

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

### Singles Scouting Sheet

#### Serving

1. What patterns do you see?
2. What is their most effective serve?
3. How often do they get first serves in?
4. Can we take advantage of their second serves and attack them?
5. Do they mix up their serves or do they become predictable?
6. Can they go to either corner in either box?
7. Can they place their second serve or do they become predictable?

#### Returning

1. Can they return well of both sides?
2. Do they drive their returns or chip/block a fair amount? Which side?
3. If served to a particular spot, do they always return to the same place? (example, if you serve to the body/backhand on the deuce side, does he always pull the return down the line?)
4. Do they try to run around second serves and be aggressive? What situations (score: up 40-15 for example) ?
5. Do they float returns so that we can serve and rush some?
6. How do they respond, with what degree of success, to serves placed in different places in the box? (example: Do they struggle with a kick serve out wide to the backhand side on the ad court)

#### Ground strokes

1. How consistent are they?
2. How far into a rally do they make an error? (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> ball)
3. How deep do they hit the ball?
4. Which side should we pick on?
5. Any particular patterns which seem effective? ( 1<sup>st</sup> to backhand, 2<sup>nd</sup> to backhand, 3<sup>rd</sup> down the line to forehand)
6. Does looping groundstrokes work?
7. Does slicing work?
8. Do they like to counterpunch and feed off our pace?
9. Do they like to go for winners from the baseline?

#### Netgame

1. Do they like to attack the net, and with what frequency?
2. What are the circumstances when they come in?
3. How do they get to net: short ball, when they have us off the court, loop and come in

4. Do they usually attack one side, or are approaches almost always down the line?
5. How are they at volleying soft balls below the net.
6. Are both B-hand and f-hand volleys effective or is one side significantly weaker?

#### Lobs and overheads

1. How are they at overheads, and from what positions on the court?
2. Do they get back quickly for overheads?
3. How often do they lob and under what circumstances
4. What kind of lobs do they hit? Do they like to hit winners or simply get the net man off the net?

#### Passing shots

1. What are his patterns for forehand and backhand passes. Which direction does he favor with both shots, cross court or down the line?
2. Does he dip the ball, hit it aggressively, or what?
3. Will he give us free points trying to hit too good of a pass and miss?
4. Does he have a pass/lob combination that is effective and can you read a difference in his preparation when he is going to lob rather than pass?

#### Movement

1. How well does he move and is it best to hit from corner to corner or to hit behind him?
2. How well does he recover when out of position?
3. How well does he move up to get a short ball and how effective is he at hitting balls that are short or below the level of the net (midcourt)

#### Mental game

1. Does he stay focused? Are there obvious dips in his intensity? How competitive is he?

#### Game Plan

1. What are your suggestions for the best way to match up against this opponent?