



**NOLIKO**  
M A A S E I K

Season 2017-18

“A year in the life of  
Noliko Maaseik”



“At the end of the season  
there was this...”



“Natuurlijk is het crisis als je met 2-3  
van Waremmes verliest”

Jelte Maan



“Every Manager (Coach) is 3 losses from getting the sack” Gary Lineker MOTD 2017



“Wout Wijsmans bedaart gemoederen na zwakke start Noliko Maaseik” Hbvl

“Wij hebben de positie van Joel nooit in vraag gesteld” Wout Wijsmans

# “Should I stay or should I go”



1. JB T2 with Daniel Castellani as T1
2. January; Lube, Resovia, SKRA, Taubate, Modena (N’Gapeth!), China...
3. “Someone else’s child” Kids, no kids
4. Recruitment...
5. The 3j PLAN



# “The facts”



## Season 2016-17 Vs. Season 2017-18....

1. We experience 20-25% reduction in budget for players
2. Financial GAP between Noliko Maaseik & Roeselare (1# Team) increases
3. Roeselare already possess the majority of the best Belgian Players in Belgium (Transfer fees)
4. Noliko with new HC, new AC, 9 new players from 7 different countries
5. Noliko redefine GOALS accordingly “Play the finals”
6. Some starters earn less than 50% of players from season 2016-17

Dronkers/Santucci (57% cheaper)

Mijatovic/Colson (54% cheaper)

Blankenau/Skladany (20% cheaper)

# The PLAN



- What do you have, what do you need, what can you have, what can't you change (Contracts - who's in/out, budget - price/quality, Players choices (Brano & Niko), scoutman....
- Composition of the team.... 1. Mentality, character, ability, 2. Puzzle & price
- Omelettes & Eggs “Difference between being AC & HC” Prove yourself, taking the big decisions, standing strong

# Recruitment...







# Recruitment...

- Belgian Players....
- Who do YOU want & who the managers propose?
- Homework: Matches, statistics & references
- Technical overview
- What do you need to compliment each other
- What do you need to win?

# In's & Out's



## 2016/17'

1. Skladany
2. Wolanski
3. Castellani
4. Nommistu
5. Bontje
6. Colson
7. Vigil
8. Maan
9. Bruno
10. Rychlicki
11. Mol
12. Santucci
13. Dumont
14. Wijsmans
15. Raic (Medical Joker)

## 2017/18'

1. Blankenau
2. Van Heyste
3. Cox
4. Gevert
5. Tammemaa
6. Mijatovic
7. Sighilnolfi
8. Maan
9. Bruno
10. Rychlicki
11. Ahyi
12. Dronkers
13. Peters
14. Dumont

# The staff...



- “The team around the team”



- Clarity of role



• These guys make it happen!



