

Of course the coach relies on his judgement in evaluating players, but this research not only confirms his judgement, but stimulates athletic interest. For that reason I think it is worth-while.

Now for a very new project and this is it. I have an idea that you can motivate the teaching of set plays and team plays in high school by diagramming the floor using different colored water colors. Each color of diagram will represent a play. I ran onto the idea of mixing this poster and show-card color with Le Page's glue. This glue makes the color impervious to wear, and it will remain on the floor for several years unless you desire it removed and then a towel soaked in warm water will immediately remove that material without injuring the floor an iota. One can use black and white and all the other colors that he desires. I have used this plan in coaching my fundamental movements of the players for over ten years. When John Bunn who is now dean of men at Stanford was my assistant, here at the University, I had him put on the first set of diagrams. I trust you get the idea. The one color scheme is diagrammed for every movement of every player during the feinting movements and the consummation of their play. These movements soon become reflexes and then the boys can do them without the diagrams, but it does help tremendously.

Practically all the high school coaches say that it's too difficult to teach set plays to high school players. By following this scheme it would be easy indeed because every boy on the team knows exactly what movements to follow by watching his diagram and color. There are set plays definitely made to work through the zone defense and there are set plays made to work through the man-to-man defense. I do not know whether your magazine would be interested in running a series of diagram colors showing this scheme or not, but if it would this would be a revolutionary article on research that no one has attempted. We have worked this out in such a way that I positively know there are few flaws in it and it works for us and I believe it will show the way of opening up the field to high school coaches in basketball that has never before been attempted.

I am sending you this work, Evaluating Team and Individual Performance in Basketball, for your scanning at your convenience.

Sincerely,