



Selectors Observations 2011

General Comments

- Exciting to see previously identified young players getting court time and performing well under pressure
- Variety of team defence methods being employed across the regions with great effect.
- Teams evolving thru a game to utilize individual player's strengths when initially not doing so.
- Moments of refreshing efficiency and brilliance throughout the teams but far too intermittent and a general lack of basic skills is impacting on capabilities of players.
- Basic skills breaking down especially under pressure, greater priority needs to be placed on skill & technique development in all areas of court.
- General play too reactive, players waiting until ball reaches a player before moving both on attack and defence. Not preparing early enough on attack or defence.
- Inconsistent performances from teams; query whether conditioning of a number of players is contributing to this inconsistency

Work On's - On Attack

- Quicker release of the ball on attack when options available.
- Feeding with flair, deception and accuracy.
- Body balance with ball, not stepping into opponents.
- Greater variety of getting free options, over-use of running or using arm to push off opponent instead of doing the preparation work to get free.
- Being available for straight line players, attacking tendency seems to be to create space not on ball side, thus forcing angled passes.
- Create available options to centre through court attack, overuse of sideline play and angled passes.
- Use of up and back on attack through court, players running across court to get free, cutting off better options and tightening up attacking options.
Balancing the court; players wanting to go to the ball – especially in centre and attacking goal thirds. More work on moving to space to open up options and free space to the ball.
- Turning fully and looking down court first option, WA's, C's (esp) and GA's not looking down court and into circle from centre and goal thirds. A lot of lateral play or reversing ball back up court.
- Circle balance - shooters 'posting' directly in front of the passer on circle edge and shutting down passing options, work on rolling out and freeing up space for other shooter while still being available on drop themselves.
- Retaining possession – decision making on passing
- Vision on attack, awareness of opposition, space perception and options on when passing.
- Ability to use up to 3 seconds if needed.
- Goal shooting accuracy.
- Understanding of when to change pace, use of speed and change of direction.

Work On's - On Defence

- Use body angles, vision and skill to restrict opponents, too often defenders using arms to hold, feel for and restrict opponent.
- Reading play and timing to intercept. A lot of cross court attacking play where defenders are in the right position to intercept but seem unaware of gaining turnover opportunities.
- Greater discipline from in circle defence on distance and timing of their jump on the shot, giving penalties far too cheaply.
- More sustained defensive effort through all phases.
- Quick feet; defenders – especially circle defence, 'prodding' from behind to 'contest' the ball rather than getting feet and bodies in front to take clean ball without involving umpire.