPSports, SPI Pro, 5 Hz, GPSport, Canberra, Australia) measuring the forces on ground contact. According to the GPSsports quick start guide, "GPSports uses integrated GPS and accelerometer data to complete this analysis. The software identifies, quantifies, and compares the forces at ground contact (foot strike) on the right and left sides during running." Although there are some doubts, the validity and reliability of GPS tools have been shown in different studies (13-15).

Runnings above 10 km/h were examined in running asymmetry calculations. Asymmetry of seven morning and seven evening training sessions was recorded as % difference between left and right foot strikes. The positive value of the formula below was used for this.  $[(\text{Right foot strike} - \text{Left foot strike}) / \text{left foot strike}] \times 100 = \text{asymmetry}$ . According to the GPSsports quick start guide, "A score of '0' represents a symmetrical running. A '5% right' score reflects an asymmetrical stride, specifically a 5% greater load on the right side, compared with the left." In our study, the asymmetry between the extremities was recorded without distinguishing between left and right. The final result was obtained by taking the mean of the seven values.

Fourteen training session data were used together to evaluate the correlation between running asymmetry and training time, heart rate average, running distance and high speed running distance parameters.

Before the training session, the GPS units were turned on and held stationary outdoors to receive satellite signals (16), and each athlete was prepared by the analyst. The athletes wore a specially designed vest with the GPS fixed on the back of the vest. During the training session, the data of all the athletes were continuously monitored on a laptop. The measurements was followed by physiotherapist and analyst.

### Statistical analysis

The data were evaluated with the SPSS 22.0 program (Statistical Package for Social Sciences Inc. Chicago, IL, USA). Firstly, the data were evaluated using histogram, coefficient of variation, Kurtosis, Skewness, Detrended plot graph and the Shapiro-Wilks test to determine whether the obtained

**Table 1:** Training Details.

Training	Time (min)	Heart Rate Average (bpm)	Running Distance (m)	High Speed Running distance (m)	Running Asymmetry (%)	
<b>M</b> <b>o</b> <b>r</b> <b>n</b> <b>i</b> <b>n</b> <b>g</b>	1	36.90	150.40	3566.18±301.77	143.93±49.02	3.26±3.51
	2	57.40	135.13	5704.87±516.29	145.00±66.03	2.20±1.65
	3	44.97	132.00	3650.25±239.89	26.86±18.11	1.86±4.08
	4	78.00	140.93	6594.25±747.78	189.50±100.26	3.93±2.59
	5	64.93	137.13	4885.31±561.10	125.00±83.30	2.81±2.83
	6	69.00	138.20	5097.56±599.73	82.20±47.17	1.73±1.86
	7	59.90	122.21	2546.31±236.04	3.14±6.09	1.42±1.74
<b>E</b> <b>v</b> <b>e</b> <b>n</b> <b>i</b> <b>n</b> <b>g</b>	1	41.90	153.18	4061.43±424.70	213.31±110.34	4.12±3.79
	2	57.00	129.33	3728.73±933.85	82.33±26.82	4.86±5.18
	3	58.26	147.85	3987.71±363.81	63.00±37.96	3.42±3.79
	4	48.15	127.07	2923.30±1062.95	85.07±68.94	4.46±3.07
	5	72.58	126.56	4503.56±968.75	101.06±95.83	3.12±4.03
	6	70.95	139.60	5171.60±501.85	86.93±69.05	5.53±4.77
	7	61.96	134.56	6365.00±1258.39	173.68±108.11	3.87±3.11

Running distance and asymmetry data are reported as mean±standard deviation.

data showed normal distribution. As the data were normally distributed, the Paired-Samples T test was used. The relationship between running asymmetry and training time, heart rate average, running distance, high-speed running distance was evaluated with the Pearson correlation test. The confidence interval was taken as 95% throughout the statistical analyses. A value of  $p < 0.05$  was accepted as statistically significant. The power of the current study was calculated as 0.94 (G.Power 3.1.9.4 software; t test, difference between two dependent means; effect size: 0.96; error: 0.05, and sample size: 16).

## RESULTS

It was observed that morning and evening training sessions were quite homogeneous regardless of heart rate average. Also, there were no statistical difference between morning and evening training in terms of total running distance. The high-speed running distance of the athletes in the evening

training sessions were significantly higher than in the morning sessions ( $p=0.032$ ) (Table 2). A statistically significant difference was found between the running asymmetry of morning and evening training sessions ( $p=0.001$ ). Running asymmetry did not show any significant correlation with training time ( $r=0.055$ ;  $p=0.852$ ) heart rate average ( $r=0.234$ ;  $p=0.420$ ), total running distance ( $r=0.150$ ;  $p=0.609$ ), and high speed running distance ( $r=0.375$   $p=0.186$ ).

