

## Dunseith Comments/Post-season Prep

### Overall takeaway from Dunseith

Tale of two halves. We started off playing with good energy and execution on both ends but once we seized that control we took our foot off the gas. In the first half we outscored them 33-20 but in the second half they outscored us 33-19, ironically. The biggest issue is that after our initial burst, pretty much after the 1st, we lost interest. We were selectively aggressive on D, and forced a TON of bad shots and errant passes. Our disinterest and lack of respect for their competitiveness came back to bite us big time. The good news is that these games can happen over the course of a season but it is much better for it to happen in the regular season rather than the playoffs. These types of games end seasons and careers for seniors if these mistakes are not learned from. There is a lot to learn from this game but it is what you do from here that will really define us as players and as a team. Controlling the game is a gradual process through consistent, solid, well execution on both ends, not through homerun plays. Far too often we tried for homeruns without having built the foundation of solid play first. Conversely, that is actually what they did despite their slow start and the end result shows that.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Half

Lots of unforced TOs and rushed shots. When executing and attacking with a purpose we look good. When solid on D we also look good, but over pressuring and laziness hurt at times and let them hang around.

- **3:45** – We were there, just finish the play by being big and going straight up.
- **5:25** – Set physical screens. Seek out the defender and make contact. Execution is better, but now next step is to improve/refine execution.
- **7:50** – Excellent pressure and energy.
- **10:48** – Bailed them out by reaching.
- **13:55** – Great example of purposeful dribbling. Do not pound it unnecessarily.
- **15:23** – If blown by, you have to keep playing. This bad energy will (and did) have effects.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Half

Poor energy on both ends overall. We didn't take them seriously enough to go hard this half but that actually allowed them to slowly gain momentum, which carried them to the win. Despite a bad half, we were in control still through most of the 4<sup>th</sup>. There were a host of rushed shots and low energy plays on D that boosted their momentum.

- **48:26** – As a spectator, I felt the game swing here. Shot was just not needed when we have so many advantages to get easy shots.
- **53:47** – Must get back, especially after a make. Cannot let them steal momentum back.
- **54:30** – Use the full shot clock
- **55:04** – You never want to see bodies standing still, especially at the end of a close game.