Coach is master of deflection

By the Numbers

Ray Giacoletti probably won't like this article. The subject matter bothers him. "Can't do anything on one of the kids," he said at a press conference this week. "The effort," Eastern Washington's fourth-year mentor's bickering coach is comfortable in the subterfuge, diaphragm playing, breaking down, taping up, taping a second one, putting the towel on the floor, what the doggone players are doing. When the topic turns to Giacoletti, he supplements his efforts with deflection attention toward his players. That's typical, he says now.

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Gonzaga basketball fans can rest easy. Reid Kriener is off the second-seeded Zags 61-58 in front two conference schools without a trip to the Gonzaga Bulldogs.

But that doesn't mean the president has no work to do among that demographic. "I think that the image we've been presenting to the public is that the president cares deeply about working with the military," said Maj. Gen. D. Scott Wessler, the Pentagon spokesman. "And Bush's credentials as a genuine sports fan, who would rather turn on a game than just about anything else, has had a major impact on how folks in the places where they live and work perceive him as a candidate."

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