Mindset Principles & Philosophies for Success

The Competitive Advantage for Goalkeepers Going Pro

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- 1. Never ever, let yourself get lazy or bored @ the basics & fundamentals.
- 2. Fall in love with every aspect of your results, the great, the good, the bad & the ugly.
- 3. Always love, respect, value, appreciate, serve, help and inspire all goalkeepers at all ages, all levels both in your team, in your club and your opponents.
- 4. Must work more on your mindset then any training.
- 5. Understand the importance of the 3 phases of what is goalkeeping.
- 6. Understand your biggest competition is your mindset. Your next biggest competition is the other goalkeeper that is training just a little bit harder than you, wants it a little bit more than you, working on their mindset a little bit more than you. Especially when you are tired, sore, unhappy, upset.
- 7. Take care of your body, mind and your equipment.
- 8. Make sure that your training consists of 80/20% principal.
- 9. Listen to podcasts and watch more games without criticizing or judgement.
- 10. Never feel that you have arrived at your destination, even if you feel you are at your destination.
- 11. Be grateful and thankful to your parents who invest in training & time.
- 12. Be aware of your body language as it reflects your self-talk.
- 13. Train as if you are always being evaluated & trying out for the national team.
- 14. Games are the test. Trainings are your studying.
- 15. There is training, and there is training to develop.
- 16. There is no winning or losing in GK. There is executing & learning.
- 17. 100% effort, every training, every drill, every session, every practice, every game, EVERYTIME.
- 18. Understand the difference between Vocal & Communicating. One is noise. The other is directing, inspiring & leading.
- 19. Any setback is designed for a comeback. Failure is feedback.
- 20. If you believe you can, you are right. If you believe you can't, you are also right. Your belief is either serving your goals/dreams and aspirations or they are destroying your goals/dreams and aspirations.

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