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Fastbreak Notes: Ken Barrett (Interim Executive Director)

The WBCA is extremely active these days, fighting for the shot clock and State Tournament expansion. Please share our desired outcomes with your Athletic Director, Principal, and Superintendent. It is my hope that you will respond to the survey that you will soon receive. Doubling the number of team at our state tournament for all Divisions will allow an additional 20 communities the opportunity to celebrate with their participating High School. Although there are some hurdles that we must climb over, the end results will benefit all divisions if we continue to show a united front.

Also, a number of schools have called wondering if we still send out additional plaques to honor All-Star game participants.

We no longer do that; however, schools can purchase them on their own by contacting Championship Trophies. Speak to Bob Kowal. His cell # is 608-792-4041.



The process of finding our next Executive Director is in motion. Please follow the directions on the email you receive for your self-nomination or for nominating a desired candidate. Our goal is to find the most qualified individual for the position of WBCA Executive Director. It is my promise to you that I will seek and find that individual. Best of luck in the coming 2025-26 season.



President's Message from Randy Storlie

The WBCA has had a very busy year so far since the 2025 basketball season ended. We hosted the All-State, All-Academic, and All-Star Banquets. A special thank you must go out to Joan Petitgoue for putting together and organizing these outstanding events. Of course, we also hosted the best nationwide All-Star games at the Just-a-Game Fieldhouse in late June. The best of the best players in the state showed off why they were chosen as all-stars. The games were extremely well attended and a big thank you must go out to the chairpersons and their staffs for putting together this event in Mike Huser for the Boys and Loren Homb for the girls. But it doesn't end there as we hosted two more big events in our Hall of Fame banquet and the Fall Clinic. The WBCA was so honored to induct so many well-deserving individuals into our Hall of Fame and hand out special awards to coaches as well. Thanks, Joan, for organizing this very special day for all the winners and inductees. The Fall Clinic is always considered the best in the nation and Jon Nedelcoff and Jay Benish and their staff members must be given a huge thank you for organizing and lining up this event.



Besides hosting all these events to reward and promote basketball in the state we are working very hard to make this great game of basketball even stronger in the state. We are working on these two items, (1- State Expansion) and (2- Shot Clock). We have committees that have been putting in countless hours on these issues and working hand and hand with the WIAA. Thanks to the committee members for all your efforts as we are making great progress on each issue.

I would also like to thank our Interim Executive Director in Ken Barrett. He has taken on the impossible task of following our long time and legendary leader in Coach Jerry Petitgoue. When you see Ken give him a big thank you and to the rest of the Executive Board members for stepping up on all their efforts in this time of transition.

Lastly, I do not need to remind you that a new season is on our doorstep. It looks like it will be another fun and fantastic season with so many good memories and moments just around the corner. I hope all of us are so grateful we get to teach this game to our young people and have the opportunity to share in a part of their lives. I would like to wish all of you the best in the up-coming season and thank you for being such a positive part of Wisconsin basketball.

Girls All-Star Games

By Loren Homb

The 43rd annual Girl's All-Star Games were held on Wednesday June 25 at JustaGame Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells. Parents, fans, and coaches were treated to 5 highly competitive games throughout the day. They were also treated to the Milwaukee Bucks Rim Rockers and the WACPC cheer squads as well.

In the first game of the day the South team led by Wild Rose's Cali Halvovitz 17 points outscored the North in the fourth quarter 30 to 12 to win by the score of 79 to 68. The North was led by Eva Brooks from Lena with 19 points and Kendall Weiler from Owen-Withee with 14 points. The South team was the top fundraising team with \$24, 953. The top individual fundraiser was also from the South team. Abby Hollis from Albany-Monticello raised \$6615 and her teammate Dalana Trumpy was second with \$5510.

In the second game of the day the South team jumped out to an early lead and never looked back. They mounted a 41 to 24 lead at halftime and extended the lead in the second half to win by the score of 77 to 51. The South was paced by Anna Bronk from Bangor with 17 points. The South had two other players in double figures; Dea Crist from Cuba City chipped in 12 and Sydney Subke from Neillsville added 10 points. The North was led by Olivia Witkowski from Weyauwega-Fremont with 12 points. The South team was the second top fundraising team with \$19,150.

