Scouting Net-Wall Games

(e.g. Tennis, Badminton, Racquetball)

Watching other players compete against each other can help your own team as well. Team Scouts are the people who gather information about other teams. Doing so will make you find what they do well and what their weaknesses might be. This information can help your team when planning and preparing for the next game. Imagine how much it would help your team be successful if you know what the opposing team is going to do!

What to watch for?

Remember to focus one just a few aspects of how the other players play. For example, you could focus on a) just the quality of their serves, b) their tendency to use a particular stroke (e.g., using the forehand even if a backhand would have been better), c) their footwork (i.e., do they come back to the center of the baseline following each stroke?), or d) their general positioning and movement around the court.

Try to answer the following questions. This should help you have a better game when you play them next.

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| *Which stroke(s) seem to be the strongest?* |
| *Describe the shot selection (racket games) (any favored strokes?)* |
| *How well does (s)he place the shots? (i.e., short v. long, & corners)?* |
| *How would you describe the player’s court movement?* |
| *How well does the player recover to base position?* |

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