Green Monster Spinach & Banana Smoothie
Serves 1

Ingredients:
- 1 cup water
- 1 large banana
- 1 cup frozen spinach
- 2 tbsp unsalted natural almond butter
- 1/2 scoop Vega protein powder (could use another plant-based protein powder or 100% whey protein powder)
- 1/4 cup dry rolled oats
- 1 tsp honey
- Sprinkle of cinnamon

Directions:
1. Blend all ingredients together until smooth.

Nutrition Tips:
1. Smoothies can be made the night before and kept cold in the fridge for minimizing prep time in the morning.
2. When we talk about post-workout fuel, we want to aim for a balance of carbohydrates and protein so that our bodies can replenish glycogen stores and support the repair and growth of muscle. Ideally after about an hour of moderate-vigorous physical activity, we should aim for a post-workout fuel that contains a ratio between 3:1 and 4:1 grams of carbohydrates to grams of protein.

Nutrition Facts:
- 70g carbs
- 20g pro
- 3.5:1 ratio of carbohydrates to protein

Source:
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