

BASELINE DRIVES 1

SERIES: PENETRATION & POST OFFENSE DNA CATEGORY: CREATE AN ADVANTAGE

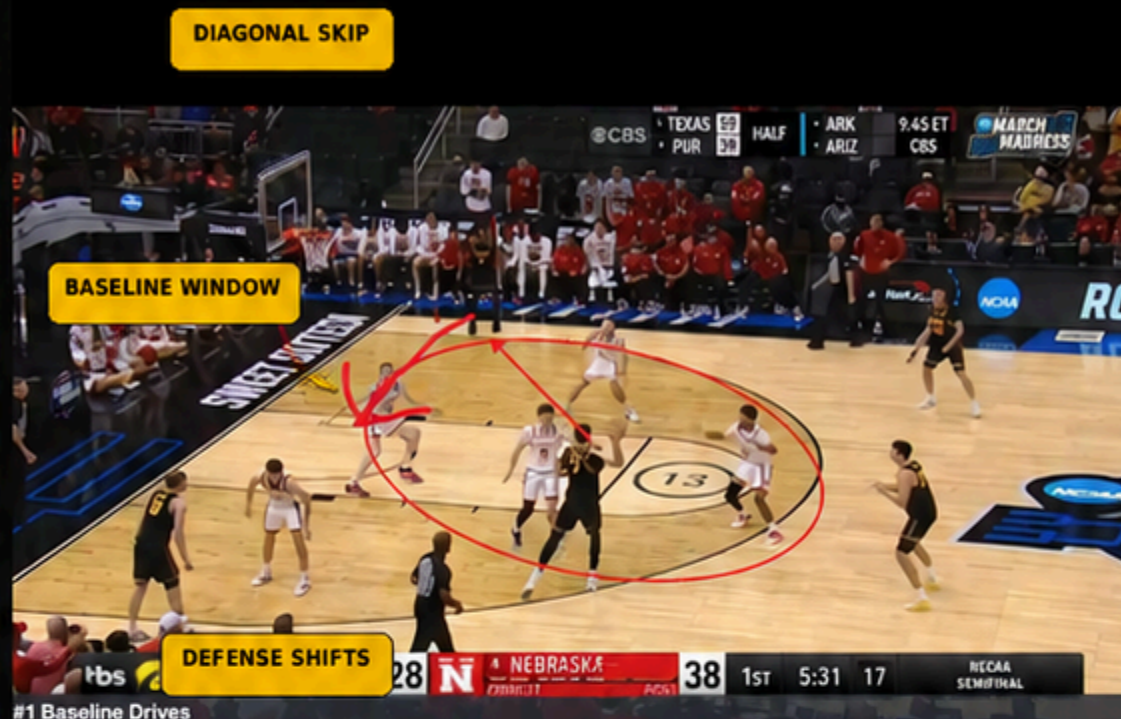
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HAWKEYES

THE ADVANTAGE DNA™

- 1 The guard sees the defense loaded to the ball.
- 2 He throws a diagonal skip pass to the opposite-side target.
- 3 The pass lands exactly at the spot marked by the red arrow.
- 4 Nebraska has to travel across the floor to recover.
- 5 The closeout arrives long and off balance.
- 6 The receiver attacks baseline on the catch.
- 7 Help is late because the skip stretched the shell.
- 8 Iowa punishes the over-commitment before the defense can flatten out.

ADVANTAGE FRAME — 5:31 1ST HALF



PAUSE HERE

The key is where the diagonal skip pass lands. Follow the red line: the guard throws the ball across the defense to that opposite-side catch point. Nebraska has already over-committed toward the ball, so the skip forces a long recovery. That moving closeout is what creates the baseline driving lane. The receiver should attack immediately before the shell can recover.

ACTION BREAKDOWN

1. DIAGONAL SKIP



4 throws the diagonal skip to 3. The pass changes the angle of the defense and forces Nebraska to travel across the floor.

2. BASELINE ATTACK



On the catch, 3 attacks baseline immediately. The slot player cuts to the rim while the closeout is still moving.

3. PLAY THE ADVANTAGE



The skip pass creates the advantage. Read the long closeout and attack the exposed baseline before the help can recover.

COACHING INSIGHTS

WHY IT WORKS

The diagonal skip makes the defense cover maximum distance. It attacks an over-loaded shell and turns the recovery into a long closeout.

DEFENSIVE REACTION

Nebraska commits extra bodies toward the original ball side. When the skip travels over the top, the backside defender has to sprint to the catch.

OFFENSIVE READ

Attack the direction the closeout gives you. If the defender is flying out and cannot square up, drive baseline immediately.

COACHING POINT

The pass must arrive at the exact opposite-side target shown by the red arrow. Throw it on time, catch ready to drive, and attack before the defense resets.

STEAL THIS IDEA

Use a diagonal skip pass to punish a defense that is leaning too far toward the ball. The goal is not simply to reverse the floor. The goal is to make the defense travel farther than it wants to travel, then attack the moving closeout with an immediate baseline drive.

DNA TAKEAWAY

THE SKIP PASS MOVES THE DEFENSE.
THE LONG CLOSEOUT CREATES
THE BASELINE ADVANTAGE.