

HAMSTRING FLEXIBILITY FOR ROWING

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The Problem :

Most Rowers have lower back issues and hamstring issues and nobody I see is addressing these issues adequately why?

The Answer :

A deeper understanding of the aggravating issues and appropriate 'real stretching ' techniques is the answer(Focus on the Hamstrings/lower back) .

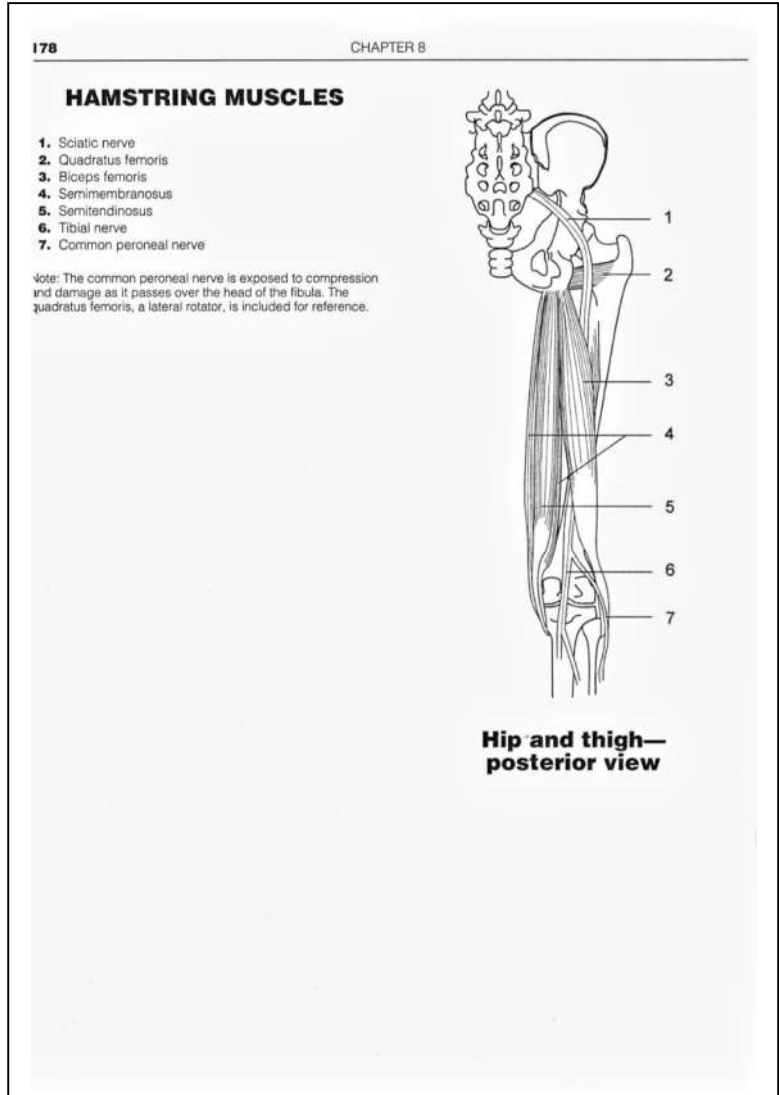
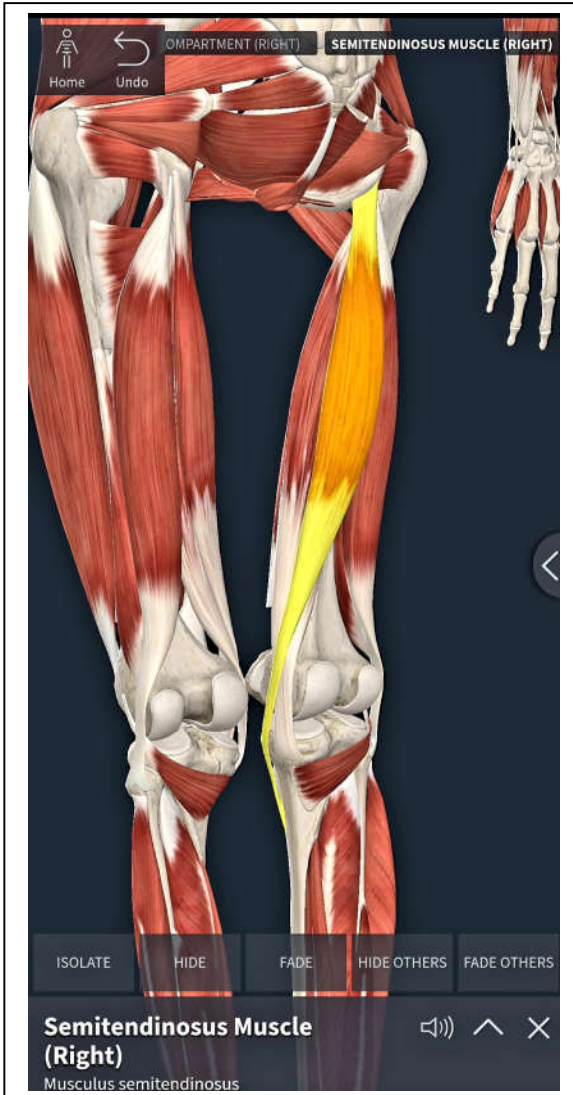
Lets have a quick pictorial look at the anatomy :

- 1) hamstrings (Semitendinosus, semimembranosus, Biceps femoris
- 2)Erector Spinae group (lower back especially)

As the rower rows the process is this: contraction stroke (tucked in) and expansion stroke (flexed out as oar scoops water) this looks simple but in the bodies biomechanics its complicated.

