

NA FALLBALL 2015 WEEK #2 RECAP

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Week 2 was a very good week. Weather was a bit cooler but we still had the barn doors open. We saw some very good matchups, some barn burners, rock fights, a bit of tension and overall some serious intensity and effort. Week 2 was a big night for our college coaches and on Tuesday night we had standing room only on coaches' row. Week 2 is now in the rear view mirror except for this weekly recap before we move on to week 3

ANDOVER 56 NORTH ANDOVER 41: In the annual Harrison's Roast Beef Bowl, North Andover came out fast and furious forcing Andover to call a timeout in the first 40 seconds. A good first half for both teams turned into a one way affair in the second half as Andover was the tougher team, Timmy Kalantzakos was on fire from deep and North Andover shot 24% from the floor. Nice bounce back win for Andover and after burning the nets last week NA needs to find other ways to win when the ball isn't falling like committing more on the defensive end

TEWKSBURY 48 NEW MISSION 47: A good game between two teams that don't seem to like each other very much. Tewksbury took an early 8 point lead before New Mission tied it up. A 15-0 run by the Titans had Tewksbury reeling but gotta love the grit as they battled back. Helping the comeback was New Mission inability to hit free throws 22% and the Redmen would counter a missed free throw with a deep three. The game went down to the wire and Tewksbury completed the comeback and took the dub when New Mission missed a potential game winning shot at the buzzer

PELHAM 98 WACHUSETT 71: This might be this weeks' enigma game. The Mountaineers came off a solid win vs Andover and Pelham got crushed by New Mission in the second half last week but different story this week as Pelham scored the 10th highest amount of points in Fall Ball history scoring 98 points. Keith Brown was phenomenal but Pythons had 5 guys in double figures. Wachusett is better than they showed but allowed Pelham to dictate pace, physicality and mindset. That usually doesn't bode well for any team

WESTFORD 64 CHELMSFORD 50: These two rivals met up and the DCL Grey Ghosts got the better of the MVC Lions. Westford is playing well and playing with more pace than recent years down here. Both Pat Coffey and Bobby Hartmann were very good but the Lions would not go away. Austin Chadwick played well for Chelmsford hitting for 26

CENTRAL CATHOLIC 68 ST. JOHNS PREP 60: I expected the Raiders to be 2-0 but I did not expect the Eagles to be 0-2. CC is playing well and guard play was the difference as the two front courts battled to a draw but CC guards accounted for 45 points, forced 13 turnovers and did not let the Eagles guards get anything started. Pettway and Bradanese were impressive for CC and Harry O'Neil did everything he could for the eagles. Memo to the eagles, O'Neil has to get a touch every possession as good things happen when he does

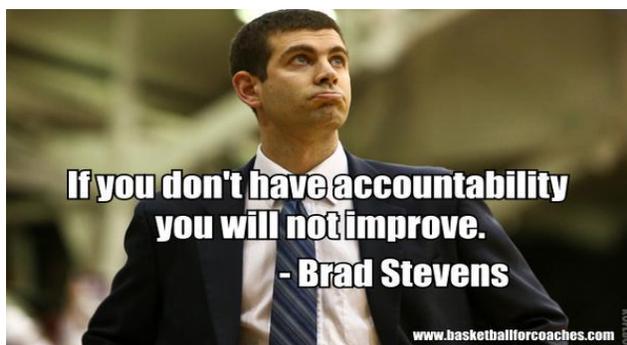
LAWRENCE 58 METHUEN 51: Methuen has had two tough opponents but they proved they will be in every game. The Lancers shot 71% from two land and 60% from deep. Lancers got contributions from everyone. Keegan Lannon was great with 23 points but next scorer for Methuen only had 5 points

BILLERICA 68 ST. PETER MARIAN 62: Billerica played better this week evening their record to 1-1 but needs to play the entire game as St. Peter Marian made this interesting at the end. Josh Bradanese was a stud with 22 and 8 for Billerica and love Bobby Letourneau for SPM who had 14 points and plays beyond his freshman year

HAVERHILL 63 SALEM 46: Love the effort from the Hillies who nobody in this league should take lightly. Salem missing their two best scorers but no excuses the Hillies were the better team tonight. Hillies had 7 guys score between 6 and 10 points. Salem got a great performance by Griffin Curtis with 22 points