The third game of the day was almost a duplicate of the second game with the South jumping out to an early halftime lead of 44 to 16 and never looked back. They finished the game with a 78 to 51 win. The South had three players in double figures scoring. They were led by Madeline Leffel from Kettle Moraine Lutheran with 16 points, Hallie Koltz from Catholic Memorial with 14 and Eleanor Wendorff from Watertown Luther Prep with 10 points. The North squad was led by Chilton's Adahlyn Hoerl who had a game high 21 points and Ellie Schiszik from Elk Mount with 10 points.

In the Division 2 All-Star Game the North won by the score of 72-59. The North squad had three players in double figures. They were paced by West De Pere's Madisyn Berggren with 16 points. Two others reached double figures, Ashwaubenon's Addy Phipps and West De Pere's Faith Walder, who contributed 14 and 11 points, respectively. Leading the way for the South squad was Union Grove's Samantha Hafferkamp, who tied for the game-high with 16 points.

In the final game of the day the North All-Stars defeated the South squad by the score of 72-59. Eau Claire Memorial's Rayna Welsch and Kimberly's Reagan Krueger led the way for the North, tallying 11 and 10 points, respectively. For the South, Waunakee's Ellen Dotzler scored a game-best 15 points, and Muskego's Rachel Agg also reached double figures, netting 10 points.

Overall, the games were a huge success. We were able to contribute \$20,000 to each of our five charities. Those charities being Ronald McDonald House of Southeastern Wisconsin, Garding Against Cancer, Hometown Heroes, Camp Waubeek, and the MACC fund. A big thank you goes out to all those involved in the games and making these game the best they can be.

Homb steps off the court of the WBCA Girls All-Star Games



After 40 years of leadership in the Girls All-Star games, Loren Homb has decided to hand off his playbook. In his first five seasons, beginning in 1986, Loren was the game site chair when the games were held in Oshkosh. He transitioned to Chairman, a role he held for 35 years. The games have changed quite a bit over his tenure. Back in the early days of no computers, no cell phones, all communication was by snail mail. Loren plans to help out in some minor role for a smooth transition to the new leadership. The new chairman will be Derik Doescher from Albany High school and Brandon Bakken also from Albany will be assisting.

Loren would like to thank the WBCA for entrusting him in this role and values the lifelong friends he has made over the years. He is also very appreciative of the numerous other “players”, that without, the games would not have happened. Thanks also to all the players and coaches throughout the years for the memories and for the monies raised and given to various charities.

48th Annual WBCA Boys All-Star Game

By Mike Huser

The **48th Annual WBCA Boys’ Basketball All-Star Games** took place on **June 26, 2025**, at the **JustaGame Fieldhouse** in Wisconsin Dells. The WBCA proudly announced that, through this year’s efforts, **over \$100,000 was donated** to various charities across the state of Wisconsin — continuing a long-standing tradition of giving back through the game of basketball.

A Community Effort

The WBCA extends a **special thank you** to **Dave, Kyler, and Jade Royston** and the entire staff at **JustaGame Fieldhouse** for their exceptional work in hosting the event at one of the premier basketball facilities in the Midwest. Gratitude also goes to **Buffalo Phil’s and The Pizza Pub** and their staff for providing a memorable dinner for all participants.

Additionally, the **Chula Vista Resort** once again offered outstanding accommodations and ongoing support for the WBCA, playing a vital role in the success of All-Star Week and other WBCA events held in the Dells throughout the year.

Appreciation for the All-Star Team Behind the Scenes

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the **WBCA All-Star Staff** for their dedication and expertise in organizing such a large-scale event. Special recognition is given to **Joan Petitgoue, Jon Fullerton, Dennis Semerau, Terry Erickson, and Jade Royston** for their countless hours of effort. As the saying goes, *“It takes a village,”* and this event is no exception — the success of the All-Star Games would not be possible without their teamwork and the generosity of countless sponsors and supporters.

Thank You, Fans and Supporters

Finally, the WBCA extends its sincere appreciation to all **coaches, players, fans, and friends of basketball** who made this year's event a success. Your continued **support and generosity** toward the WBCA help fuel the fight against childhood cancer — one basket at a time.

