

25 Little Things to Remember

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1. Every little thing counts. If it doesn't, why do it?
2. When closely guarded don't go to the ball, go backdoor
3. Whenever you cut, look for a return pass
4. When you commit to a cut don't stop
5. Bad shooters are always open
6. On offense, move the defense
7. Pressure the ball so the offense is disrupted
8. If the 5 man guards your 3 man look to throw crosscourt passes
9. Watch the man in front of you. He shows you what to do.
10. Keep you dribble. Dribble for something useful
11. A pass is not a pass when it is made after you've tried to do anything else
12. A good player knows what he is good at. He also knows what he is not good at and only does the former.
13. You want to be good at those things that happen a lot
14. When the legs go, the heart and the head follow quickly behind
15. Defense involves three things: Courage, Energy, Intelligence
16. If your teammate does not pass the ball to you when you're open and he doesn't say anything then he didn't see you. If he says "I'm sorry", he saw you but didn't want to pass
17. In trying to learn to do a specific thing, the specific thing is what you must practice.
18. Whatever you are doing is the most important thing you are doing while you are doing it.
19. Anyone can be average

20. Being punctual is good in itself. However, what is more important is that your punctuality tells your teammates what you think of them.
21. Hardly any players play to lose. Only a few play to win.
22. I like passers they can see everything
23. The way you think affects what you see and do
24. Rarely does a person who competes with his head as well as his body come out second.
25. The ability to rebound is in inverse proportion to the distance your house is from the nearest railroad tracks.