LOWELL 63 LONDONDERRY 57: Over at the McDome, Londonderry battled but in the end Lowell is the better team right now. Alex Rivera was the player of the game with 16 points 6 assists and 3 rebounds. Jake Coleman was very impressive for Londonderry with 29 points but not getting a lot of help right now from the rest of the Lancers

TRITON 46 PEABODY 40: A good matchup over at the McDome as the Vikings get in the win column with a solid win. Vikings shot 62% from two land and the 1-2 punch of Will Parsons and Connor Henry was the difference



RESULTS:

ANDOVER 56 (TIMMY KALANTZAKOS 17)

NO ANDOVER 41 (JACK FOWLER 12)

TEWKSBURY 48 (NATE TENAGLIA 16)

NEW MISSION 47 (ISAIHA LAUREANT 17)

PELHAM 98 (KEITH BROWN 42)

WACHUSETT 71 (TYLER DION 32)

WESTFORD 64 (PAT COFFEY 23)

CHELMSFORD 50 (AUSTIN CHADWICK 26)

CENTRAL CATHOLIC 68 (TANAHJ PETTWAY 16)

SJP 60 (HARRY ONEIL 17)

LAWRENCE 58 (JAYSEN DESOTO 17)

METHUEN 51 (KEEGAN LANNON 23)

BILLERICA 68 (JOSH BRADANESE 22)

ST PETER MARIAN (BOBBY LETOURNEAU 14)

HAVERHILL 63 (MARQUS DAWNER 10)

SALEM 46 (GRIFFIN CURTIS 22)

LOWELL 63 (ALEX RIVERA 16)

LONDONDERRY 57 (JAKE COLEMAN 29)

TRITON 46 (WILL PARSONS 18)

PEABODY 40 (BEN SCHMASE 15)

STANDINGS: HAVE BEEN UPDATED ON WEBSITE PLEASE SEE!!!!

NEXT WEEKS GAMES: PLEASE REFER TO SCHEDULE ON WEBSITE!!!!

TEAM OF THE WEEK: The nominees: Pelham was more than just Keith Brown and played with an edge. Westford continues to play well. Haverhill with some balanced scoring looked good. Tewksbury with a gutsy win but the team of the week was hands down **CENTRAL CATHOLIC**. 10 guys in scoring column, gutsy team defense, extremely aggressive and is there a team that is more into this right now than the Raiders? Congrats CC

GAME OF THE WEEK: Lawrence v Methuen was a good one. Triton and Peabody had a close affair but game of week #2 definitely was **TEWKSBURY V NEW MISSION:** We knew this was going to be a good one. Both teams into it, both coaches into it, refs earned their pay. Some beautiful hoop at times, some ugly hoop at times, blood dripping, bodies flying, game of runs that was not decided to final play. Good job guys

DO YOUR JOB WEEK 2 WINNER: BOBBY HARTMANN, WESTFORD. 15 points 13 rebounds, made his foul shots, played with constant energy and typical Bobby, facial expression never changes. Congrats Bobby

BABY FACES! I DON'T THINK SO: Best Freshman and sophomores tonight. **BOBBY LETOURNEAU (FR) SPM**, Kid is a warrior, tough as nails. Reminds me of a young former Watertown and Merrimack College star Bobby Murgo. **TANAHJ PETTWAY (SO) CC**, All I will say is the kid is back. Bigger than last year and he can flat out play. Gonna enjoy watching him grow as a player