Game Results

Division 1

White 96, Black 93

White overcame a halftime deficit (43–52) with a big fourth-quarter push. Sussex Hamilton's **Asher Haas** led the way with 20 points — 9 coming in the final period — while Marshfield's **Brooks Hinson** added 11, including 8 in the fourth. (*Source: wissports.net*)

Division 2

Black 109, White 90

A huge second half allowed the Division 2 Black team to rally from a seven-point halftime deficit to score a 109-90 victory over the D2 White team at the WBCA Boys Basketball All-Star Games.

Greenfield's Mason Stieber-Pinter erupted for 20 points in the second half, finishing with a team-high 24. His high school teammate at Greenfield, Dahir Abdullahi added ten second-half points, finishing with 13. There were four other players in double figures for the Black: West Bend West's Carson Bauer with 12 and 11 apiece from Martin Luther's Jose Gonzales, Stoughton's Carter Sullivan, and McFarland's Ben Forbes.

The D2 White team was led by 25 points from Shawano's Logan Sipple. They also got big scoring performances from Waterford's Jamison Beasely (22 points) and Elkhorn's Isaiah Lomax (18 points).

Division 3

Black 119, White 82

Black dominated from start to finish, with **eight of ten players** scoring in double figures. Leading scorers included Edgerton's **Bryce Appel (18)**, **Jordan Wagner (17)**, and **Jake Berkholtz (16)**.

Division 4

White 106, Black 86

A strong second quarter (29–17) gave White control of the game. Key contributors included **Carter Koch (15)**, **Race Anvelink (12)**, **Jackson Goebel (11)**, and **Trent Grunewald (10)**.

Division 5

White 105, Black 95

White closed the game strong with a big fourth quarter. Almond-Bancroft's **Ayden Phillips** led with 20 points, while Black's **Cameron Lipinski** topped all scorers with 25.

Special Thanks to Travis Wilson for providing Stats and writeups on the games (Source WBCA Website, www.wisbca.org).



June Jam/Jerry Petitgoue Invite

By Jeff Boos

Dear Coaches,

I hope you've all had a great summer and are looking forward to an exciting 2025–2026 basketball season. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the schools that participated in the Boys & Girls WIAA/WBCA June Jam Event in Appleton and the WBCA Jerry Petitgoue Summer Basketball Tournament in July at the JustaGame Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells.

This past summer, we had an outstanding turnout:

- June Jam Event: 64 girls' teams and 126 boys' teams
 - 40 college coaches in attendance for the girls' event
 - 72 college coaches in attendance for the boys' event
- Jerry Petitgoue Invite: 27 girls' teams and 40 boys' teams

A special thank you goes out to the Champion Center and JustaGame Fieldhouse for their partnership and efforts in making these tournaments a great experience for student-athletes across our state.

We're excited to share that dates for both events will be released later this fall. Please mark your calendars for the summer of 2026—we'd love to see even more teams join us next year.

The WBCA truly appreciates your continued commitment to these summer events. Enjoy the remaining weeks before the season begins, and best of luck to you and your team this year.

Best regards,

Jeff Boos

WBCA Tournament Director

2025 WBCA Fall Clinic/Convention “A Stellar Event in all Facets”

By Jon Nedelcoff and Jay Benish

The 2025 WBCA Fall Clinic turned out a stellar lineup of speakers and energy in ‘tipping off’ the season. The venue of JustaGame Fieldhouse welcomed up to 800 attendees and close to a thousand overall. Multiple courts were being utilized, speakers ranging from NCAA Division 1 to High School level presented a variety of topics, and we had a record number of vendors set up and display their products to the membership. This engagement, by our state coaches, in their attendance and showing the importance of creating unity proves the WBCA is second to none. The attendance was the 3rd most attended in the clinic’s history.

We had one of the ‘deepest’ line ups of presenters that would be very hard, for any clinic, to match. A ‘BIG’ thanks goes out to Thom McDonald and Championship Productions in helping attain many of highlighted speakers. The WBCA had the honor of having Fred Hoiberg (Nebraska), Cara Consuegra (Marquette), and Ben McCollum (Iowa) lead off a fantastic lineup. Keeping that quality going was also Matt Lewis (UW-Oshkosh), Greg Polkowski (UW-Superior), Todd Eisner (Winona State), JT Gritzmacher (UW-LaCrosse), Matt Hockett (Stevens Point), Issac Wodajo (Wisconsin), and Brandon Bailey (DePaul).

