

# Vinton Public Schools

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Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
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Dear Dr. Allen:

In reply to your letter of January 10, I wish to say I do have your book on "Better Basketball". I have read the chapter on the stratified transitional defense with the zone principal. I understand the two forwards are to play man to man defense. We have used this defense for the past two years and have found it particularly effective. When we tried to press it it has paid us dividends. When our opponent brings the ball close to our basket we fall into a tight zone of 2-1-2 or 2-3 formation. In exhibits 108-113 inclusive, the question I have in mind is do you assign the apex man (#6 in diagram 110) or the right guard to any particular man in his zone or does the formation your opponent uses make any difference or do you have these three men play straight zone out in front of the basket? Let us say the opponent plays straight at the side of the floor and the center around the basket. The right guard passes into his forward on this side of the floor and of course the left guard covers the first pass. Who will cover the second pass to the center, left guard or center man?

I believe you forgot to answer my question as to just how you would play against a 2-3 type of zone where the three men in the basket court play along in a straight line.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

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