## DISCUSSION

The results of this study demonstrated that elite soccer players had more asymmetry in evening training sessions than the mornings. Also, there were no correlation between running asymmetry and training time, heart rate average, running distance and high speed running distance parameters. The human body experiences different biochemical and cardiovascular changes at different times of the day due to circadian rhythm. It has been previ-

**Table 2:** Comparison of Morning and Evening Training Data.

Training	Training Time (min)	Heart Rate Average (bpm)	Running distance (m)	High Speed Running Distance (m)	Running asymmetry (%)
<b>Morning</b>	58.89±0.67	136.54±6.67	4577.82±373.00	102.23±34.90	2.49±1.32
<b>Evening</b>	58.89±1.86	136.82±7.92	4445.30±444.85	118.15±40.60	4.13±1.92
<b>p</b>	0.994	0.833	0.129	<b>0.032*</b>	<b>0.001*</b>

\* $p < 0.05$ . Data are reported as mean±standard deviation.

ously reported that athletes perform better in the evenings than in the mornings in respect of performance parameters such as agility, sprint, reactive force and jump (16-18). This situation is similar in terms of high speed running distance in our study. Although the total running distance in morning training is higher than in evening training, the high speed running distance is more in the evening in our study. In terms of running asymmetry, high-speed running distance is the only other parameter that differs between morning and evening trainings. Therefore, we consider that running asymmetry may increase with increasing high speed running distance. However, the lack of correlation between these two parameters in our study makes this situation confusing. This is similar for other research results in the literature.

From a biomechanical point of view, high-speed running increases the load on the knee joints (19). This also results in increased ankle plantar flexor moment, and increased biomechanical load in the hip extensor and knee flexor muscle groups in the terminal swing phase (20,21). Increased loads on the lower extremity may be reflected in the increase in forces of ground contact measured by the GPS. Even if athletes run in the morning pattern, the load difference between the extremities may increase as the load increases in the evening. This may cause an increase in running asymmetry. But, in order to clearly demonstrate this situation, it is necessary to examine the loads on the support, and active feet according to the training tasks.

Studying the literature from a different perspective, we can see studies stating that high speed running does not cause an increase in running asymmetry. Girard et al. (22) compared well-trained runners' running at different speeds on the treadmill for one minute, and they stated that running speed did not affect lower extremity asymmetry. In a different study conducted on healthy male individuals, it was stated that the preferred running speed and  $\pm 20\%$  of this speed did not affect the asymmetry (23). In a study of Mo et al. (24), they were stated that running asymmetry decreases as speed increases from 8 to 12 km/h. The results of these studies are both similar and different with the results in our study. Considering that these studies evaluate running for a few minutes, and are not conducted

in a chaotic environment such as training, it is understood that this issue should be viewed from a different perspective. Beato and Drust (25) showed that a different acceleration intensity ( $2.12 \text{ m.s}^{-2}$ ,  $1.66 \text{ m.s}^{-2}$ ) affects the external and internal training load parameters. According to this research, increasing the intensity of acceleration increases the training load. Given that athletic performance may be higher in evening trainings, this supports why running asymmetry may be higher in evening trainings.

Changes in postural control are effective in terms of running asymmetry. Keeping these changes within certain limits during a dynamic activity such as running can prevent asymmetry between the extremities. However, it may not be possible for athletes to achieve equal postural control during morning and evening training sessions. In support of the current study, Gribble et al. (26) stated that the results obtained in the morning were better in terms of dynamic postural control than those obtained in the afternoon or evening. Heinbaugh et al. (27) showed similar results in terms of static balance. This may be due to better cognitive ability in the morning, which plays an important role in balance. The desire to achieve high performance with lower cognitive control in evening training sessions may cause loss of control over balance.

Finally, it may be necessary to mention that running asymmetry is not correlated with other parameters in our study. When examined in terms of running asymmetry and training time, Borghi et al. (12) explained that in the second half of the match, a significant decrease was observed in GPS variables such as running distance in all game positions. This prevents running asymmetry from occurring even if the training time increases. This situation is similar for heart rate average, total running distance and high speed running distance. For this reason, we recommend that researchers examine the trainings in sections for future studies. In addition, factors such as player position (12), playing formation (28), fatigue (29), task/procedures, loading protocol, anthropometry, fitness level, injury history (30) in training should be evaluated.

In conclusion, the findings from this study showed that there was more running asymmetry in evening



training sessions. Therefore, especially for athletes who are at high risk of injury or who are in the process of returning to sports after rehabilitation, and from whom high performance is not expected, morning training sessions may be preferred instead of evening training sessions. If training can not be performed in the morning, clinicians should follow the athletes instantly during evening training. Considering the relationship between dynamic postural control and injuries, the results obtained in this study can be considered to contribute to the current literature, and programs related to training and rehabilitation. Since the results of this study were obtained from real training sessions of elite soccer players, they are of greater value to clinicians and researchers.

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