

THE CONVERGING LANE

Points "X", most favored for rebound work are approximately six feet from center of basket, as are positions "A" and "Z".

Positions "X" are approximately three feet in front of face of backboard. Player at points "A" would have about three feet between player at "X" and face of backboard. Players at points "A", "X", "Z", are approximately equal distance from basket since they are on the diagonal.

This converging lane would tend to equalize opportunities on free throws, despite height advantages.

Opponents of tall players would play the ball, rather than the man, as their chances of securing the ball would be greatly increased.

Today, in many cases, the tall man is getting his points because he has unequal advantage in position and height, and not because he is a good player. He will still get most of the rebounds on his side but he will have to earn his points through basketball ability rather than height advantage.

This converging lane would also tend to place a premium on good play by forcing tall men on offense to station themselves further from the basket for the high pass and lay-in shot.

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