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Statistics – Team Stats, Individual Stats, etc...

One of the most important aspects of both team and player development is keeping game stats. Turn-overs, free throws, steals, missed shots, missed lay-ups, and overall shooting percentage are just a few areas of the game that a coach can track. Once a coach explains how turn-overs, missed lay ups (for example) affect the outcome of a game – the players will respond to the feedback and hopefully work harder to help the team’s performance. It’s up to the coach to discuss individual stats with each player and work with that player to improve their game. Stats should always be communicated in a positive manner, and never used to “blame” individual players. Stats can tell a “story” about each game and pinpoint areas that need improvement as well as areas that are a teams strong points. Use game stats as a tool to help improve your team’s performance!

A) Younger Players / Teams:

I have always kept basic stats for any of the younger teams I have coached. My teams are always receptive to the feedback. We always set a goal for each game and the players seem to try harder to make sure we reach the goals. One example – Lets limit our turn-overs to 12, and have more steals than turn-overs. When the team reaches a goal (or goals), win or lose, they always feel a sense of accomplishment!

STARS VS. _____ Date _____

#	PLAYER NAME	SHOTS	FREE THROWS	REBOUNDS
	Alexis Phillips			
	Andrea Jones			
	Carol Martin			
	Kelly Jayston			
	Erika Smart			
	Eleanor Kirkos			
	Morgan Downing			
	Mary Lamar			
	Toni Peterson			
	Kaitlin Farswell			
	Samantha Cox			
TEAM TOTALS				

*Legend: Shots – 2 for shot, 3 for 3 pointer, L for Lay-Up (circle if made)
O = Free Throw (Color the circle if made) / R = Rebound

STARS VS. _____ Date _____

#	PLAYER NAME	TURN-OVERS	TIE-UP, JUMP BALL	STEALS
	Alexis Phillips			
	Andrea Jones			
	Carol Martin			
	Kelly Jayston			
	Erika Smart			
	Eleanor Kirkos			
	Morgan Downing			
	Mary Lamar			
	Toni Peterson			
	Kaitlin Farswell			
	Samantha Cox			
TEAM TOTALS				

*Legend: X = Turn-Over / Check Mark = Tie up-Jump Ball / S = Steals

Note: Usually the younger team’s parents are ready to assist with stats for the coach. I usually assigned the stat taking to any parents that are overly aggressive with their yelling (parents that spend more time yelling at the refs, and their child, etc). Giving these parents the task of keeping stats – helps to keep them pre-occupied with the task and cuts back on the yelling. Try it – it works!

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