

## **Tip #1 - Confidence**

As the 2007 season approaches for everyone, let's all as coaches keep in mind the importance of developing confidence in your players.

Without it, all of the best-intentioned and well delivered fundamental mechanics won't matter much. It is up to coaches to **DEVELOP** the confidence in each player by training, imparting knowledge, allowing repetitions, and heaping praise. This leads to the elusive victory and success that we all desire. So coaches, please don't forget this often neglected concept this season. Make a difference - develop the mindset. Good luck!

### **Tip #1a - Re: Confidence**

I've always used the approach of telling a player what he/she did good before I tell them what they did wrong. After telling them what they did wrong, I try to motivate them to go back on the field and apply what they just heard. It's a 1-2-3 step process.

### **#1b - Re: Confidence**

This message makes a great point. There are a lot of ways to address mistakes, errors or flaws and still build a player's confidence. Try to talk to your players one-on-one in the dugout or during practice and make sure to always end the conversation by building them up.

Another important point to remember is not to get too excited if the team or a player is doing well. Maintain an even keel, because if you get too excited and then there is silence when things aren't going so well, that can have a negative impact on the players.

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