

and swing back at top speed toward the basket for rebound work. They know that the law of averages is against the success of the long shot and that they, by recovering the ball, may profit thereby.

The coach is spending his time on the defensive man, primarily instilling in them good defensive teamwork and pointing out constantly the weakness and the strength of the defensive play as it progresses from scrimmage to scrimmage.

Fourth stage. Five on five. Here we have the defensive situation as it should be with five offensive men met by five defensive opponents. These game drills follow all former regulations and should always follow and never precede those of the first, second and third stages of defensive drill. The five man defensive teams should have no trouble in stopping their five man offense in these practice drills. Each of the defensive men specifies a certain opponent for whose movements he will be personally responsible during these regular game situations. These defensive men are taught to slide and trade and switch, so there will be no excuse for permitting an offensive opponent to score because he shook his opponent loose.

The same ratio that has been used in five trials at the basket is used in this drill. The defense should many times shut the offensive team out without a basket because three defensive men played five heretofore, and it should be an easy matter now to hook up the five defensive men into a well-knit organization that should many times turn the offensive back without a single goal in five trials.

In Exhibit 5 the cut back of the forwards is emphasized. The moment that the ball passes a defensive forward, this player should angle back into the area into which the ball was passed and make a one-two pass near impossible. You will note that the offensive guards are handling the ball and one of the guards has just passed into the right forward.