- Communication



- Commitment



- Value of contribution



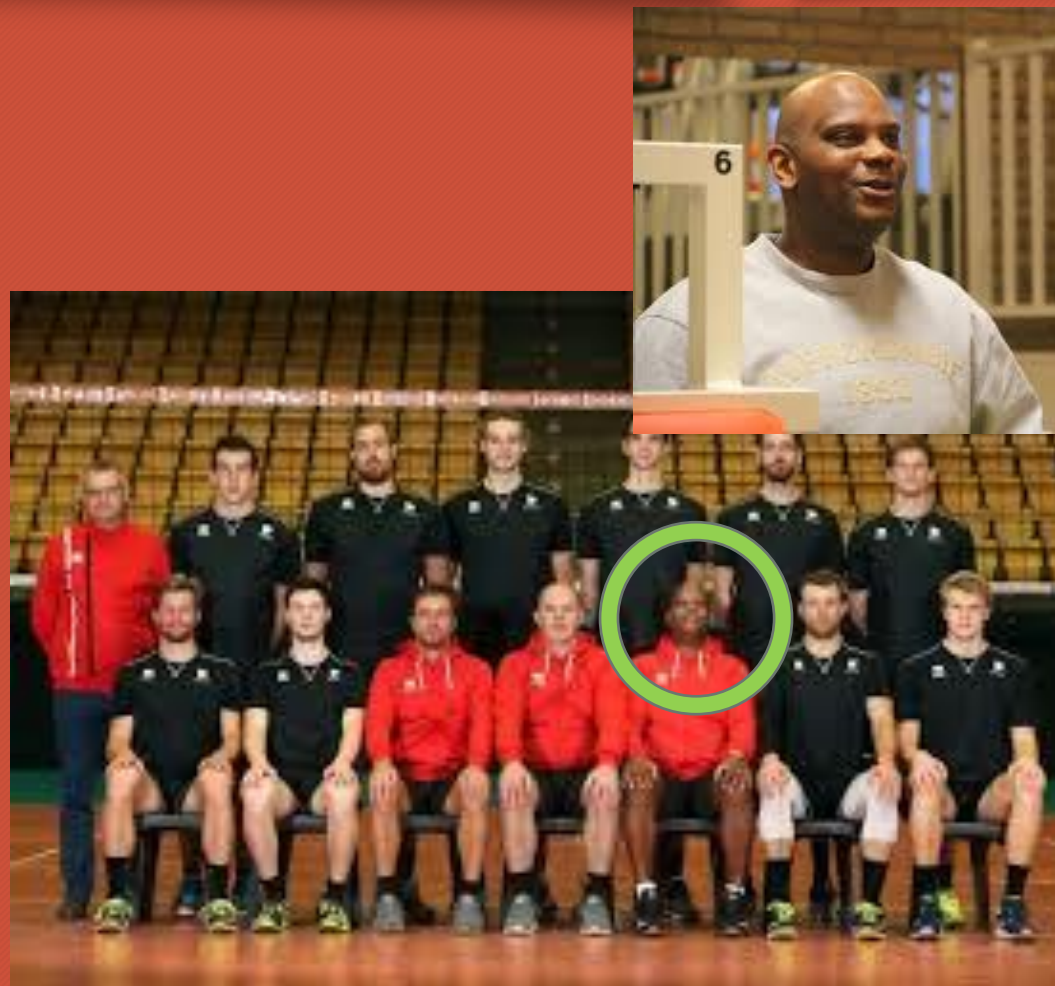
- Energy & humour



# Physical



- Hein MacNack:
- Experienced
- Knowledgable
- Added value!
- Commitment
- Energy
- Trust!!!



# Individual prize



- There are “No individual prizes”



- You can learn a lot from people you don't know



- Unrelenting, demanding and Be Human



“Yes it's true: I underwent a hair transplant. I think the results are pretty cool, don't you?”



# August - September 17'



## Pre-season



- Screening & medical testing
- “Train-2-train”
- NT players coming in
- Integrate IDEAS (Playbook)
- Traffic light system for practice games



# “Natuurlijk is het crisis als je met 2-3 van Waremme verliest”

Jelte Maan



- 1st instinct is to protect my players
- Perceived pressure - Noliko history....
- “Is this the toughest week of your career?” “Are you afraid for your job?”
- 1 question ONLY... “What’s the Root cause”

October 17'







# December 17'

- CL Trentino @Home! (Players idea vs. My idea) team talk review after the match... Hmmmm\*
- Menen return!
- CL Arkas @Home... Reaction

January 18'



# January 18'



- Liga Trophy 1/4, 1/2 & Finals
- 1-2 down Vs. Roeselare (1/2 final)
- Final of the Liga Trophy (What doesn't kill you makes you stronger!" Aalst)
- 1 night Vs. Zaksa

“Jij weet nooit hoe een koe een haas vangt”



