

Attacking Switching Man to Man

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Considerations:

- How often do you see it?
- Non conference or conference?
- When do you work it into practice?

Specifics:

What are they switching, by size? (Small-Small screen, Big-Big screen, Big - Small screen, small-Big screen?)

What are they switching, by screen type? (PNR, down screen, up screen, flare screen, cross screen, etc.)

When are they switching? (Late in clock? EOG?)

What is your strength? Post Play? Quickness? Can you manipulate the switch to highlight that advantage?

Does your screener have and maintain eye contact with your passer? E.g. flare screens

Thoughts/Options for attacking teams that switch:

Pass, Cut and play off the bounce

- Huge spacing, quick ball movement and hard cuts
- Must have actions in place for when the ball gets bounced – what do the other 4 guys do?

Tight curls, curl picks and/or backcuts on all down screens – especially if there is contact on the screen

Screen your own man out of your sets.

Double cuts (counter)

- e.g. Floppy/X actions

Flare screens – don't come together...make it a spot or area screen

Slips and/or step to the ball (if they don't "touch" defensively on the switch)

Drive the mismatch to make two commit to the ball (e.g. 1 vs 5).

Fake screens and step to the ball/slip out of your motion.

Drive the ball as screening occurs. Forces second level of defense to help.

Drag screens off break/early offense

Arrange your actions to take advantage of the switch

Get ball moving early in your sets/actions before you screen (false action)

No guard to guard screens or big to big screens....make every screen small on big or big on small to create mismatch opportunities for post play or penetration.