

This is Tom's first year of playing on a team at school. He is on a basketball team. Tom's dad played on a team in high school when he was younger. Tom wants to be just like his dad. Every day after school, Tom goes home. He practices throwing the ball in the hoop. He also practices dribbling with both hands. He is getting better every day. At first, he was lucky if he made two baskets, now he can make almost every shot he takes. Sometimes Tom's dad comes outside. He helps him with his skills. Tom works hard on what his dad shows him. He can now steal the basketball away from his dad. On some days, Tom and his dad play one-on-one.

Tom looks forward to his daily practices with his coach and teammates. All of his friends from school are on his team. Tom is still young, and both boys and girls play on the same team. Tom makes sure that he always passes the ball to everyone on his team. This way, they all get practice every day. He wants to make sure that all his friends get a chance to shoot the ball. Tom loves being on the same team as all of his friends. When they have recess at school, they all play basketball. His team is going to be playing against a very good team soon. He hopes that he and his friends can beat the other team. But Tom knows that playing fairly is the real goal.