

BOB KNIGHT

DEFENDING SCREENS

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Down Screen- 1st choice is to beat it over the top. 2nd choice is go underneath.

It all depends on quality of the offensive player and how well he sets up to use screen. Man guarding the screener must step back.

Back Screen- beat it over the top. Get on ball side of the screener. Most difficult to defend in the back screen is when the offense back screens.

Cross Screen- Automatic switch. Defense on the cutter gets underneath the screener. Screeners man gets above the screener. If cutter goes high then switch! If the cutter goes low then no switch.

Flare Screen- Defense on the cutter, get underneath screen.

Double Screen- Get underneath the screen. If you can't get underneath screen then chase his numbers. **(His teams switch double and stagger screens by moving everyone up 1 man)**

Switching screens can really take away scoring chances. You have to use it all the time in the same situations. Take the choice out.....either switch or don't.

Two purposes of switching screens

- 1. Take away pass to the cutter**
- 2. Take away screeners cut or roll to the basket.**

Switching can frustrate an offense. They make same screens and cuts in practice and when you switch those same cuts and screens will not be open.