

“Everybody Loves Chris”

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I finally made it out to one of our basketball games last week for Church night and senior night. I definitely had a good time at the game, and we won fairly easily. I have to give a shout out to Chris Holloway (he probably doesn't read this), but he's one of the nicest people you could ever meet and he had his last home game that night. I know Chris hasn't had the most playing time throughout his career here but I saw that he always had a really good attitude about it. He always supported the team and never let his ego get in the way.

I was never like that when I played sports, I sat the bench a lot, especially as I started playing at higher levels, and in the end, my attitude made it both unpleasant for me and probably for the team. I actually remember not enjoying games before I even made it over here to the states, and I would actually feel relieved when I finally got home from games when I didn't get to play much.

Looking back, I wish I had a better attitude about it. I wish I was more like Chris about it. Attitude is something that you control and it makes a world of difference in the way things can turn out for you. I honestly think if my attitude was better, I would have enjoyed practice and games more, been less egotistical, learnt more and played better. If I went in with the attitude: I'm looking forward to learning and improving, I would have learnt more and improved more, but I shut myself off from the opportunity with my attitude.

Oh well, you can only change the future, not the past.

Have a great week.