- *extending the leg (quads)(Extension at knee/ flexion at hip)
- *contracting the leg(Hamstrings)(Flexion at knee/extension at hip)
- *contracting the lower back (Erector Spinae) (Flexion bending back /flexion bending Fwd)
- *contracting the arms /torso (lats/biceps) (Flexion)

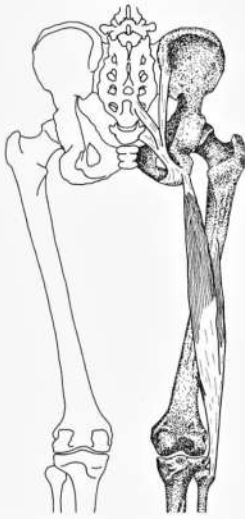
The body works in synergy and to unwind it we must work in reverse .



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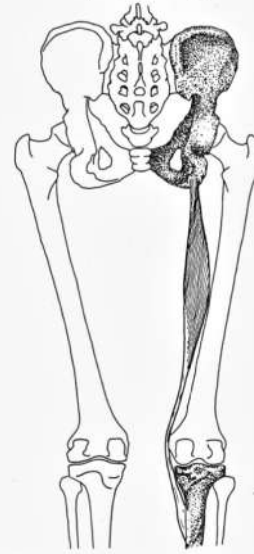
BICEPS FEMORIS
(Part of hamstrings)



Hip and thigh—posterior view

Origin	Long head—ischial tuberosity, sacrotuberous ligament Short head—linea aspera, lateral supracondylar ridge, lateral intermuscular septum	Nerve	Long head—tibial part of sciatic nerve (S1-S3) Short head—common peroneal of sciatic nerve (L5, S1, S2)	178
Insertion	Lateral side of head of fibula and lateral condyle of tibia	Note: During walking or running, the hamstrings are used to slow down the leg at the end of its swing and prevent the trunk from flexing at the hip. They are susceptible to being strained by resisting the momentum of these body parts.		
Action	Flexes leg at knee joint, long head also extends thigh at hip joint			

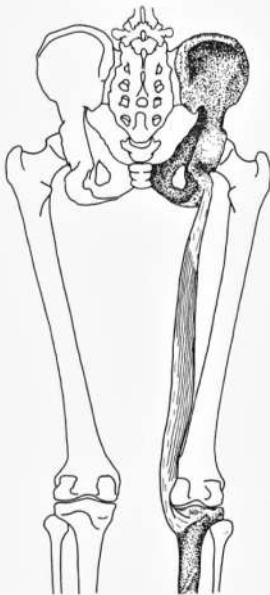
SEMITENDINOSUS
(Part of hamstrings)



Hip and thigh—posterior view

Origin	Ischial tuberosity	Nerve	Tibial portion of sciatic nerve (L5, S1, S2)
Insertion	Medial surface of shaft of tibia	Note: See note on biceps femoris and Relationships section on sartorius.	
Action	Flexes and slightly medially rotates leg at knee joint after flexion, extends thigh at hip joint		

SEMIMEMBRANOSUS
(Part of hamstrings)



Hip and thigh—posterior view

Origin	Ischial tuberosity	Nerve	Tibial portion of sciatic nerve (L5, S1, S2)
Insertion	Posterior part of medial condyle of tibia	Note: See note on biceps femoris.	
Action	Flexes and slightly medially rotates leg at knee joint after flexion, extends thigh at hip joint		

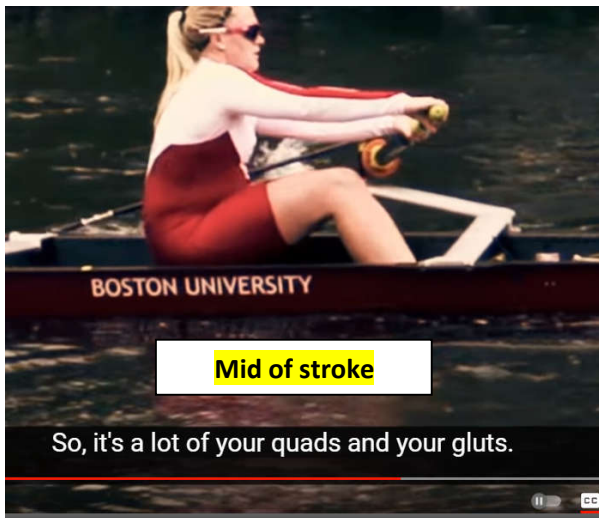


Start of stroke

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YmoqjFRpu8A>

<https://www.bu.edu/articles/2012/head-of-the-charles-the-super-bowl-of-rowing>

Boston University footage referenced



Mid of stroke

So, it's a lot of your quads and your gluts.



End of stroke

you'd think that the most vital part of the stroke



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