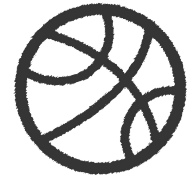


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Read the article and then discuss and answer the questions.



Athletic scholarships: Are they for every high school athlete?

Did you know that if you win a basketball scholarship you could get a “full ride” to college? Some scholarships will pay for your room, board, tuition, and books. Most pay for at least some college costs. This is why so many high school athletes dream of winning a scholarship. College is also the big arena, where players are picked for the pros.

However, athletic scholarships are hard to get. According to the NCAA, only two out of 100 high school athletes win scholarships. College scouts look for standout players. They also look for a strong work ethic. An ability to work well with coaches is also on the scouts’ list.

High school players also need to show solid grades and test scores to play in college. Some great high school players can never play in college. They just don’t have the grades or scores. Others can’t play at the college level because of arrests or behavior problems.

Angel Robinson scored an amazing 2,000 points in high school. At 6 foot 5, she was ranked number seven among all girl basketball players in the country. Her honor roll grades also stood out. Many colleges offered her scholarships. She finally chose the University of Georgia, close to home. For Angel, the best part of playing college basketball was the free education.

Most college players do not get picked by the pros. Angel Robinson was special enough to be drafted by the WNBA. Like many young players, she sat on the bench and then was cut from her first pro team. She played for a year in Spain, making new friends, but missing her family. In a comeback, the Washington Mystics drafted her. Bad injuries to Angel’s knees had never really healed. The Mystics dropped her after spring training.

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Discuss these questions with your group and then write the answers here:

1. Why do many high school athletes dream of an athletic scholarship?

2. What does a college scout do? What things do they look for?

3. Why is it hard to make it in pro sports?

Now discuss what you can teach the class about college and pro sports.

- Can you use Angel Robinson's story to tell about the challenges?
- How hard is it to move from high school to college sports and then to the pros?
- What do scouts do? What do they want in a player? Why is life in the pros hard?

How will you show your information? How will you make it interesting?
