

Nuggets of Knowledge

Remember that the first three letters of **fundamentals** are f-u-n
...keep it fun or you'll soon lose your audience

Know what you say and say what you know
... no time to baffle 'em with b.s.

Set standards and not goals
...goals can be achieved once and are usually forgotten;
a standard can be accomplished over and over (i.e. hustle on, hustle off)

Learn that there is more than one RIGHT way
...there are lots of wrong ways and lots of right ways too! Your way
isn't necessarily the best way, it's just YOUR way

Everyone has the will to WIN; few have the will to PREPARE to win
...**championships are won when no one is watching** (in practice)

Good is the enemy of great
...if you're satisfied with good, you'll never see great. Must pass
through good on the way to greatness

This IS the next level
...prepare them for today. It is OK to have an eye on the future, but don't let
that be your entire focus

A coach has many players; the player has only one coach
...It is YOU who must be adaptable

Be the best coach they ever HAVE
...when they look back in 10 years, let it be YOU who had the most
influence in their betterment

No compliment—no condemn
...if you can't find the time to praise, don't find the time to complain

OFTEN is always better than MORE
...knowledge is better absorbed a few drops at the time
...you get better in nibbles and not in gulps

Special teams are made to feel that way
...they only feel SELECT when you make it that way

Your team is your bank account

...you can only get out of it what you put into it. If you put nothing in, don't expect to get something out

Games are to show what you've learned in practice

...can't expect them to do what they haven't worked on.

Practice makes permanent, not perfect

...practice habits come to the surface after the ump yells "play ball"

Teach your big man the small man's game

...your star won't always play their games on a 200' fence and 65' bases. They need to learn to bunt, run bases and hit the cutoff man like everyone else.

Build your team from the ground up, just as you would a house

...establish a strong foundation if you want to build "higher" than your neighbors (i.e. higher in the standings)

Work to keep your star player connected to the team

...don't allow your AAU/select players to drift away from the rest of the team. Lots of two way dialogue with them and their parents; use them to exhibit skills to rest of team

We never stand still in sports

...you're either getting better or you're getting worse

Remember: to dwell in the past is to rob from the present, but to ignore the past is to rob from the future