

“Who understand basketball like me”

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1. The game, it was my passion
2. The game it was what I looked forward after school
3. The game something that gave me something to do
4. Basketball, years of hard work and practicing had got me up to this
5. The game, I had made it on a high select team
6. The team had gone state before but now it was almost all new players
7. The coach probably felt like he had to make a house without a foundation
8. The team none of us knew each other before
9. We trained 3 days a week non stop in the grind
10. The work we had put in we hopefully would get rewarded down the road
11. Was I the only one on the team that thought we had a chance?
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13. I worked all this week just for this game
14. I worked so that I knew that I would be ready
15. I worked so I could be the one looked to in need of help
16. It was game time and I started
17. The running up and down the court always on your toes
18. The team we played were sturdy as an Ox.
19. The sweat rolling down our faces
20. Half time and the score was 19-25 we were down
21. It was almost like we were getting tired and they were getting faster
22. We were getting beat on almost every way
23. Timeout 9 minutes left in 4th quarter
24. My team being down by 9 points though it may not seem much
25. This team as tough but we had the will of a lion.
26. We knew this was all on the line it mattered
27. Everyday after school putting in hours of work just to come this far?
28. We had came back and up by 3 in the last 2 minutes.
29. It was as if we could smell the baked bread in the kitchen
30. The victory was just so so close
31. The team was starting to get tired only to know we were about to lose
32. They had come back and worn us down

33. It was like they got some instant 5-hour energys
34. Then we got the big steak that made us tired
35. This was just an example and challenge we had to get past
36. We practiced shooting and handling nothing like absolute
37. Nothing on endurance for the next 3 months 1-2 times a week we practiced now we spread the love
38. We made the mistake of putting all of our eggs in one basket

Analysis:

Repetition: Lines 1,2,3,5. This was used as what my friends used to call it. To not sound cool but to sound better and more of a passion then just basketball. It meant something to us on a larger scale than the average kid.

Lines 1 13,14,15. To emphasize the fact that I was putting everything that I could give in this game into it. I really wanted to win, I said I worked because it was absurd the amount of time I spent.

Metaphor. "We could smell the bread in the kitchen" this was a fancy way to say we were really close to winning. When you smell it you immediately want to run down stairs. "Like he has to make a house without a foundation" basketball is a game where when a team has been together longer it just flows. We did not know each other and so it was a bonding and getting to know each other time.

Simile: " They were as sturdy as an Ox" this symbolises the strength and will to want to beat us and win the game. We were totally un prepared almost as they had countered our play. "We had the will of a lion" our team was pumped and we really wanted to win we were giving it our all. It wasn't like we didnt care this was all the work we put in on the line.

Parallelism: 18-25. I put this here to show just how our team really worked together. How hard we were working but what was really paying off in the end. 1-38. The entire poem to me was important to put in chronological order. First it is easier for the reader to follow and how the things that we did as a team changed us and our performance. It really showed how our team evolved from being first put together to almost going to state and competing against teams from all over.