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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Evaluation of Boomerang Portable Basketball Return System

I have recently conducted thorough testing of the Boomerang Portable Basketball Return System for purpose of evaluation of its capabilities and for comparison with existing basketball retrieval devices; specifically the Shoot-a-way Basketball Return System from the USA.

I have used a Shoot-a-way almost on a daily basis for over 5 years now and after testing the new Boomerang; I have absolutely no reservations in endorsing the Boomerang as a far superior product for the following reasons:

1. Ease and simplicity of set-up and dismantling the product.

I used a stopwatch to actually time the set-up of the Boomerang and can confirm that the Boomerang can be easily set up from scratch by one person to be ready for operation in less than 4 minutes and completely dismantled in similar time.
The Boomerang is a much more "idiot proof" or "user friendly" design and far less complicated to set-up.

2. Versatility and Performance

I really like the versatility of the Boomerang; it has several key features which are simply not possible with the Shoot-a-way design. One of the most useful features of the Boomerang in my opinion is the range of motion of the ball return ramp. Unlike the Shoot-a-way; the Boomerang's ball return ramp can swivel approx. 220° (from corner to corner of the court) totally unrestricted. I believe that this is a key attraction of the Boomerang and permits players (and coaches) the versatility to "quickly" change the shooting position or the shooting drill.

The circular "halo" shaped net is a great idea and serves as a very effective "shooting aid" because it is positioned at a good height to force players to "lift their shot up"; but what equally impressed me was how quickly the basketballs passed through the net and arrived back to the shooter (much quicker than the Shoot-a-way).

Another attractive feature of the Boomerang net design was how "infrequently" (compared to the Shoot-a-way) that the net outlet became blocked up with multiple basketballs; blockages will occur from time to time (as does happen with all basketball return systems that I am aware of), however the Boomerang has a simple, yet easy to use (and very effective) unblocking system (another impressive feature which the Shoot-a-way does not have).

The option of being able to easily remove the Boomerang ramp and have the basketballs roll straight out of the chute and bounce back to you is an excellent feature and makes using the Boomerang much more "game like"; plus being able to mount the ball return chute at 2 different heights allows coaches far more flexibility to think up creative uses for the device to help players develop more facets of the game.

3. Portability and Storage

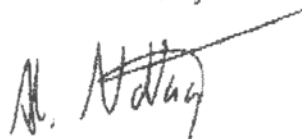
The Boomerang is much lighter than the Shoot-a-way and is portable and very easy to move when set-up, yet without a doubt the most innovative feature of the Boomerang design is how compact it is when dismantled and how little storage space is required. The Boomerang actually folds down so small that it can easily be transported in a regular station wagon vehicle making it easy to transport to different venues for camps or clinics etc. which is a big advantage over anything else on the market that I am aware of.

Summary

I am a firm believer that in order to compete at the highest level, players need to be taking approximately 300 practice shots a day for approximately 3 years. Using a basketball return system permits players achieve this in far less time.

In my opinion; taking everything into account, the Boomerang is the most versatile, user friendly and time efficient basketball return system available, and in comparison to anything else on the market is excellent value for money for what the product offers.

Yours Sincerely



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