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🏁 Mission 14 - What Managers Look For

🎯 Mission Objective

Understand the qualities managers value most and learn how to become the type of player coaches trust and want in their team.

Time to complete: 20 minutes

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⚽ Ability Is Only One Part Of Football

Every player wants to improve technically.

- Passing.
- Shooting.
- Dribbling.
- Finishing.

But managers make decisions based on much more than ability.

They look at:

- Attitude
- Reliability
- Decision making
- Communication
- Teamwork
- Consistency



🧠 Managers Need Players They Can Trust

A manager's job is to build a team.

They need players who:

- Turn up consistently
- Train properly
- Follow instructions
- Support teammates
- Handle difficult moments

Being trusted by a manager is a huge advantage.

🗣️ Communication Matters

Good players communicate.

They:

- Organise teammates
- Encourage others
- Ask questions
- Take responsibility

You don't need to be the loudest player.

But you should be someone who contributes.

🔥 Your Actions Show Your Character

Managers notice what happens away from the highlights.

They see:

- How you react after mistakes
- How you behave when not starting
- How you train when nobody is watching
- How you respond to coaching

Your habits reveal your professionalism.

📈 Becoming More Valuable

To become a player managers rely on:

Improve your football.

But also improve:

- Your mindset
- Your communication
- Your consistency
- Your preparation
- Your attitude

The complete player creates more opportunities.



💡 NLN Tip

You don't have to be the best player on the pitch every week.

Be the player every manager wants in their squad.

🎯 Your Challenge

Reflect on yourself.

Ask:

☐ Am I reliable?
☐ Do I communicate?
☐ Do I respond well to coaching?
☐ Do I help my teammates?
☐ Would a manager trust me?

✅ Your Mission Actions

☐ Identify your biggest strength
☐ Identify an area to improve
☐ Ask coaches for feedback
☐ Focus on your habits
☐ Apply one improvement this week