



Point Guard !

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The Characteristics of the Point Guard

The point guard runs the offense and watches the backcourt. His role is so important to the team that he is really an extension of the coach on the floor. He must have these qualities:

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 outside shot when left open.
8. He must be able to penetrate and dish off.
9. He must be able to read defenses.
10. Above all, his ego must not be so inflated that it interferes with his basketball judgment. Normally, the point guard receives little publicity for his fine play; but, his coach and teammates know his value to the team.