

successful basket ball strategist will legitimately draw the guard out of position by dribbling , and then by pivoting and back-passes at a different angle,- thereby reversing the defensive effort. A forward pass following the back pass permits a strategic thrust with a scoring effort in the offensive area. A great player will never, for a single instant, ^{forget} this admonition: If a player cannot pass the ball forward to ^a team mate, a pivot will introduce him to the other one-half of the court where he is almost certain to find a team mate open for a release pass.

As a monkey handles a cocoanut so should an expert ball handler handle a basket ball. After catching the ball, head work and foot work combined with ball handling are prime essentials. A skillful ball handler will keep his knee constantly bent so that he may protect the ball with the most advanced parts of his body. He will keep his head and shoulders back and away from his opponent. By keeping his head back, his peripheral and depth visions are accentuated. In such versatile position the player can pass or hook the ball forward. He can readily pivot off his rear foot and feed off at any angle. Or, when finding his opponent drawn out of position, he can swing into a low fast dribble to free himself from his converging opponent. In the interesting family of fundamentals, ball handling, pivoting, catching, passing, and dribbling are all first cousins.

The #2 trouble maker for young and inexperienced coaches is their inability to teach a team to work through a set or a stratified zone defense, which incorporates a part man-to-man and part zone defense. Most coaches are well acquainted with the procedure of working