The great lineup did not just stop with the above. The WBCA was fortunate to have many of our State Champion, State Finalists, and high respected coaches as well. Diving into many topics were Mary Merg (Wauwatosa East), Chris Newbauer (Wauwatosa West), Dave Lepisto (Kimberly), Chad Fischer (Marshfield), Ryan Klein (Assumption), Marques Flowers (Vel Phillips), and Rob Domagalski (Union Grove).

Creating even more of a comprehensive lineup was special topic speakers that would include Brady Olson (Compete Basketball), Chuck Smith (DME/Team Herro), Al Marshal (HOF Cascade, IA), and Clay Moser (Former Asst Arkansas//NBA). A great thank you to ALL the coaches for putting on such a highly productive display of basketball and cultural needs.

A BIG thanks goes out to the Clarke Women’s (Adam Hocking) and Men’s (Jim Blaine) basketball programs, and the Bryant and Stratton Men’s team (Kyle Hoffman). Their physical display, of what the coaches presented, makes this clinic stay at an elite level. A final thank you also is greatly needed to be extended to Dave Fritz and his staff at TriCore Insurance (The Social). Dave, Kyler, and Jade and their JustaGame staff (facility) and Kalahari Resort and leadership of Joey Greeno



and Barb Janiak. All their efforts genuinely create a special atmosphere throughout the clinic/convention that is second to none.

Best of Luck this Season and THANK YOU for all that attended. It truly energizes the Game!

Jay Benish
Jon Nedelcoff
WBCA Co Clinic Directors

Hall of Fame Banquet

By Joan Petitgoue

The banquet was very successful with 30 inductees and many award winners. There were 735 in attendance. Scott Emrich was our emcee. It was held at Glacier Canyon Lodge of the Wilderness Resort in the Dells as in the past.



WBCA Elections

By Dennis Uppena, Election Chair

At the recent WBCA executive board meeting there was a motion to suspend the election of all its members due on the election cycle for one year as the board goes through the process of selecting a new Executive Director. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. To be sure, Coach Petitgoue was very much a part of the election process each year since elections have been held. The election process has gone through some improvements over the years including a suspension in the covid year. A committee has been appointed to make recommendations on conducting future elections with additions to the constitution outlining exactly how they will be accomplished. These recommendations will be presented at the next executive board meeting for consideration and approval. We expect to inform the membership in the spring newsletter and announce the board positions that will be up for election.

WIAA Again Swats Away Advancement for the Game

By Mark Miller

Jim McIlvaine might be the greatest shot blocker in the history of high school basketball in Wisconsin.

But the former 7-foot-1 center from Racine St. Catherine's, who blocked 11 shots in a game against Sheboygan North in 1989, has nothing on the WIAA.

Indeed, the WIAA has become the king of swat when it comes to blocking what's good for the game of basketball in our state.

Last Tuesday, the WIAA Advisory Council had the opportunity to advance three proposals that would have moved Wisconsin high school basketball into the modern era.

Instead, the 18-member council voted down each recommendation, leaving high school coaches, players and fans across the state shaking their collective heads in disappointment.

By majority vote, these three proposals were sent to the scrapyard for yet another year:

1) Increasing the number of teams at the WIAA State Tournament from the current 20 to 40.

This is a new idea, but it's one that has a lot of merit. Moving from a five-division, 4-4-4-4-4 format to a more celebratory five-division, 8-8-8-8-8 setup would allow more players, more schools and more communities to experience the state tournament while also potentially breaking up loaded sectional fields. It would necessitate quarterfinal games at three sites on Wednesday of state-tournament week. That is a big change, to be sure. But it's also one that is possible with plenty of options for sites in the Madison area. The semifinals and title games in each division would continue to be played at the Kohl Center.

Ninety-one percent of the high school coaches in Wisconsin who responded to a survey favored moving from 20 to 40 teams for the state tournament. Neighboring states Iowa and Minnesota, despite having fewer high schools, currently send eight teams in each of their four divisions to their respective state tournaments.

