

into a desired location to receive a pass back.

The great danger of any offensive thrust by the guards is always leaving their basket wide open for a quick thrust by the opponent. The guards will remember that yesterday I cautioned them especially about dropping back in a tandem position and then if necessary coming forward to get into the play.

The swing play on the offense should always be employed by using one guard back in the key position in the center of the floor so if a ball is intercepted that would cut off a drive to the basket.

While a great deal of discussion has apparently taken place on the inability of the guards on defense, I want to say now that there is just as glaring a weakness by the offensive forwards on defense. On one play yesterday after the White team had scored I counted four men on the Whites with their backs to the ball, not one of them watching the location of the ball while it was being brought up the court by the Reds. This is an unpardonable and unforgivable situation by any team. It shows their utter inaptitude to cope with a vital situation. Here the Whites had just scored and they were mentally patting themselves on the back, loafing as they went back, saying, "Well, we just scored, we will loaf back into a situation of self-complacency". What should have been their attitude? They should have been full of fire, glancing over their shoulders as they ran back, keeping their eyes first on their opponents and almost instantaneously and collectively upon the ball, just as a fielder looks over his shoulder to watch a long fly that is hit deep into the field, racing back anticipating on arriving at the spot where he will field the ball and then be in position to wing it on in to the infield to cut off a runner trying to advance after the catch. Merely rushing out there and fielding a ball over his shoulder and being in no position for the throw in is just as bad as the defensive inertia shown by the White team yesterday.