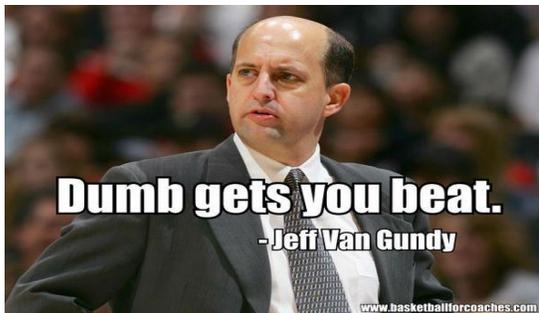
PLAYER OF THE WEEK: The nominees are **GRIFFIN CURTIS (SALEM), NATE TENAGLIA (TEWKSBURY) ISAIAH LAUREANT (NEW MISSION) JAKE COLEMAN (LONDONDERRY), ALEX RIVERA (LOWELL) TIMMY KALANZAKOS (ANDOVER) TY DION (WACHUSETT) JOSH BRADANESE (BILLERICA) KEEGAN LANNON (METHUEN)** **BUT THERE WAS ONE BETTER THAN THIS GROUP. A COMPLETE MAN AMONG BOYS THIS WEEK. 42 POINTS, 10 ASSISTS 7 REBOUNDS 9 OF 11 FROM TWO 6 OF 10 FROM THREE, 6 OF 7 FROM THE LINE. LOVED HOW HE EXERTED HIS WILL BUT ALSO HOW HE TRUSTED TEAMMATES AND GOT OTHERS INVOLVED. WE HAVE NOT SEEN A LINE LIKE THIS SINCE THE BEST WHO EVER PLAYED DOWN HERE PAT CONNAUGHTON PERFORMED. CONGRATS KEITH**

ZEBRAS IN WEEK 2: Rich Napolitano, Moona Mullins, Kevin Boots, Julien Scott. James Slattery. Brian Gleason, Chris Dion, Tony Romano, Tracy Mitchell

COLLEGES IN THE BARN: BRIDGEWATER, AMC, GORDON, UMASS BOSTON, UMASS DARTMOUTH, ROGER WILLIAMS, ST JOSEPHS, KEENE STATE, EMMANUEL, SUFFOLK, ENDICOTT, COLBY-SAWYER, MT IDA, WPI, FITCHBURG, ENDICOTT, WHEELLOCK, NECC, ALL TOTAL WE HAVE SEEN 24 SCHOOLS ALREADY AND MANY MORE COMING

NUTS & BOLTS:

- GOOD JOB with No Shirt No Play rule
- Will be serving eviction notices to parents and players who sit in coaches row, doesn't help your sons recruitment. Only College and High school coaches in the Row!
- Please remember for those that collect shirts the kids must wear same number every week
- Please help US by having your kids throw out their trash
- Sounds system will be in play this week. Requests are taken please see scorers' table
- We passed out the weeks stats from week 1. Missed passing out to Wachusett, New Mission & Tewksbury will get to you. Please do not leave around, one coach did. These will not be on the website. What you do with them is up to you but some very good talking points for sure
- Coaches after your done talking to your kids please be aware the college coaches may want to talk to any of your seniors
- Volunteer coaches, I know it gets emotional but please appropriate behavior with the zebras



WEEKLY PET PEEVES: ON MONDAY AND TUESDAYS WE WILL BE LISTING THE PET PEEVES THAT ANY BBALL PERFECTION GUY CAN APPRECIATE

MONDAY	TUESDAY
SHOT SELECTION-SET BBALL BACK 50 years	INABILITY TO MAKE FREE THROWS
HUNTING SHOTS	WEAK CROSS COURT PASSES
UNWILLINGNESS TO GET ON FLOOR	PLAYERS NOT UP TO PHYSICALITY
DEFENSIVE BALL HANDLING	FOCUS ISSUES
BALL STICKING	OVER DRIBBLING & NOT GOING ANWHERE

FASHION OF THE WEEK: Some people brought it; others a complete careless disregard for the fashion highlight: A lot of people with the flip flop, sandals, latest kicks. Some started with what we call the late summer look, holding on to the final days and few people debuted the early fall look with sweatshirts and light sweaters. **THE WINNER(S) OF WEEK 2 FASHION OF THE WEEK FOR WHAT WE CALL "I WANT TO DRESS LIKE MY DAD LOOK"** IS WPI Head Coach **Chris Bartley** and Keene Head Coach **Ryan Cain**. Now we know Ryan played and coached for Chris and we know both school colors are red but the matching red polos, the khaki dress pants straight out of Louies, the terry cloth socks and dress shoes reminded me of twin day at the middle school. Word has it Chris took Ryan for an ice cream cone at cows' rock after the final game. Congrats to Chris and Ryan

