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Basketball and How to Play It

By Observer

DEFENSE

Box Formation

One style of defense formation has been mentioned in connection with the discussion on guards, that is the one-man guard. The box formation which we shall consider now is stronger though the stationary guard serves in the same capacity in it as in the "one guard back" defense.

The running guard and the center play their own positions and in so doing they turn the play toward the center and prevent sideline dribbling which is frequently resorted to against the one guard back defense. The forwards form the first line of defense just beyond the center of the floor in advance of the running guard and the center. It is their duty to force the passing of their opponents and prevent any killing of time in holding or passing the ball at their end of the floor.

This will give two forwards in the front line defense, the center and the running guard as a second line taking opposite sides of the floor and the stationary guard under the basket waiting to intercept as usual.

Five Man Guard

The five-man defense is another exceptionally strong and effective style of play that is becoming common among school and college teams who work out systematically under coaches. It places the responsibility of defense on the whole team.

The defence is concentrated in the center section across the entire width of the floor. As with all others, the time for this style of defense is immediately upon loss of the ball. The great danger with this formation will occur if any time is lost in getting into place. Once the opponents penetrate into that territory past the center of the floor scoring is sure to result. A team that is behind should not attempt this style of defense as the opponents can continue to pass at their end of the floor for the sole purpose of killing time. The team that is behind should exert every effort to establish an offense and the only way to do so is to intercept a pass.

Three-Man Offense

A three-man offense can rarely penetrate the five-man defense. Four or five men are necessary and even then if skill and good judgment is not used even this number will fail. There are two ways in which the five-man defense can be played. One is the man to man type of play and the other is the position style of defense.

In the first each man picks his opponent as the latter endeavors to advance into the guarded territory. Naturally a criss-crossing of players on the line of defense will result. But in the other style each man is held responsible for a section of the floor and should he be drawn out of his position in the line of defense he is simply affording his opponents an opening. The end men on the forward line of defense ward against sideline dribbling as the opponent can easily be forced out of

bounds. An attack directed between two players on the first line of defense can be met from either side. Even if the forward line of defense is not successful in breaking the play it should by no means break if two men get past. The two guards, or the secondary line of defense will take care of the two men. The three men on the first line of defense are responsible for the three remaining players and after the offense has passed the front line they have a chance of action according to the way they size up the play.

They may either fall back and help the secondary defense or hold their forward positions in readiness to launch an offensive attack if the guards break up the play and get the ball.

The breaking up of formations built around a brilliant star necessitates the putting of one man for the sole purpose of guarding the star.

Sport Chat

If the Vancouver hockey players fall down tonight in their game against the Metropolitans in Seattle, they might as well give up any hope of trying to catch up with the other two coast teams before the end of the year.

The Puget Sound team soundly trounced the Millionaires in the opening game on the Canadian side and then Victoria stepped in and handed them two more beatings. Now they are put with their back against the wall. It is a case of "do or die." Of course the Seattle fans will install their home boys as favorites but there will be a goodly crowd of Vancouver supporters to lay their change on their favorites. Beyond a doubt, the Millionaires standing in the cellar of the coast league is due to the absence of their star goalie, Hugh Lehman who is not supposed to report before December 1 but urgent wires have been sent asking him to hurry. The substitute from the Prairies is not good enough to stop the Coast sharpshooters who have been finding the back of his cage with great regularity, a thing which they had great difficulty in doing while Lehman was on deck.

England's Grand Old Man of Tennis, J. G. Ritchie recently celebrated his 52nd birthday by passing into the finals in the London Covered Lawn Tennis Championships, a fine achievement indeed as the entry was of a very high quality. Ritchie is one of the most wonderful veterans who have graced English sport. At 52 years of age he plays tournament lawn tennis practically every day of his life and thrives on it. Some people may think a man is too old at 40 for such a strenuous exercise but Ritchie meets and beats good players thirty years his junior and he keeps doing it. He is slower than he was ten years ago but a compensating asset is the subtle brain of a great lawn tennis "general." That and a matchless steadiness, pulls the veteran Ritchie through. He gets everything back and works with one object, to get his opponent out of position. That accomplished, he finishes off the rally with a neat and reasonably hard shot.

Ten Years Ago

In Prince Rupert

Frank S. Evans, managing director of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., left this morning for England to purchase a fishing fleet for the company.

G. A. McNeill, superintendent of the G.T.P., left this morning on the Prince Rupert for the south on a business trip.

The Grand Jury, headed by Fred Stock as foreman, has presented its report on the public institutions of the city to Hon. Gordon Hunter, Chief Justice of B.C. The report also made some very complimentary remarks about His Lordship.

W. B. Baer, who has been in the city for the last few weeks in connection with the Port Edward townsite, left this morning for Seattle.

Fifty reservists left on the steamer Prince Rupert for the south this morning on their way to fight against the Turks in the Balkan war.

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