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PICKI VIP DROP #1: **Top Body Language Secrets To Give You The Edge**

Exclusive Dispatch to Picklepedia's VIP Inner Circle
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Hey there legends,

You've cracked the code to Picklepedia's elite club, where i will be letting you into some of the biggest secrets in Pickleball.

My clients? The best in the world, you see them on TV and this is *Picki Drop #1*, your golden ticket to body language secrets few are aware of.

Let me introduce Sarah, a sports psychologist who sharpened my coaching with her knack for reading people. She picked up a few tricks from FBI friends, but it's her pickleball smarts that steal the show. In a match as intense as a pro final, score tied at 10-10, Sarah spots her opponent's shoulder twitch and quick side glance—crosscourt shot, clear as day. She slides left, fires a winning volley, and leaves 'em dazed. That's the power of reading body language, and Sarah's secrets, now my pro's edge, are yours alone. Backed by science no casual player would dream of, these moves light up pickleball's grandest courts. Ready to play like my secret pro and own the game? Let's dive in.

The Edge: Why Body Language Rules the Court

Forget trick shots—pickleball's won by outsmarting your opponent. Reading body language is your secret edge, and Sarah showed me how to master it. As a sports psychologist, she helps athletes read people, A 2016 study in *Annual Review of Psychology* says 60% of communication is nonverbal, giving away plans words don't touch. That's your rival's shoulder hinting at a smash or their foot signaling a dink.

Sports science makes it clear. A 2015 study in *International Journal of Sport Psychology* says top players—like pickleball pros or tennis champs—use small moves (shoulder shifts, foot tilts) to guess shots in a flash. With smashes hitting 40 mph, you've got a split-second to act. Get it right, and you're ahead. A 2017 study in *Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology* shows practicing this makes you a shot-reading pro. A 2018 study in

Frontiers in Psychology calls it “seeing their move first”—knowing their play before they hit. Sarah’s trick of watching usual moves to spot changes became my pro’s weapon in big matches. Now, you’re getting the same insider edge.

The Secrets: Spotting Their Next Shot

Here’s what Sarah and I crafted for my pro—shoulders, feet, and paddles spilling your opponent’s every plan. These are top-secret shortcuts, proven in pro-level games. Learn ‘em, and you’ll run the court like a champ.

Shoulders: The Shot Hint

Shoulders give away shot plans, and Sarah taught me to read ‘em like a pro. A twist says crosscourt; a shrug means they’re unsure.

Move	What It Shows	Your Move	When It Pops
Open Shoulders	**Straight shot or lob.**	**Stay in the middle; ready for a fast or high ball.**	**Serves or when they’re backed up.**
Twisted Shoulders	**Crosscourt or angled shot.**	**Shift to the sideline; watch for spin.**	**Rallies stretching you out.**
Raised Shoulders	**Big hit—smash or serve.**	**Get low; block the power.**	**Net battles or overheads.**
Dropped Shoulder	**Soft play—dink or drop.**	**Move to the kitchen; hit short.**	**Dinking games, sneaky stuff.**
Shoulder Shrug	**They’re lost—shot’s a guess.**	**Stay ready; try a tricky shot.**	**When they’re stuck or nervous.**

Pro Secret: Sarah faced a player who shrugged before lobs. She baited one, then slammed it—a move my pro now pulls in finals. Shoulders always spill.

Feet: The Court Clue

Feet show where they’re headed, and Sarah’s psych skills helped me see it. My pro uses these to stay ahead.

Move	What It Shows	Your Move	When It Pops
Weight on Front Foot	**Moving up—dink or volley.**	**Get to the net; block their shot.**	**Kitchen fights, especially doubles.**
Weight on Back Foot	**Backing off—lob or deep shot.**	**Step back; prep for a high or far ball.**	**When you’re pushing them hard.**
Pointed Toes	**Shot goes where toes point.**	**Cover that side; don’t get fooled.**	**Serves or angled shots.**
Wide Stance	**Set for a big hit—power shot.**	**Stand firm; expect a fast one.**	**Serves or hitting your power back.**
Shuffling Feet	**Unsure or ready to move.**	**Fake a shot; make ‘em trip.**	**When they’re guessing your play.**
Quick Step Forward	**Rushing net or hitting hard.**	**Try a dink or lob to mix ‘em up.**	**Doubles taking the kitchen.**

Pro Secret: My pro, using Sarah’s foot tips, saw a team step forward before volleys. A lob over their heads sealed the point. Feet don’t lie.

