

cat will leap upon her prey and exterminate it. So should the basketball guard know his own physical powers and the territory that he can successfully control. Such a guard will have poise and power and confidence and a contagious enthusiasm that bodes ill for an opponent who attempts an offensive thrust into his territory.

A versatile and aggressive guard will combine all the qualities of leadership at his command to ward off the offensive thrusts of two opponents. Only when outnumbered in man power is the guard in danger.

Successful guarding is done by the unit method. The coach builds one good guard, then builds another, and another, and another, and another. He then puts these units together and builds his team. In this way he builds his defensive mechanism.

In the same manner he builds the offense. The coach teaches the individual player the technique of ball handling. The coach's prayer for an ideal offensive basketball player is for a lithe, supple, rangy, powerful and courageous fellow with an athletic swing. He must be a clean, hard player ever ready to follow the lead of his captain and always able to think for himself. He must possess an all-seeing eye, an ever-ready and adept pair of hands that can handle the ball. It is then easy for the coach to teach offensive technique. By developing this offensive power in each one of the individual men he builds his team together by picking men who can pivot, pass, hook, shoot or dribble, as the occasion requires.

Every man on the team should be a good forward and he should be a flawless ball handler and an efficient guard. By developing this all around technique in a player this player can then fit into any niche on the team. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link; neither is a team any stronger than its weakest player.

I will especially emphasize fundamentals, both on the offense and the defense. I will take the individual players from the North Georgia team and