

X5's man but near the basket. □ 4 would swing over under and near the basket and □ 2 would drive back in the area of the free throw circle. I believe this gives you the idea there. If not, you write me again and send me diagrams and I will mail the diagrams right back to you.

Now, replying to your favor of the 13th instant. Always remember when the ball is passed in to the offensive past the two defensive forwards there is no point to those forwards being out that far. Have the two forwards out back to the area around the free throw outer circle. They do play man to man defense, but when the ball goes into the offensive territory past them then they should double back.

I agree with your operation of your defense in 2-1-2 or 293, either one.

Now, regarding Exhibit 110 you will notice that there are five men in dark uniforms on the three defensive men in white uniforms. You will notice that the left guard, in the left of the picture, is holding two men at bay, the man with arms extended over on the side and an opponent in the far corner behind the right guard. The apex man is holding the shooter at bay and also ready to check back to help the guard in case the man extending his hands receives the ball.

You will notice in Exhibit 112 that the ball was passed to the man with his arms extended in 110. This player was behind the #6 man in Exhibit 110, consequently the left guard rushed out to foil the attack and you will find in Exhibit 112 that the apex man, #6, cut back rapidly and took the left guard's place. Notice in Exhibit 112 the position of the right guard. He is working over and under the basket to help on the rebound. This right guard is handling the two men, one in the corner, and one to his left who is out in front.

Now if three men can handle five in this practice situation you can readily understand that the two forwards on defense could add very materially to these three men. They would harass these two offensive guards in such a way that they would make passing difficult and at the same time they could cut back deeply on defense to aid the three apex men.

We have a general principle of play that we follow but when offensive opponents change location on the court our men switch, slide and trade with these by talking to each other. Our formation on defense is dependent upon the formations the opponents use. We do change our formation according to the opponent. If they spread out we play straight man to man with the principle gone.