FACES IN THE CROWD FOR WEEK 2: Bill Gibbons Sr. Tom Gibbons, Coach OD, Former St. Anselm star Dave Bulkey, The lovely Robyn Columbsian, Molly Fowler, Cathy Lee, Deb Romano, Alan Hibino, Cory McCarthy, Bill Brinklow, The Tewksbury Board of Selectman on the baseline, Jersey Jim, Mrs Derrah accompanied by Mrs Tenaglia, Tewksbury Coaching staff, Mr. Nystrom, Pelham couple of the year Mr and Mrs Frank, holding hands, Charlie Micol, Nick Beati and Pops, Lauren Coffey, Springsteen fan Mrs Hartmann, Chris Bramanti, John Smiley Warden, North Andover coaching staff including Paul Tanglis Sr. Paul Tanglis, Kevin Tanglis and Mike Tanglis on skype, Mike Grillakis, Atty Hajjar, the Carmichaels, the entire Central Catholic coaching staff, Mrs Danforth, Dr. O'neil, John Dullea, Ray Nunez and old time Lancer fan (looking great by the way), Jim Zenevitch, Lisa Lannen & Matt Curran, former WPI star David Brown, Matt Streich, Roger Hardy, Officer Mejia, Mr & Mrs Rivera, Marcus Watson, mom' in coaches row (eviction notices sent to SPM), Former Wildcat Hooper Marc Bradanese, Mr. Frawley, Roy Nickerson, Mrs Baltayan, Deb Bradanese, Gerry Bradanese, Rob Mclaughlin, Dean Colleti, Orlando Romero, Mrs Curtis, Mike Trovato, Nate Stanton, YMCA VP Frank Kenneally, The Rosenthals, Unicyclist Stevie Martinez, Mrs Buresh, Lynn Parsons, Liberty Tree Mall Restoration Committee, Dave Clay, Dan Letarte, Alexa Keating and child, professional dancer Lindsey Scarpa, Madeline McCoy, late arriving Haverhill student section, George York, Teddy Slattery without the whistle, NAYRS

cleaning company, yoga instructor Kim Andrews, Sean Kenneally, & COLLEGE COACHES IN THE ROW

WHO BROUGHT IT IN WEEK #2 – YOU WANT TO BE MENTIONED BRING IT EVERY NIGHT!

North Andover came down to earth this week. Didn't shoot it well and did not defend in second half. A bad mix if you are trying to win the Harrison Bowl. **JACK FOWLER** continues to impress scoring 12 points but needs to be aggressive throughout the contest. Love where this kid is heading. Sophomore **BEN OCONNELL** had a nice game with 4 points and 9 rebounds and learning to play each possession all the way through. **CONNOR ROGERS** had another strong night running the show 5 points, 5 rebounds 3 assists. As the Knights point I need him to get control of the team when things start to go south. **WADE WHIPPLE** chipped in with 5 points and 4 boards from the guard position. **TIMMY KALANTZAKOS** was very good hitting 4 out 5 from three land and being very confident with his shot. **BRANDON WITTEN** stepped up with 10 points and 4 rebounds. **RYAN OCONNELL** did a little of everything, love this kid 4 points, 2 assists, 7 rebounds and really defended. **JON RODRIGUES** had 8 Points and 6 rebounds this week

NATE TENAGLIA had another good night with 16 points, 6 assists and 6 rebounds. Struggled from three but shot 54% from two. Used a lot of toilet paper to plug his nose as he did not want to miss a possession. **DAVID GIUGGIO** hit some big shots at the right time finishing with 7 points and 3 boards. **JUSTIN DERRAH** battled Isaiah Laureant all night and scored 13 with 7 rebounds. **GIOVANNI CHAMPA** continues to impress. **ISAIAH LAUREANT** is good. The big guy was much more aggressive in week 2 as he scored 17 with some nice moves around the hoop. Also had 7 boards. **TY LEE** scored 7 points but was huge on the boards with 10 from the guard spot. Not afraid to sacrifice his body also. I really like **DARION JORDAN** this week, active throughout and contributed 6 and 3. Playing alongside Laureant is going to cause problems for teams.

