

HELPFUL HINTS

While watching some of the matches recently I made a few notes and have finally got around to putting them on paper. I hope they will be helpful.

1. Server should call out the score prior to serving which should eliminate anyone's forgetting the score.
2. When any of the four players see a loose ball coming toward her court, she should call out "let" immediately and the point should be replayed. (*A loose ball on the court could cause an injury.*)
3. Call all balls "out" when they bounce out, especially, if it bounces close to the line.
4. There should be no arguments on line calls. Players should give the benefit of doubt to opponents. **Remember that a ball 99% out is good.**
5. Server's partner needs to stand closer to the net than receiver's partner because the receiver's partner has to stand on the service line to make the line call before she moves closer to the net.
6. If you think the ball may be traveling out, quickly call out "no" to your partner to let her know that she should not hit it. remember that doubles is a partnership game.
7. When the opponents hit a ball between the players, a quick "yours" or "mine" should help eliminate the ball being missed by both players.
8. The player closest to the net should go for any high ball if she can hit the ball in the air as opposed to letting her partner hit it after it bounces.
9. If a player has to run over to cover her partner's side of the court, the partner must cover the side vacated by her partner.
10. Try to reach the ball quickly so as not to have to hit on the run but ..rather plant your feet and take your time with the shot.
11. Try to make your opponents hit the ball on the run and they will be more apt to make an error.
12. Remember that the team with the fewest number of unforced errors will be a winner every time.

MOST IMPORTANT, ENJOY THE GAME, THAT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WINNING.