

Positives of Short Game

- “Sets the table” for a power hitter
- Can demoralize an opponent
- Consistent bat-ball contact and fewer K’s
- Can score in a variety of ways
- Can often place the ball, taking advantage of defensive weakness or gaps



Positives of Short Game

- Forces Errors
- Forces the defense to execute, make the plays
- Challenging base-coverage decisions for 2B
- Makes your own team defense better
- Easier to teach to “weaker” offensive players
- Learning good vision at the plate, working the count, making the pitcher work harder



The Short Game

- Short game players are usually smaller, faster players who can get down the baseline quickly putting more pressure on the defense. More defensive errors happen because they get in a hurry or are looking at the other runners.



Types of Short Game

- Soft Slapping
- Hard Slapping
- Hard Bunting (Push)
- Drag Bunting
- Place Hitting
- Sacrifice Bunting



Types of Short Game

- Suicide Squeeze
- Safety Squeeze
- Angle Down (Pepper)
- Steal Fake Slap
- Fake Slap Bunt
- Fake Bunt Slap



Triple Threat

- Bunt
- Slap
- Deep Threat



Short Game Negatives

- Great vision and bat control is needed
- Must be able to put ball on ground
- Can be stopped by a good defense
- Weakened full swings by slappers
- Hard to get back in a game
- Need better pitching
- Short flies can cause outs



Conclusion

In order to have an effective and feared offensive line-up is to have a Power Game and a Running Game complemented by a Short Game.



Questions??

