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“BE A GAME CHANGER”

A challenge for you.

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“Woodenisms”

John Wooden was a legendary NCAA basketball coach who died just short of his 100th birthday in 2010.

Without meaning to he also became recognized as a teacher / philosopher whose thoughts were revealed in succinct and simple sayings and quotes.

I will attempt to weave my thoughts around five of those sayings.



“The main ingredient of stardom is the rest of the team.”

- Team versus individual performance.
- Team success versus team failure.
- I look good if we look good.
- **The Challenge**
 - The greatest impact you can have, the greatest extent to which you can be a **GAME CHANGER**, is your influence in making all those around you better.
- Be a leader in the process regardless of experience.
- Friendship, loyalty, respect and cooperation are necessary for team success.



“A strong self-confident leader gives credit and takes blame. A weak leader takes credit and gives blame.”

- Give others freedom to perform.
- Admit when wrong. Be content and self-satisfied when right.
- Accept responsibility and obligation to instruct, teach, mentor, correct others. This is being a coach.

“A coach is someone who can give correction without causing resentment.”

- Not easy. No single approach that is best.
- Encourage, instruct, correct.
- Look for opportunities to encourage and reinforce good behaviours.
- Defuse the bomb before it goes off.
 - Whistle Discipline
 - Ball Hawking
 - Incorrect Signals



“A leader’s most powerful ally is his or her own example.”

- Model
- Mechanics
- Approachable
- Politeness
- No tough guy
- Listen and hear
- Fess up



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- Accept Criticism
- Control you voice
- Pre-game with coach
- Answer reasonable questions
- Composure – “Everybody stay calm!”
- No boasting
- Be quick but don’t hurry. Mental Replay.



“It’s what you learn after you know it all that counts.”

- Officiating excellence is a journey
- Success is not final
- Prepare for the next challenge
- Expect the unexpected
- Both your knowledge and your character will be challenged



In conclusion:

Take satisfaction and pride in the development and success of others you have taught and worked with. Helping others reach their potential means you are achieving your potential as a **GAME CHANGER.**



