

Wouldn't it sound ridiculous if a football coach would say that he would never play against another football coach that used a zone defense in football? It is baby talk because no team uses a straight zone defense and no team uses a straight man to man. When the pros "switch" or "slide" or "trade" men in a basketball scrimmage they are using the principle of the zone. No football coach uses a straight man for man defense, nor does he use a straight zone. He uses a transition of one into the other just as a successful basketball coach uses a transition of one to the other. The reason that most of these former pro playing coaches now dislike the zone is because they would not know how to work through it. There is a way to get through a zone defense just as easy as there is a way to work through a man for man. It takes a couple of extra passes but you can work the ball in there.

The only way football became standardized was that two officials from one section worked with two officials from the other section and they got together on the differences of interpretations. And that is the only way that basketball will be brought together, not by having officials from the east officiate all the games, but by having one official from the section of the country from whence the team comes work along with the eastern official. In that way the game would be brought together. But Ed Kelleher and these eastern boys say that they are getting together because they are playing in New York City. I asked Henry Iba last year in Kansas City when we were playing Hank for the Fifth District title - I said, "Hank, you have been east a lot of times and you have been pretty successful. How do you play those eastern boys?" He said, "Phog, throw all your screen plays or set plays away. Just roll (that means pass and cut), set up a rolling offense or a swinging offense, and then drop a post man in under the basket occasionally because the easterners know nothing about playing