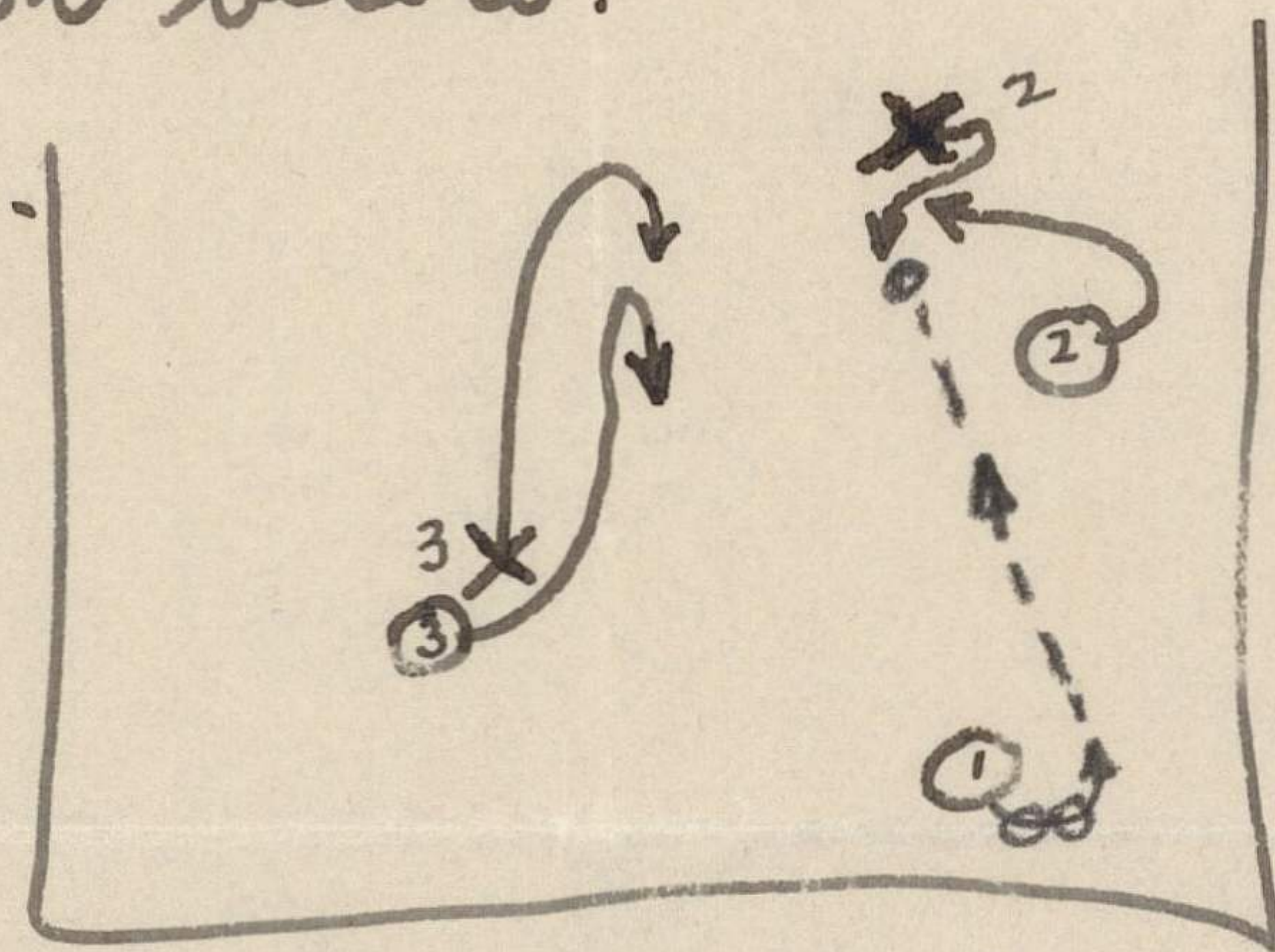


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Dear Dr. Allen,

In your years of experience with basketball you doubtless have experimented with fast breaking both in straight lines and angularly. I have found that straight line breaking resulted in frequent interceptions such as shown below:



X₂ frequently intercepted (1)'s pass to (2)

In straight line breaking therefore ~~is~~ is it not advisable to preferably advance the ball initially up the middle to (3) because his man X₃ must of necessity stay between him and the basket thus minimizing interception possibilities?

From your observation does angular breaking help eliminate interceptions on fast breaks?

I shall greatly appreciate finding out these two points as I should like to work on them in our spring practice

Thank you for what former assistance you have given me and hoping I'll be granted this further aid, I remain

Sincerely yours

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