Pelham played very well this week and despite the Player of the Week performance by **KEITH BROWN** we saw some nice contributions from a lot of Pythons. **CAM DELEATTO** was effective on both sides of the floor and scored 11 points. **RYAN NYSTROM** is on the all improved team for sure. 14 more points and shot 50% from 2 and 3. **KYLE FRANK** played both guards spots and was productive 10 points 5 assists. **COLBY WILSON** scored it well with 19 points and used the big body to corral 8 boards. Wachusett needs to get to week 3 and needs to match the physicality and pace. **TY DION** was very good but had to score in my opinion too much tonight. He is a warrior and he responded with 32 points, 3 assists and 3 boards. **MATT BERMAN** scored 8 with 7 boards and **EVAN CUDMORE** was only other mountaineer in double figures with 13 points and 5 boards

Westford's schedule will get harder as the season progresses but they are playing well. **PAT COFFEY** is playing well and not a surprise that a lot of college coaches are looking at him. 23 points on 58% shooting. **BOBBY HARTMANN** is our Do Your Job winner, 15 and 13 was the line

but doesn't tell the whole story. Every team needs a Bobby Hartmann. **JON GLIDDEN** continues to impress with 15, would like to see him a bit more in control and needs to watch some of the passes but the kid is so improved. Keep an eye on big **MIKE BALTAYAN** 4 points and 6 boards and Pags is the right guy to work with this young man. Chelmsford like Haverhill plays hard. Not the most talented team but don't take these guys lightly. **AUSTIN CHADWICK** was very good with 26 points and shot it very well. **ANDREW LINEHAN** you can't help but root for this kid. Kid gives you everything he has 11 points, 2 assists, 4 rebounds. **LANDON CASS** contributed with 5 points and 6 boards

Central Catholic is looking like the team to beat right now. **TANAHJ PETTWAY** as discussed earlier is back. Kid is going to have a terrific sophomore year and happy that he is back healthy after missing the aau season. **COLIN BRADANESE** is getting better every day. He had some very big hoops in the second half and finished with 13. **GEORGE GRILLAKIS** is coming back from the injury and didn't look good in week 1 but this week very active, 11 points and 3 rebounds. Folks have not seen the best of **KEVIN FERNANDEZ** but they will. Tonight 8 points and 4 rebounds. Do not sleep on this kid. **IAN CARMICHAEL** with 6 points and 7 rebounds and **STEVEN HAJJAR** 4 points and 4 boards and the kid is very intriguing. For the Prep after a very successful summer they are in a funk. They have to dig out of this because there is too much talent here for them not to be successful. As discussed the Preps best player was **HARRY ONEIL**, the ball needs to go through this kid. He is going to be a very good college basketball player, but more importantly he is preps best player this season. **TOMMY ONEIL** starting to show that he is going to be a scholarship player. Back to back aggressive attacks of the hoop was what I was waiting for. Probably needs to be a bit more selfish also. **NATE HOBBS** impressed me and this kid could be good. Tonight 11 points, 2 assists and 4 rebounds. **BRIAN JEAN FRANCOIS** in my opinion earned minutes for next week 10 points and 3 rebounds. I thought **JIMMY YFANTOPOLIS** was the one guard that got the ball to Harry O'Neil. He was aggressive on the attack scored 5 points and had 2 assists. Would like to see the use of the floater and pullup in the lane a couple of times. **BRETT MCNIFF** contributed 5 points and 4 rebounds

Lawrence is playing well and off to a 2-0 start. **JAYSEN DESOTO** played very well. I liked his decision making and he knocked down shots 17 points 3 assists 3 rebounds. Get to know **JUAN FELIX RODRIGUES**, his second straight strong game with 16 points. **BENNIAMI RODRIGUES** works hard every possession and tonight 12 points and 4 rebounds and the energizer bunny **MARCOS GERMOSEN** just plays and scored 10 tonight. **KEEGAN LANNON** was terrific and another one of the most improved players in the MVC. He scored 23 points and had 6 three pointers on offense and on defense he just gets after it. One of those kids you hate playing against but love playing with. **EVAN HARDY** is in soccer mode but loved working this kid out this summer and when he gets in basketball mode he is going to be a nice piece. **ANDREW MARCELIONO** continues to just give you everything he has. He scored 5 points had 7 rebounds and defended. I am really liking **TJ SCOTT** more and more 10 points, 4 boards tonight

