College Selection Matrix 05/04/06

On an unofficial visit last week, we got a great suggestion from a coach. He suggested when comparing schools that the athlete create a matrix of all the factors that are important to the athlete in her decision, then rank each school first, second or third (relatively) and add up the points, lowest score wins.

Here are some suggested Matrix points:

- 1.) Quality of head coach
- 2.) Quality of asst. coach
- 3.) Academic reputation of school
- 4.) Major available?
- 5.) Quality of future recruits
- 6.) Quality of competition in conference
- 7.) Quality of current players
- 8.) Chance for court time as a freshman
- 9.) Campus life
- 10.) Attractiveness of campus
- 11.) Volleyball match facilities
- 12.) Strength/training program
- 13.) Academic support/tutoring
- 14.) NCAA APR number
- 15.) Intanglibles (LIST SPECIFICALLY)
- 16.) Quality of dorms
- 17.) Team travel?
- 18.) Support from school's Athletic Director
- 19.) Support from students/fans
- 20.) Airport accessibility from home town

I'm sure you can add others we've missed.

I know there are those who say the "gut feeling" thing is the way to go, but if you desire a more scientific/mathematical route, it sounds like a good idea.

From an anonymous parent on Prepvolleyball.com