

c

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Mr. Jerry Brondfield,
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1290 West 3rd Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Jerry:

I am happy to collaborate with you on any phase of the game of basketball that you desire. If this article is too long, cut it. You newspaper men have an uncanny knack of doing that sort of a job just about right. I am hurrying this article through so that you will get it by the date you desire, namely December 2nd.

I might tear this title apart for you. "The Stratified Transitional Man-For-Man Defense With the Zone Principle" means exactly what it says. It is a stratum of the man-for-man and a stratum of the zone. We pick our men at the start of the game, each one of our men picking a defensive opponent. We slide, switch or trade opponents as the situation indicates.

The two defensive forwards play man to man defense, while the two guards and the center form a triangular defense with the center on the apex but in a retreating position. When we have an even number of opponents we play them man to man. When they outnumber our defensive setup with their offensive power we play them with the zone principle, but always ready to shift into a straight man to man when the tension eases.

I believe these few words explain our principle of the defense. We do not play a zone, but we get credit for it, so why complain.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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