Paddle: The Shot Sign

The paddle’s a giveaway, and Sarah showed me how to read it. My pro leans on these in big rallies.

Move	What It Shows	Your Move	When It Pops
Paddle Face Up	**Lob or soft return.**	**Move up; stop their reset.**	**When they're backing up or stalling.**
Paddle Face Angled	**Spin—topspin or slice.**	**Adjust your paddle or hit flat to stop spin.**	**Tricky players shaking things up.**
High Paddle	**Smash or overhead, full power.**	**Get low; ready for a hard hit.**	**Weak lobs or high balls they'll slam.**
Low Paddle	**Dink or drop—soft play.**	**Get to net; hit short.**	**Kitchen rallies, playing smart.**
Tight Grip	**Sharp or strong shot.**	**Expect a precise hit; stand ready.**	**Serves or aiming at your feet.**
Paddle Wobble	**They're shaky—shot's off.**	**Hit hard; use their doubt.**	**Tough spots when they're stuck.**

Pro Secret: My pro caught a paddle angle before backspin, thanks to Sarah. Topspin returns flipped the rally. Paddles always talk.

The Insider Moves: Sarah's Tricks, My Pro's Playbook

Sarah didn't just help me—she shared tricks I've woven into my pro's game. Here's how we win big:

- **Watch Their Norm**: Sarah checked opponents' warm-up habits—grip, stance, shoulders. A grip change meant a smash. Watch first two points like a scout; changes show their plan.
- **Mimic a Bit**: Sarah copied rivals' posture to make them ease up, showing their moves. My pro mimics paddle angles slightly. Try it—they'll relax, and you'll see their shot.
- **Mix Clues**: Sarah used two clues—like twisted shoulders and a step forward—to guess shots. Crosscourt volley, nailed. Practice feet and

paddle together for pro reads.
- **Tough It Out**: Sarah's FBI pals taught her to stay sharp in pressure. I put my pro through tiebreakers with random shots to mimic finals. Play these with a buddy to lock in reads.

The 2017 study says practicing clues makes you a shot reader. The 2018 study adds pros see moves without thinking. Focus on one body part per rally, and you're pro-ready.

Your Plan: Drills to Run the Court

Here's your secret playbook, from Sarah and my pro. Do these, and you'll shine like a star:

1. **Find the Clue**: Pick one clue (shoulders) for a practice game. Guess their shot, track wins and losses, then try feet or paddle. Two weeks, you're a clue pro.
2. **Check Their Start**: Warm-ups are spy time. Note their grip, feet, shoulders—think it or jot it down. When they switch, you're ready.
3. **Quick Peeks**: Glance at their body, keep the ball in sight. Practice watching feet while hitting, slow then fast, for game-ready eyes.
4. **Big-Moment Drill**: Play 10-10 tiebreakers with a friend showing big clues (clear shoulder twists, obvious toe points). You'll read 'em in tight spots.
5. **Watch the Tape**: Record your games. Check for missed clues—like a paddle wobble before a bad shot. Match guesses to what happened to improve.
6. **Two-Clue Trick**: Try two clues—like twisted shoulders and tight grip. Guess the shot before it's hit. That's my pro's edge, now yours.

The Victory

Sarah's psych smarts, with a hint of FBI tricks, and my pro's court magic are your winning combo. Shoulders, feet, paddles—they're spilling every move. With real science and these secrets, you're not playing—you're outsmarting. Run these drills, and opponents will think you've got their playbook. Keep this dispatch locked tight—VIPs only, my inner circle. *Picki Drop #2* is on the way. Stay clever, and make 'em sweat.

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