2) Adopting a 35-second shot clock.

The WIAA opted to kick this can down the road for yet another year. When first proposed back in 2017, one could easily find coaches on each side of the aisle in terms of whether to put a shot clock into use at the prep level in Wisconsin. Eight years later, the pendulum has swung substantially. More coaches than ever want a shot clock. Some are very vocal on social media about it.

The biggest reason the WIAA continues to nix the idea of implementing a shot clock is financial. Many schools are struggling financially. Some are in dire straights. And yet, somehow, 33 other states have adopted the shot clock, including Iowa and Minnesota. It can be done. The most recent proposal gave schools a two-year grace period to get the clocks installed for use in the 2027-28 season. It didn't matter. The WIAA again said no.

Volleyball soared when it went to rally scoring many years ago. Basketball is a more enjoyable game to watch with a shot clock. It's a more strategic game with a shot clock. At some point, hopefully in the very near future, WIAA officials finally will realize as much.

3) Releasing seeds for the WIAA playoffs on the last Friday of the regular season.

Seeds for the WIAA playoffs currently are released with one week left in the regular season. The basketball coaches would prefer to have games through the last Thursday of the regular season count before seeds are released. That makes sense. And, if this recommendation had been in place last season, more than 115 schools would have had different seeds than the one they received with a week left in the regular season.

But the WIAA, citing a lack of lead time to inform officials and school administrators of assignments for the opening night of regionals the following Tuesday, opted to vote this proposal down. Nonsense. School administrators and officials know well in advance they could host or referee on the opening night of regionals. Not that long ago, the WIAA determined football playoff seeds and pairings on the last Friday night of the regular season with opening-round games set for the following Tuesday. Like football, all games in basketball should count in determining seeds.

Further complicating the frustration of basketball coaches is the fact other sports, particularly football and wrestling, have had substantial changes in their tournament structure approved.

The question now becomes where do the basketball coaches go from here? Do they attempt -- again -- to work through the various WIAA committees next spring, hoping to finally convince committee members to pass these improvements? Do they possibly involve state legislators? Can WIAA personnel reach out to the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association to set up meetings prior to next spring to help the coaches gather information/data that might help in the passing of these recommendations?

Maybe a combination of the above might work. In any case, don't look for these recommendations to be tossed into the trash heap. They may not be in place yet, but those behind the ideas aren't anywhere near throwing in the towel. And that is good news for basketball fans in the state.

State Tournament Expansion: A Simple Plan for More Teams

By Paula Shedivy and Todd Fergot

The **WBCA** is proposing an exciting change: expanding the State Basketball Tournament. The goal is simple—to give more teams and athletes the chance to compete for a state title. We believe this plan is vital for growing basketball in Wisconsin.

The New Tournament Structure: More Opportunity

Right now, only 4 teams from each of the 5 divisions qualify for the State Tournament—just 20 teams total.

- **The Goal:** Increase to **8 teams in all 5 divisions**,
- **The Sites:** The tournament will become a four-day event, starting on **Wednesday** for the Quarterfinals.

- Quarterfinal games will be played at **three different sites** (like the Resch Center, Kohl Center, Kress Center, Madison College, Alliant Energy Center, St. Norbert's College), split between the Green Bay and Madison areas.
- The **Semifinals and Finals** (Thursday afternoon through Saturday) will still be played at the **Kohl Center** and **Resch Center**, keeping the championship tradition alive.
- **The Path:** We will divide the state into **8 Sectionals** to provide a clearer and fairer path to the expanded State Tournament.

Why Expansion is Needed

Compared to our neighbors, Wisconsin sends far fewer teams to the state tournament. This plan fixes that disparity and addresses several key issues:

State	Population	Schools	State Participants (%)
Iowa	3.2 million	352	9-11%
Minnesota	5.7 million	404	8%
Wisconsin	5.9 million	495 Boys/481 Girls	4%

Wisconsin Sports	Cross Country	Golf	Hockey	Boys Wrestling
Number of Teams	492 (Boys) 491 (Girls)	371 (Boys) 183 (Girls)	85 (Boys) 27 (Girls)	340
State Participants (#)	52 (Boys) 52 (Girls)	32 (Boys) 18 (Girls)	8 (Boys) 4 (Girls)	24
State Participants (%)	12% (Boys) 12% (Girls)	9% (Boys) 10% (Girls)	9% (Boys) 15% (Girls)	7%

