

Basketball Rebounds, Continued.

Coach of Wabbly Pitt Devises New
Attack to Spring on West Virginia
Five - By Everett B. Morris.

Dr. Harold Cliff Carlson, Pittsburg basketball coach and director of the university's health service, has come to the conclusion that the repeated defeats of his court athletes indicate that his famous figure-of-eight offense is no longer an entirely dependable and adequate method of attack. So the fiery, imaginative doctor has devised something new to spring on West Virginia tomorrow night when the Mountaineers visit Pitt stadium for an Eastern Conference game.

Just what it is no one outside of Doc and his squad knows. He conceived the idea early Sunday morning when he was tossing around in his bed trying to forget the upset inflicted upon his boys the night before by Georgetown. Monday afternoon he outlined it to his players and they have been working on it all week behind locked doors.

Chet Smith, the sports expert of "The Pittsburg Press," to whom we are indebted for this information, says that Carlson doesn't know whether it is going to be a burlesque or a revolution, but is going to give it a whirl.

He readily admits that it sounds "whacky," but the doctor says that the basic principle of his new system is that the offensive man assumes defensive tactics. "It took my assistant, Dr. Paul Zehfuss, a half hour to discover what I was talking about," he laughed, "so I don't expect any one else to get it inside of a couple of weeks.

"They're kicking about the zone defense, but this system of ours will melt the zone defense into a man-to-man and back again any time we want it to."

Smith suggested to the doctor that perhaps he had discovered basketball's fourth dimension. The doctor grinned. "I wouldn't know about that," he replied. "It may turn out to be tragedy or comedy, joke or junk, mirth or madness, but we're going to give it a whirl. After all, the worst we can do is lose - and we've been doing that."

At any rate Carlson's experiment will be interesting. Anything he does usually is. He calls his new brain child the "elimination system," but he won't tell any one what he is trying to eliminate. Probably defeats.