Billerica got their first win in fall ball and the key as with most nights will be **JOSH BRADANESE**. Josh was a tough matchup for SPM as his length, ability to hit threes and rebound was huge. Josh had 22 points 8 rebounds and 3 assists. **JOHN BALTAYAN** has become a secondary scorer to Bradanese and I like what I saw from John. He had 14 points on 60% shooting. **ALEX FRAWLEY** has gotten bigger and he will have a big year for the Indians. Tonight he had 10 points and 4 boards. SPM best player tonight was **BOBBY LETOURNEAU**. I really like what this kid can do and will do. He had 14 points but what impressed me more was his leadership and his toughness. **RUDY MARTINEZ** scored it well knocking in 11 points. I liked the efforts from **JUAN ZORILLA** (9) points and **DEMARR LANGFORD** (9) points also. Love this Guardians team because they are not big but they play big and they have heart.

Salem was missing **MATT VARTANIAN** and now will miss him for rest of fall ball with a broken thumb but Blue Devils got a great game from **GRIFFEN CURTIS** with 22 points and 3 rebounds. **DJ COLLETI & MATT MCLAUGHLIN** are getting better every day. Two new guys that can help the Blue Devils is **CONNOR GREENFIELD** who is active and tonight scored 5 points and **TYLER RODRIGUES** who scored 5 with 4 boards but he adds some nice toughness. Young **ORLANDO ROMERO** showed some things as a future point guard with three nice assists. Haverhill has balance as 8 kids scored between 6-10 points. **NAVIN CRUZ** looked a bit rusty but the kid can play and tonight had 9 points. **MARQUS DAWNER** led the scoring with 10 points and other contributions came from **MATT BATTAINNI (9)**, **JOEY FENDERSON (9)** **DECLIN DAVIS (8)** **DEJAEN PENDLETON (6)** and 2 assists

Lowell is off to their best fall ball start at 2-0 and the one/ two punch right now is **ALEX RIVERA** and **SIDI DIALLO**. Alex was very good once again with 16 points, 6 assists and 3 rebounds and ran the show. Sidi had 10 points tonight and can be a tough cover. **EDDY ALCANTERA** was very good with 8 points and 7 rebounds. Keep an eye on **AP WENNAH**, you still haven't seen his best 6 and 6 for AP tonight. Good looking freshman **QUEST HARRIS** had 7 and **TIM SALSA** added 8. For Londonderry they need to get folks to help out **JAKE COLEMAN** who was everything tonight with 29 points on 58% shooting. Two good looking freshman **ETHAN MAY** and **ETHAN GARAFOLO** may have earned more minutes in week 3. This team will be fine when Nate Stanton can get them every day.

Lastly Triton gets their first win since week 2 last year. **WILL PARSONS** 18 points 7 rebounds and the return of **CONNOR HENRY** 16 points 6 rebounds were huge for the Vikings. We also saw some moments from **KHALIL BRITO** and **ADAM BALETSA**. For Peabody **BEN SCHMASE** had 15 points and 6 rebounds and **JUNIOR ESTRELLA** had 12 points and 11 rebounds for his second straight double /double



The Weekly Rant – Food for Thought or Food for the Dumpster – You Decide!

Basketball evolves constantly and that is what makes this the greatest game. The need for a traditional point guard has changed drastically over the last ten years as we play a different style where we tend to have 3-4 guards on the floor at one time that can space the floor, put the ball on the floor efficiently, pass and cut. The reality for me in week two is there are not a lot of teams that have the personnel or do what I just said. The head scratcher for me is how loosely people label some a point guard. For me I am not even sure why we use numbers 1-5, why we call everyone a point guard, two guard, combo guard, shooting guard, wing, small forward, power forward stretch 4, center, etc. etc. etc. Probably should limit it to guards and forwards or I prefer just call someone a PLAYER, but I am digressing. In the old days point guards were just pass first players, set up the offense and run the show, with the evolving game now point guards tend to be more scoring guards like Steph Curry and Russell Westbrook as opposed to Jason Kidd etc. The one thing that hasn't changed is you still gotta be able to do the following