- **More Opportunity:** At just 4%, Wisconsin offers a significantly lower chance of reaching the State Tournament than Iowa (9-11%) and Minnesota (8%). This expansion changes that.
- **No More Back-to-Backs:** It eliminates the stress of playing games on consecutive nights during the Regional round.
- **Grow the Game:** Providing more State experiences can help reverse the recent **decline in girls' basketball participation** by giving more athletes a bigger goal.
- **Better Balance:** Dividing the state into 8 sectionals gives our committee **more flexibility** when placing teams, leading to a more consistent and geographic setup.
- **Increased Revenue:** More teams mean more fans, more tickets, and more attention for our schools, generating **additional revenue** for WIAA members.

This is a comprehensive, common-sense solution that benefits all divisions and schools equally. It expands the thrill of March Madness to more student-athletes and communities across Wisconsin.

Get More Information

Please review the full details and share your feedback.

- **State Tournament Expansion Website:** [WBCA State Tournament Expansion/Shot Clock Proposals](#)

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In Support of the Shot Clock

By Sean Crider

Based on feedback from articles and conversations with people around Wisconsin (WI), one of the barriers to the implementation of the shot clock is that the decision-makers need to see data demonstrating how the use of the shot clock benefits the game of basketball in (WI). Good data can allow the stakeholders to evaluate the impact on the game. The data that will be provided in the tables below will be a comparison between two games Homestead participated in vs. opponents during the 23-24 season, and the use of the shot clock's effect on the game. Listed as Game 1 is a sectional semifinal played in March in Sheboygan, WI. Listed as Game 2 is a game in late January at the Wisconsin vs. Minnesota Border Battle, which was played in a high school in St. Louis Park, MN, governed by the Minnesota High School League rules which was under their 1st year of requiring the use of a 35-second shot clock in boys and girls varsity basketball.

■ Shot Clock Impact: Game 1 vs Game 2

Game Comparison Overview

Statistic	Game 1 (No Shot Clock)	Game 2 (With Shot Clock)
1st Half Possessions	HHS: 31 / Opp: 29	HHS: 35 / Opp: 36
2nd Half Possessions	HHS: 17 / Opp: 16	HHS: 30 / Opp: 28
OT Possessions	2 OT: 11 total	—
Overall Possessions	HHS: 59 / Opp: 54	HHS: 65 / Opp: 64
Possessions (last 6 min, 2nd Half)	7 total	22 total
Score at 6:00 mark	42-48	62-56
Free Throws (Total)	HHS: 8 / Opp: 17	HHS: 33 / Opp: 22
Points per Possession	HHS: 1.10 / Opp: 1.09	HHS: 1.24 / Opp: 0.93
Final Score	58-59	80-64

Funding Challenge

The main barrier to adoption is installation cost. Below are sample quotes received from three different companies that supply scoreboards and timing systems commonly used in Wisconsin.

Shot Clock Pricing

Company	Price	Compatibility
Daktronics (5 options)	\$2,915-\$5,025.	w/Daktronics scoreboards only
Daktronics Wireless package #5	\$4,139 +shipping	w/any type of scoreboard

Fair Play (4 options)	\$3,500-\$4,500	w/Fair Play scoreboards only
Nevco	Clocks \$2,415 Controller \$375 (2) Receivers \$1,270	w/any type of scoreboard
Nevco	Clocks \$3,365 (2) Receivers \$1,150	w/Nevco scoreboard only

Additional cost of a table worker: \$800-\$1000 per year (24 varsity home games both boys and girls combined)



Youth Coaches Clinics Helping Grow the Game

By Jake Erbentraut

During the month of October, the WBCA is providing clinics to youth coaches throughout the state. Five locations in total including Oconomowoc, Stevens Point and Neenah (all held on October 12th), Platteville (held on October 19th) and Madison (held on October 26th) gave coaches a chance to learn about basketball concepts that were applicable to any program with an emphasis on the youth level. For a rate of \$30 per coach (\$25 per coach if 4 signed up together), each coach is given a chance to watch 3 speakers at their respective locations either in-person or virtually. Additionally, coaches will be given access to all clinics, a total of 15 speakers, virtually through May 2026 after all clinics have concluded.

