

ABSTRACT

**A Historical Study on Japan Basketball in the Olympic Games  
in Berlin (1936)**

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This report investigates the actual situation of Japanese basketball at the time of the 1936 Olympic games held in Berlin. It looks at the workings of international organizations and the athletes and athlete selection committee before the games. In addition it considers the playing tactics or game strategy at the times of the games.

According to the letters of Forrest C. Allen about international assessment, people related to Japanese basketball lead by Sang-Beck Lee seemed to be assessed as they had self-sacrificing activities. In this kind of background, player selection and other preparations for the big event were propelled, strategies were studied pretty severely, and had recognizable result at Berlin Olympic games. Furthermore, Japan basketball group centered around Sang-Beck Lee tried to prepare for Tokyo Olympic games scheduled to be held in 1940.

They strengthened basketball environment in Japan, appealed to the world with international vision, introduced system play from the technique and tactic viewpoint, improved competitive power by combining fast break with good strategy, and are understood to have built up the golden age of basketball in Japanese history.

**Keywords**

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