1. **Handle the Ball** – I am amazed in the first two weeks how poor a number of so called pg's handle is. I have watched kids bounce the ball off their feet, lose the ball with no defense and not able to handle pressure or even what to do when help defense arrives. I have also watched what I call defensive ball handling. If you have to advance the ball to the front court with your back to the defender, you have a lot of work to do. Trainers there is a place for stationary and two ball dribbling but get realistic development against defenders. I honestly believe ball handling is the one skill you can improve on the fastest if you put the time in and work on realistic ball handling.
2. **Efficient Ball Handling, play north to south and go by the guy**: I am amazed with the over dribbling where kids don't go anywhere but because they do a pull- back dribble and get the defender leaning they think it's a highlight film, how about when that defender is off balance blow by him. The best point guards in this league are efficient and decisive. A number of us are making it our vocation to preach and teach efficiency
3. **Don't Turn the Ball over**. The best stat for me is assist to turnover ratio. Get people the ball in scoring positions and don't turn the ball over. It's simple! So many guys in the first two weeks are out of control and instead of say 3:1 we are seeing 1:3. Learn to harness speeds, change direction, change speeds etc. You can't play for me if you're a turnover machine

4. **You must be a precise and strong passer.** The lost art of passing is here and guys got to know how and when to pass. The post position has drastically changed but a number of college coaches, refs and I are amazed with inability to make a post entry pass. Passing is a lost art but too has evolved, guys gotta be able to make all types of passes off the dribble and off the pass
5. **Court Vision and Feel for the game:** Something you must have and you don't pick this up overnight. The reality is as much as some of these guys want to have that they never will. SORRY BUT THIS KEEP IT REAL MOMENT
6. **Knock down shots.** Whether you're a scoring pg or a pass first pg you need to be able to knock down open shots, you must be able to create shots also
7. **Must be able to penetrate** into the lane to dish or get to the rack if you are good enough. A lot of these kids want to do it but don't have the skill set to do it yet and end up being out of control and committing charge. Yes kids gotta learn but work on the skill endlessly then make plays in the real games. 18 of these situations in week #2
8. **A real passion to make teammates better.** Love guys that get more enjoyment with an assist than scoring themselves. Like shooters that hunt shots I don't love pg's that hunt assists instead of making a pass that leads to another pass and scoring opportunity. I love hockey assists and if Eric Spoelstra and I had our way this would be an actual stat
9. **Can you defend? Will you defend?** It may be a pg that pressure defends the full court or smart pg who can contain in the front court but pg's have to defend
10. **Cerebral and High IQ.** Again everyone wants to have these skills but very few have it. I love cerebral point guards that know what they have to do, don't get rattled or emotional and able to read the game better than their defender. Bottom line you don't have to be Einstein but you need to understand this game and how it's played
11. **Point Guards have to lead.** They must be an extension of the coach on the court. Some maybe more vocal but at the end of the day I need a general who is going to get the job done. I love Head Coach and point guard relationship and yes they can be tough at times as I am always hardest on my point guard and best player

I can go with even more traits and I know my boys Sean Ryan, Hammer Smith, Bert Hammel etc. will probably text me with others in the first hour of the release but you get the gist.

Right now we have a few good point guards that are actually very different but effective in their own right: Nate Tenaglia, Tyler Dion, Connor Rogers, Tanahj Pettway, Ty Lee, Alex Rivera, Bobby Letourneau, Alec Buresh, Navin Cruz, and a couple of young guys that will get there Jimmy Yfantopolis, Dante Rivera, Cole Britting, Matt Mclaughlin to name a few

As the weeks go by we will see this improve and when our head coaches get their players everyday there will be marked improvement. We do need to do a better job of easily labelling everyone a point guard when they are clearly not. I do believe kids can become better but if you are missing a number of these characteristics you are probably not a point guard as much

as you or your circle may want you to be. So my advice just get better, don't worry about the label and just be a PLAYER

As we always say in fall ball. Don't Get Too High, Don't Get Too Low, Its FALLBALL