Title: Team Building: The Road to Success
Author: Rinus Michels

The ‘MASTER COACH’, Rinus Michels, wrote a book that is a must read for soccer coaches at all levels. He begins the book by writing about how select coaches have influenced the development of soccer worldwide. As the book continues he addresses individual player personalities and how they can have both a positive and negative effect on team improvement.

In the second half of the book he talks about tactical requirements that a coach must hold as priorities in practice and games. He touches briefly on practice organization and what an effective practice should look like. At times, because of the translation from Dutch to English, the reader will need to re-read some of the passages in order to get a clear understanding of the points that Michels is emphasizing. This book is highly recommended as required reading for all coaches; it will become a valuable addition to your soccer library.
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