I was the director of the clinic in Neenah. Neenah's coach, Lee Rabas, hosted the event at their beautiful school. Brad Weber, the head boys' basketball coach at Oshkosh North, spoke first on being intentional and purposeful when creating drills in practice. Next, Todd Deschane, the head boys coach at West De Pere, provided clinicians with ideas of creating small-sided games at practices. Lastly, Jeff Boos, the former head coach at Sun Prairie, finished the clinic with a flurry of drills that could be used in practices that were intense, challenging yet fun. The speakers were simply outstanding and gave everyone watching something they could use with their team and program (myself included).



It was a great morning to be a basketball coach and be in an environment where coaches were sharing ideas that will positively impact the game and the kids they're working with.

If anyone is still interested in signing up, they can do so. In doing so, they'll get online access to all clinics through next year. [Youth Coaches Clinic Registration](#)

A big thank you to all who attended, to all the coaches who spoke and to all the schools and directors for running this event!

The Value of Postgame Feedback

By Terry Erickson

Assignor Viterbo University Men's and Women's Basketball
Assignor Emmaus Bible College Men's and Women's Basketball
Executive Board Member of the WBCA

It is common practice for officials to understand the importance of conducting a detailed pregame meeting, no matter how familiar officials are with each other. Successful officials are known for their attention to detail in pregame discussions and live by the credo, "*The day begins the night before.*" These respected officials avoid on-court problems knowing that the game begins well before the tipoff.

But while the game may be finished when the final buzzer sounds, officials need to know that a postgame discussion is a valuable component in an attempt to take their game to the next level. These meetings are expected as you move into the College level of officiating. In my view, postgame meetings should occur at every level of officiating. Honest feedback will only serve to strengthen your game.

If boundary lines are not clearly drawn, postgame feedback can create a toxic environment. It should not be an opportunity of blow off steam or get something off of your chest. Dialogue needs to be delivered in a positive and respectful tone. The conversation needs to be framed around non-threatening questions. Here are some guidelines to follow.

1. Reflect on the entire game and quality of both calls and non-calls.
2. Discuss any calls that were challenging or controversial. Remember that all calls need to be defensible on tape after the game.
3. Discuss what went well during the game emphasizing both double and cadence whistles.
4. Discuss ways to take the game to an even higher level for the next contest.
5. Discuss any rules or enforcements that may need clarity.

These questions will allow for a smooth transition into identifying any rulings or court coverage issues that many have sparked some controversy or confusion. It will also serve to strengthen rules knowledge and game mechanics for your next assignment.

Finally, it is important that you conclude a postgame meeting on a good note to ensure that you leave the locker room with positive feelings about the game. On the way home, I trust that you will spend a great deal of time reflecting, revisiting and re-evaluating your game. This will lead to having a "*season of significance.*"

Enjoy the 2025-26 Basketball season.



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Mentorship Program

How should I run my practices?

What are some ideas to use in my youth program?

How can I motivate my players?

How can I promote my program?

What is a good offense for my team to run?

How can I establish positive relationships with parents?

Do you have questions about your program? Would you like practical ideas or counsel from an experienced and proven coach? A mentor of the **WBCA Mentorship Program** is ready to help!



The **WBCA Mentorship Program** is designed to bring coaches together to share ideas, build relationships, and learn from the experiences of veteran coaches.

Some of the top and most successful coaches of all time in the state of Wisconsin are available to guide, support, and advise you on topics that coaches encounter every day. Let the **WBCA Mentorship Program** work for you, your program, and your kids!

