

Beyond Winning

Whole Child Sports

Alternative Scorecard

Basketball

Individual stats don't necessarily measure a player's contribution to team performance accurately. Many top college and NBA teams collect and analyze statistics and success-flow by total team unit rather than by individual performance. This alternative scorecard helps you gather data on how well your players are doing as team combinations as well as individuals.

Here are four reasons this scorecard makes coaching easier:

- 1) It helps a coach to emphasize that each player focus on performance as part of a team or unit, rather than concentrate on individual statistical success.
- 2) These stats help a coach adjust his or her thinking. Rather than focus on who his best individual players are a coach can concentrate on finding the best combinations of playing units.
- 3) A coach can measure results when executing specific strategies: you can track +/- ratio when executing a zone defense and compare it with results from man-to-man coverage.
- 4) A coach can demonstrate to his team that a game's individual scoring results do not necessarily correlate with team game results, and that there are ways to measure how a team functions that can be much more meaningful.

