Father first (Father-Coach-Father):

The probability of winning two consecutive matches is  $P_F(\{WWW, WWL, LWW\})$ :

$$P_F(WWW) = 0.75 * 0.4 * 0.75 = 0.225$$
  
 $P_F(WWL) = 0.75 * 0.4 * 0.25 = 0.075$   
 $P_F(LWW) = 0.25 * 0.4 * 0.75 = 0.075$ 

$$P_F(\{WWW, WWL, LWW\}) = P_F(WWW) + P_F(WWL) + P_F(LWW) =$$
  
= 0.225 + 0.075 + 0.07 = **0.375**

Coach first (Coach-Father-Coach):

The probability of winning two consecutive matches is  $P_{\mathcal{C}}(\{WWW, WWL, LWW\})$ :

$$P_C(WWW) = 0.4 * 0.75 * 0.4 = 0.12$$
  
 $P_C(WWL) = 0.4 * 0.75 * 0.6 = 0.18$   
 $P_C(LWW) = 0.6 * 0.75 * 0.4 = 0.18$ 

$$P_C(\{WWW, WWL, LWW\}) = P_C(WWW) + P_C(WWL) + P_C(LWW) =$$
  
= 0.12 + 0.18 + 0.18 = **0.48**

Since  $P_{\mathcal{C}}=0.48>0.375=P_{F}$ , the order **Coach-Father-Coach** maximizes the chances of winning.

If the requirement for consecutive wins is removed then:

Father first (Father-Coach-Father):

The probability of winning two matches is  $P_{F'}(\{WWW, WWL, LWW, WLW\}) = P_F + P_F(WLW)$ :

$$P_F(WLW) = 0.75 * 0.6 * 0.75 = 0.3375$$

$$P_{F'}(\{WWW, WWL, LWW, WLW\}) = 0.375 + 0.3375 = 0.7125$$

Coach first (Coach-Father-Coach):

The probability of winning two matches is  $P_{C'}(\{WWW, WWL, LWW, WLW\}) = P_{C} + P_{C}(WLW)$ .

$$P_C(WLW) = 0.4 * 0.25 * 0.4 = 0.04$$

$$P_{C'}(\{WWW, WWL, LWW, WLW\}) = 0.48 + 0.04 = 0.52$$

In this case, since  $P_{F'}=0.7125>0.52=P_{\mathcal{C}'}$  the order Father-Coach-Father is preferred.