

Good morning! Looks like the weather will cooperate for another Friday!

Think about your pre-game conference.....do you discuss transition and who has what responsibilities...2 or 3-person? In transition plays in a 3-person game, C must stay up to help on a press and then has that 'cone' or 'V' the whole way across the floor and could potentially have an 'over-and-back' play to see. New lead might possibly have a preliminary three-point signal if we have a long pass and the shot goes up...and L needs to have that shooter up and all the way back to the floor before either looking to the paint for rebounding or to see if T picked up the preliminary on the three-point signal. This discussion should probably be a part of every 3-person pregame conference.

In a 2-person conference about transition, new L has to be as deep as the deepest matchup and needs to 'help out' on anything he/she can.....that play at midcourt can be very difficult to cover and also a three point shot on T's wing. Two-person transition plays can be VERY difficult.

Take a look at this transition play [here](#) and see what you might have...think about the 3-person game like this one is and if you were in a 2-person game (what should each position be doing and how do we cover this play?)

So we have an obvious back court violation, right? The ball was in the back court, passed to a teammate who went airborne from the front court, caught the ball in the air (now front court status) and landed with one foot in the back court. Take a look at the ball location definition:

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ART. 1

A ball which is in contact with a player or with the court is in the backcourt if either the ball or the player (either player if the ball is touching more than one) is touching the backcourt.

ART. 2

A ball which is in contact with a player or with the court is in the frontcourt if neither the ball nor the player is touching the backcourt.

ART. 3

A ball which is in flight retains the same location as when it was last in contact with a player or the court.

ART. 4

A ball which touches a player or an official is the same as the ball touching the floor at that individual's location.

So who should get this play? In a 3-person game, this is one of the primary reasons transition was discussed in the pregame conference....and is definitely C's call all the way. In a 2-person game, this is difficult since T has at least 2 matchups and new L has 2. Nobody will argue that 2-person is easy. In this case, if L were on the side of the play at midcourt, he/she MAY be able to help. If the play was opposite L, it would be almost impossible for L to help (but it would be in front of T who hopefully gets a better look anyhow). T has to work hard to try to get a look at everything that happens in the back court as well as what happens close to the mid court line.

TALK about transition plays and coverage responsibilities in your pregame!

Have a GREAT game tonight and safe travels!

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