

The "Dollar Bill" Story.



Assemble your players in the locker room. Hold up a dollar bill and ask "Who would like this dollar bill?" The hands will start going up. Then say, "I am going to give this dollar bill to one of you - but first, let me do this." Then proceeded to crumple the dollar note up. Then asked. "Who still wants it?" Still the hands will go up in the air. "Well," "what if I do this?" Then dropped it on the ground and start to grind it into the floor with your shoe.

Then picked it up, it's now crumpled and dirty. "Now, who still wants it?" Still the hands will go up in the air. "Lads, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth a dollar.

Many times during the season, we may be down, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless; but no matter what happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who love you, to your coaches and teammates. The worth of our lives comes, not in what we do or who we know, but by ...WHO WE ARE. You are special -don't ever forget it."