



#2 - Guard !

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Characteristics of the #2-Guard

The #2-guard is also referred to as the off-guard or shooting guard. He is generally the better shooter of the two guards. The qualities that he needs to possess are:

1. He must have an instinctive knowledge of the game.
2. He must be a good ball handler.
3. He must be a good passer.
4. He must possess speed and quickness of foot.
5. He must be a good dribbler with either hand.
6. He must be able to play good hard-nosed defense.
7. He must be able to hit the 15 to 20 foot shot with consistency.
8. He must be a good 3pt shooter
9. He must be able to penetrate and dish off.
10. He must be able to read defenses.
11. He must know how to move without the ball.
12. He must be a student of the offense so that he can step in and run the offense if the point guard is not in the game.