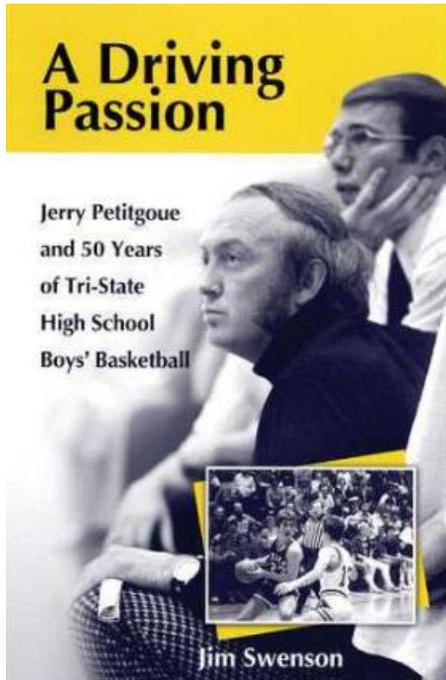


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Book Bits

By Jake Erbentraut

A Driving Passion



Shortly after Coach Petitgoue passed away, I did research about him and found a book that was written about him, and about the history of basketball in the tri-state area. Lots of history was noted throughout the book on teams from southwest Wisconsin, northern Illinois and northern Iowa. For anyone wanting to know more about the history and history of Coach Petitgoue, this is a must read. Excerpts from the book that I included on this Book Bits segment, was on Coach Petitgoue, a legend by himself.

Coach's pre-game speech before playing in the 1981 state championship: "You've got one shot and one shot only, OK?" Petitgoue continued. "Make the most of that shot out there today. You've done it for me...what I've always wanted, and that was to get to state. So we're here...now let's win the damn thing!"

Joan on Jerry: "I've never seen anybody who knows so much about the game, but is learning all the time. All 40-plus years he's been coaching, he's been looking for new ideas. He's always calling other coaches and asking their opinions. 'Do you think this will work? I want to try this.' And, he's great at spending time sharing his ideas."

Former player, John McQuade, on Petitgoue's motivation: "He would set goals for us, and if we reached them, he and Joan would have us over for a big meal. If we beat Galena (Coach Petitgoue's hometown), it would be steak," McQuade said with a laugh. "Then we'd watch 'Animal Kingdom' and make fun of the old guy, or whatever else was on."

After losses (which didn't happen often), Joan said of Coach Petitgoue: "Sometimes he'll go downstairs to look at the game film of that night or, if he doesn't have the copy yet, he'll go through the game film of when he played them the last time. And he'll go over things in his mind. He's usually up until 12 or 1 o'clock. Sometimes I think, 'You know, the season is hard on you, but yet, if you weren't in it, I don't know if you would be real happy with life, either.'"

Jeff Wagner, who played for Coach Petitgoue: "I'm sure there's more than a few who didn't like him," he acknowledged. "There were times when we didn't see eye to eye. He was tough on me, and I didn't realize until later how it helped me."

On retirement: "Joan and I went down to Florida, and we looked at a retirement village and, God...I don't know if that's for me."

Thank you, Coach, for all you've done. Rest in peace, my Friend. – Jake

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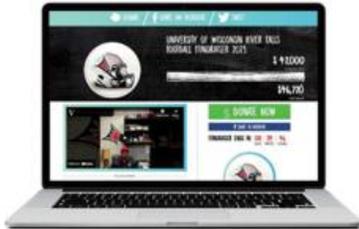
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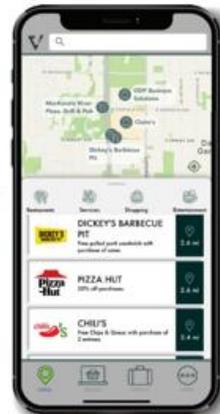


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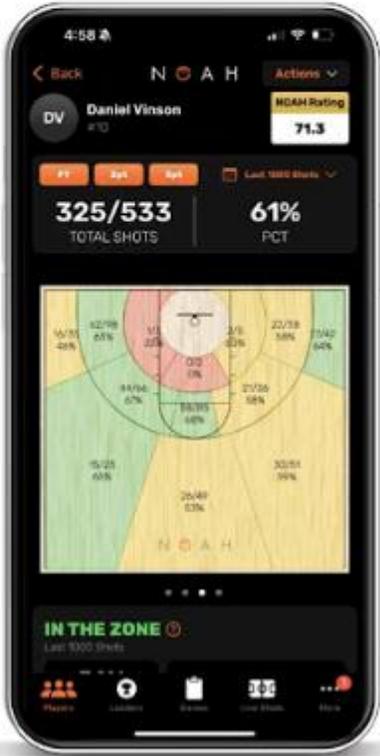
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