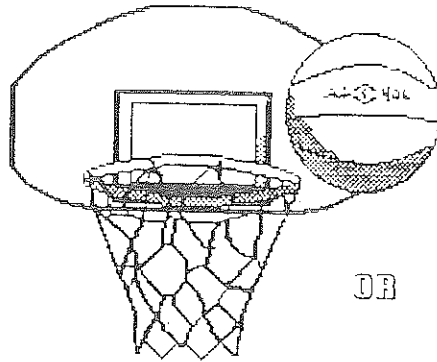


QUALITIES OF A GREAT COACH

THE PROPER FOUNDATION

- ✓ VALUES...Do your values reflect those of the institution ?
- ✓ READ PEOPLE...Be aware of the motives of all who come into your sphere. When you win EVERYONE wants to be your friend. Who are your TRUE friends?
- ✓ BASES OF POWER...Where does the power REALLY lie in your situation ? Make sure you know and understand. Janitors, secretaries, faceless names can wield TREMENDOUS POWER.
- ✓ COMPOSURE...Unto thine own self be true. Remain steadfastly focused. Conduct yourself with class and don't ever forget. To you it's a livelihood. To the kids it's JUST A GAME.
- ✓ GOALS...Remain focused upon your goals and upon your own success principles. When all else is torn away IT'S YOUR LIFE AND YOUR CAREER.

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INTERSCHOLASTIC

OR

INTERCOLLEGIATE

There is a definite difference in the path you choose depending upon YOUR ULTIMATE GOAL:

INTERSCHOLASTIC...

1. Is Physical Education background necessary or even required?
2. Do you need formal coaching training or is playing experience or even personal interest enough? (and in some cases PREFERABLE)
3. Where do you get experience?
 1. Volunteer youth coach
 2. Summer camp (specialty vs. general)
 3. At the specific school
 4. Clinics
 5. ***Knowing the RIGHT PERSON(S)***
4. *****EXCEPT IN SPECIAL CASES IT IS FAR EASIER TO MOVE DOWN THAN TO MOVE UP***** (GERRY FAUST)
5. More pure "coaching" takes place at lower levels than at Division I. (especially at elementary and middle school levels)
6. STABILITY...Generally greater at high schools.
7. Key people...
 - a) principal
 - b) athletic director
 - c) school boards
 - d) faculty
 - e) parents