Seminar Title: Measuring the Defender: What Adds Up to an Effective Libero?

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Learning Objectives:
- Discuss what tools we currently use to evaluate the defender position.
- Additional ways to measure – count events and attributes.
- The intangibles that don’t add up, but add value.

Key Points:
- What can we take from the box score?
  - Points – Can we evaluate the defender position with points being the denominator?
- Digs/Set – What does this tell us?
- Dig Opportunities metrics – Other ways to measure defense.
- DA%, IP%, DE%, @%
- What is the importance of Swing %?
- Passing statistics to gauge production.
- The Intangibles

Conclusion:
No easy way around it, great defenders are made through tons of reps and hard work. To effectively compare defenders and libero’s, we must collect, decipher, communicate, and compare the metrics that will help coaches determine their libero’s. What are the best statistics to use? What are the other metrics we could implore?