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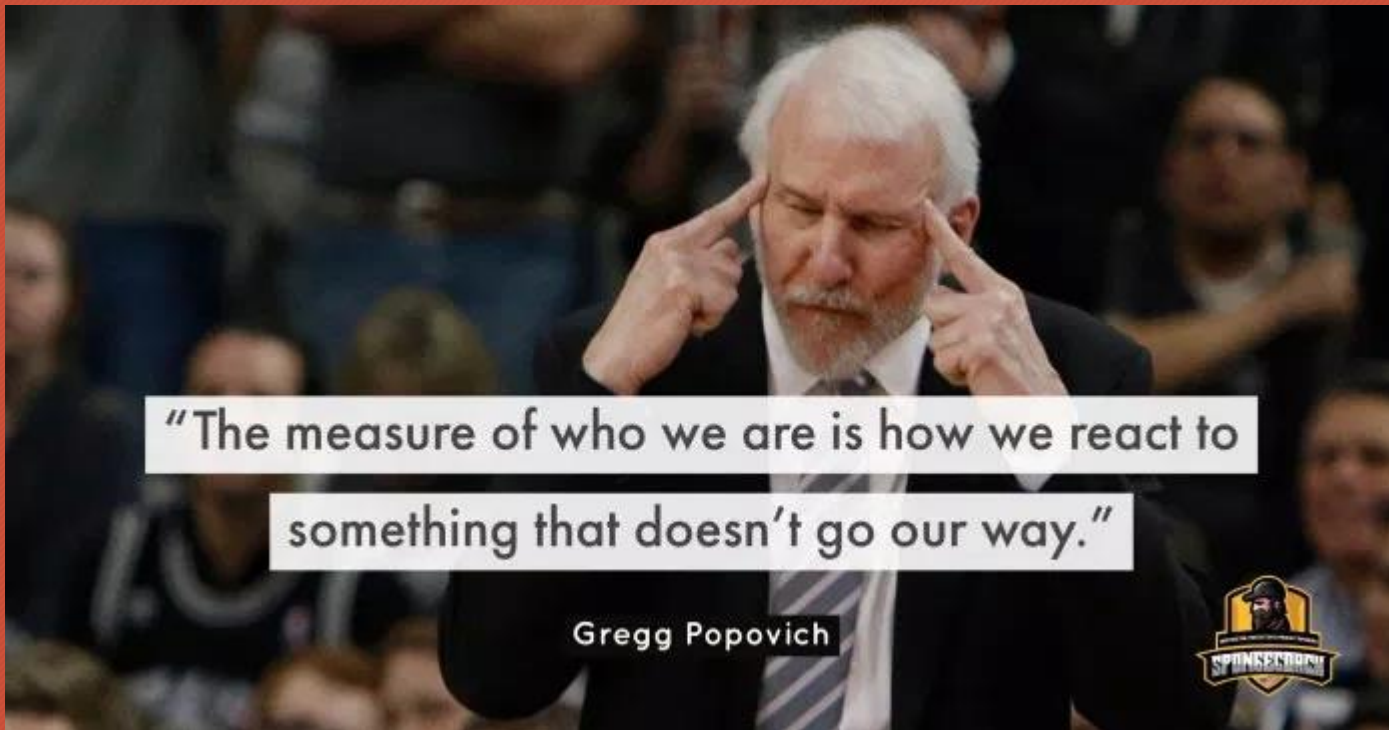


- 18/02: BvB Final Vs. Roeselare
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- 24/02: Home Vs. Guibertin
- 28/02: CL Vs. Trentino

February 18' “Zo een slecht gevoel omdat er zat  
meer in... in de beker finale en nu in de Champions  
League” Banks



February 18'





# March 18'



- Final 12 of CL
- Prepare for the Play-Offs F4:
- Our goal: “**Hunt the finals**” Finals ticket
- Home court advantage - Economics...

# April - May 18'



“Our mission is to arrive in great condition, mentally & physically for the Play-offs & Finals”

“It’s not about playing the best Volleyball - it’s about understanding what we need to do to win”

“For the next weeks, you put everything else on hold... Someone else does the grocery shopping, you take care of your body, rest and prepare the next game!”

“You are the X-Men! Everyone has a special power that can make a difference at one moment or another”

“It’s about what you contribute, 1 serve, 1 defence, 1 cover - that’ll make the difference and that’ll get us OVER THE LINE”

F4 & Championship Finals, Played 9, Won 8...



# The Finals....



- Finals: “Protect the performance”... The ability to stick to your routine during particular moments in the season... Keeping the pressure off in the finals.
- Expectation from the club, the city the fans, everyone wants to shake hands and talk to the coach & the players - how to keep the group focus and prepared without extra pressure.
- Difference Kamil in 2016 - BvB final 2017 and the finals series

# Turning point?



- Home Vs. Waremmme / Out Vs. Roeselare
- CL Home Vs. Zaksa (W 3-2)
- BvB “Teleurstelling bij Maaseik na verloren bekerfinale, We zijn te braaf!”



**It was the PROCESS....**

May 18'



# “Tale of the tape...”



Qualify for CL Pool phase



Qualify for the Beker v Belgie finals



Qualify for the Play-Off finals



Supplementary:

Won Liga Trophy

Liga (regular competition) win/loss 14-2

Liga Competition regular season 1st place.

Beker win/loss 5-1

CL: win/loss: 6-4 (Inc. X2 quals)

The STREAK:

Qualified for Play-Off phase of CL

Total of 48 games in ALL competitions. 39/48

Champions of Belgium





Thank you for your attention.



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