

4. Nate Oats

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Sets & Special Play Situations

- Although his teams have been known in recent memory for pace and high scoring in transition, in his last few years at Buffalo they were top 15 in the nation in ATO conversions
- As a high school coach he probably had 100 different set actions that he circulated
 - If you get terminology down it makes it much easier
 - Iverson series might have 20 different looks
 - Other series – Horns, Zipper, Box
 - Playing out of family series make it harder to scout and easier to implement things periodically throughout the year
 - Leading up the season might put it one series a week
 - Early in the season may spend 15 min 5-0 in practice
 - At Alabama if he puts up sets on the board pregame he tells the guys if they do not run them early that is a good sign because it means they are probably have success in their transition and continuity
 - Run sets out of time outs, dead ball situations, or last shot of half.
- States that he has changed the way that he does scouting a little bit
 - Used to split teams between coaches (each coach would have 3 or 4 teams in conference)
 - Now he has moved more of an offensive defensive coordinator system so neither side gets neglected in scouting
 - Has a sheet where they track
 - Their Sets
 - How do they guard different actions
 - Side P &R / Middle P&R / Ball screens with bigs ball screens with guards
 - Estimated matchups / What are our best mismatches
 - Allowed them to come up with a play sheet for each game and how they wanted to attack each team
- Points Per Possession Breakdowns are huge for Oats Teams
- Early in the year they may spend an hour the day after a game, later in the year they cut down a bit
 - Oats filmed every practice in high school and still does the same in college
- Have a whole other different series for zone but will run some man stuff against zone
 - The biggest difference is just adjusting how they're going to attack closeouts
- Reads – preparation is key once again how are they going to guard different actions, they spend a lot of time in the preseason working on reads within their offense. Leading up to the game they tell their guys what look to expect from the defense to make reads easier
 - As they adjust their coverages you make your adjustments as well
- All plays his players have the freedom to break off for a great shot – Tells them if you break a play off it better result in a great shot for you or your teammate
- Like the horn series for the fact that they like space and don't throw it in the post a ton. Trying to get drive and kick actions (they chart how many paint touches on drives)
- Response to trapping ball screen is to quickly get the ball out of the trap with the guy who sets the screen diving to the rim. Ideally hit the other post creating a numbers game with him and the guard in the corner