



Teaching Players What to See

SEPTEMBER 23 • SYSTEMS • ALIGNMENT • DECISION MAKING

Question of the Day

What is one thing you do, or have done, with your feeder programs or lower levels that has benefited your program?

OR

If you coach at the lower levels, what is one thing the leader of the program could do to involve your level more?

The advertisement features a coach in a blue P-O Basketball jacket pointing at a whiteboard. The whiteboard has the text 'IT ALL CONNECTS.' followed by a list: 'PHILOSOPHY', 'OFFENSE', 'PLAYER DEVELOPMENT', 'PRACTICE', 'DECISIONS', and 'RESULTS'. To the right of the list is a basketball diagram with arrows showing player movement. In the foreground, there is a P-O basketball and a stack of books with the same six categories as the whiteboard. The background is a dark blue wall with the P-O Basketball logo and the text 'DISCIPLINE BUILDS BETTER PLAYERS.' and 'ONE TEAM. ONE GOAL. ONE PURPOSE.' at the bottom. The main headline reads 'YOUR TEAM DOESN'T NEED MORE STUFF. IT NEEDS A SYSTEM.'

Dribble Drive Offense

Your Team Does Not Need More Stuff It Needs a System

Working with a coach through System Builder has reminded me how important it is to connect every part of a program.

Connect the Pieces

Coaches have more information available to them than ever before. YouTube, clinics, playbooks, Twitter, and Instagram can provide a new offense before breakfast, three new drills by lunch, and another 25 actions before bed.

I know because I have spent much of my coaching career doing the same thing. Most coaches do not need more stuff. They need to connect the pieces they already have.

The goal is not to collect basketball ideas. The goal is to create alignment.

Learn the Framework Build Our System

Your Offense Is Not Your System

For a long time, I probably would have defined my system by the offense I ran: Dribble Drive, 4-Out, or 5-Out. Those things matter, but they are only pieces. Your system is how those pieces connect.

- Your spacing should support how you want to attack.
- Your player development should prepare players for the decisions they will encounter within that spacing.
- Your transition game should flow naturally into your half-court offense.
- Your drills should develop the skills your players actually need.
- Your practice should recreate the problems players will have to solve in games.

Eventually We Got to Practice

Start With the Decision

This is becoming a bigger part of how I approach player development. Instead of beginning with, “What drill should we do?” begin with, “What decision does the player need to improve?” Then design the drill or small-sided game around that decision.

- Recognizing a driving gap
- Reading help defense
- Choosing between finishing and spraying the ball out
- Keeping the dribble alive when the initial advantage disappears
- Recognizing numbers in transition
- Understanding when an advantage has not developed yet

Now the drill has a purpose. More importantly, that purpose connects directly to how you want to play.

Training Your Point Guard for the Modern Drive and Kick Offense

[Watch the free opening portion on YouTube](#)

P-O Alumni Message

Congratulations and welcome home to these alumni. We are excited to welcome you back to the P-O Basketball family, and we plan to keep you updated and involved with future events.

- **Christian DeLozier — Class of 2024**
- **Mark Nartatez — Class of 1979 (Coach)**
- **Kris Vancas — Class of 1989**

New Building News

We are actively searching for a company to help with the grant-writing process. We are also beginning to look for land to purchase while seeking a grant-writing partner that can focus on identifying funding opportunities for the project.

One company currently under consideration is Grant Writing LLC in New York.

We will be rolling out the new building fund campaign soon. The website is finished and ready to view. Our goal is to have the gym operating within five years.

[Visit the Little Mounties Sports Complex website](#)

Five-Year Goal: Open the Little Mounties Community Sports Complex

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Build Our System

Seven connected priorities help turn an offensive idea into a complete program system: spacing, creating gaps, paint touches, decision making, finishing, shooting, and pressure defense.

A graphic titled "P-O BASKETBALL BUILD OUR SYSTEM" set against a dark blue background with a basketball court floor at the bottom. At the top center is a logo featuring a stylized "P-O" and a bearded man's head. To the left, a banner reads "P-O MOUNTIES DISCIPLINE COMPETITION GROWTH". To the right, a banner reads "TRADITION DEVELOPS CHAMPIONS". The main title "P-O BASKETBALL" is in large, bold, metallic letters, with "BUILD OUR SYSTEM" underneath. Below the title are seven numbered boxes, each containing a basketball court diagram illustrating a concept: 1. SPACING (players in various positions), 2. CREATE GAPS (dashed arrow from the three-point line into the paint), 3. PAINT TOUCHES (dashed arrows pointing into the paint area), 4. DECISION MAKING (dashed arrows showing a player's options), 5. FINISHING (a player shooting the ball), 6. SHOOTING (dashed arrows showing shooting angles), and 7. PRESSURE DEFENSE (defenders marked with 'X' in various positions). To the left of the boxes is a stylized "P-O" and to the right is "TOUGHER TOGETHER". At the bottom, the text "ONE TEAM • ONE GOAL • ONE PURPOSE" is displayed above a white Nike swoosh logo.

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