



Monday's Scouting Report – "In His Mitt"

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Good Enough

"A gold medal is a wonderful thing, but if you're not enough without it, you'll never be enough with it." – Irv Blitzer

I love to compete. I suspect I am no different than any of you. It is part of any athlete or coaches DNA. It is how we were designed by God.

In my time coaching, I learned, however, that winning wasn't always a byproduct of the final score. I learned that our team could actually win and not play well. And on the flip-side, we could lose a game, yet not fail.

Winning and losing is simply a term to describe whether or not we scored more runs than our opponent. However, as a coach we have a greater responsibility than "winning and losing." As a coach we are called to prepare our athletes to give everything they have to be the best they can be – both on and off the field. Anything less than our best, short changes ourselves, our team, and our athletes.

There is an old saying; "It's not if you win or lose, it's how you play the game." When I coached, I always wanted myself, my assistants, and our team to be prepared and confident going into a game. I wanted to play the game the best we were capable of playing. I feel the same way in life!

If you prepare yourself and your team the best they can be prepared, wins will happen. If you simply go through the motions, you are cutting yourself and your team short and the team will never reach its full potential.

It is the same off the field. We all have longings of the soul that need to be feed. If we simply rely on wins and losses to define ourselves, we will soon find ourselves starving spiritually. In fact, being "full" spiritually provides us with freedom to be the best coach we can be on the field.

Stop trying to define yourself by your team's wins and losses. Instead look to God. He knows who you are, and He is the only one that can fill you up. He knows exactly what you need!

"Don't you know that the runners in a stadium all race, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way to win the prize." (1 Corinthians 9:24)