

Opponent Scouting:

“An overview of what we look for in scouting an opponent”

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1) Primary Break

- Run on makes or misses?
- Pitch over top to big?
- Sideline break?
- Pitch sideline and penetrate middle from wing?
- Shoot transition threes?

2) Secondary Break

-We define this as more of a set action when you have stopped the ball in primary break

Examples:

- KU/Carolina Break
- Screen Under/Screen Down Action
- Pin Down Actions
- Ball Screen Actions

3) Man Offense

-We define this as what they will typically run in the ½ court, we try to categorize a team as either a Motion offense or Set Play team.

Examples:

- 4 out 1 in Motion
- 3 out 2 in Motion or Hi-Lo Motion
- 5 out Motion
- Dribble-Drive Penetration Motion (Memphis)
- Ball Screen Motion (Kansas)
- Princeton (Cutting/backdoor action)
- Set Play Style (Utah State, Utah,-Will call a play each time down the court)

4) Man Set Plays

-In our program we will breakdown almost every opponent game film and clip every man to man set the opponent will run. Then we will decide which sets they run most and which we need to prep. Most of the time for our system we prep about 8 sets throughout practice. (All but one Big Sky team is “set play” style)

Examples: Sets may vary from team to team, some teams have about 45(Montana & Montana State), some about 25(NAU, Weber, N. Colorado). Here are some common things we see in the Big Sky Conference.

- Ball Screen Sets
- Screen Under/Screen Down
- Box Sets
- Iso’s for Bigs at the block (quick duck ins, quick seals)
- “Single/Double” Action for Shooters
- 1-4 High Sets, 1-4 ISO Sets
- Mis-Direction Set/Backside option away from primary action
- Unique Sets: uncommon sets a particular program may have
- Termination Sets: High POB, Flat POB, Roll/Replace

5) Zone Offense:

-We find that most teams have 2 or 3 Zone Offenses, aside from their sets or specials. We really try to analyze what they will run against the particular type of Zone we may be playing.

Examples:

- 4 out or 3 out Zone Motion (Basic Set, Different principles for different teams)
- Cutter Motion: Constant movement on all passes, no continuity
- Overload Action
- Baseline Action: player moving along the baseline (Different principles for different teams)
- 1-3-1/2-1-2 Look (different actions w/ different teams)
- Ball Screen Action

6) Zone Sets/Zone Specials

-We like to define these as a set play the opponent will execute against a zone defense, sets or specials that are different from their main zone offense—although, they may be out of the same formation as their zone offense.

Examples: These are some common themes we see against Zone Defense

- Stack Set (very common)
- Lob Sets
- Pin In Action on the Zone for a particular shooter
- Ball Screen on outer third, or top of the Zone
- Unique Zone Set (something tricky you may only see w/that team)
- 1-3-1 Sets

7) Press Offense:

-This may not be important to many teams. There are many presses, and press offenses. We really try to find out what the other team will look to execute against our particular press. Something we always consider is what position (2, 3, 4 etc.) throws in the ball for the opponent.

Examples: Common themes we see against a 3/4 Court Press.

- 2-1-2 Formation(stationary)
- 1-3-1 Formation (different cut & fill options)
- Team Specific Press Offense
- Attack Offense: (Push Up Sideline or get the ball up the floor before press is set)

8) Defense:

-Besides the primary defense the team will play (man to man, zone, etc.) We will break down and analyze how they guard certain actions that apply to us.

Examples: Man to Man/ Zone

- MTM: (Switching, Pressure, Pack-Line, etc)
- Zone: (Match-up, 1-3-1, 2-3, etc.)
 - How does the zone shift, slide or rotate? Position responsibilities?

Examples: Specific principles they will guard with...

- Switch like Screens (Guards & Bigs, Switch 1-4, etc.)
- Pin Downs, Double Screens, Staggers (Show, Switch, Stay attached or shoot gap)
- Ball Screens (Hard hedge, Squeeze, Switch, Center Field, Trap etc.)
- Post Defense: (Dig down or double w/ guards, double post to post, play behind or front)

9) UOB/SOB

-Very basic: We look for which sets they run the most and which could hurt us. This is also specific to our style of play. We play a unique zone UOB defense and will prep sets (whether man to man or zone) according to how we will play them. SOB: we are man to man on all SOB and prep specific to our defensive principles.