



GAMES SCOUTED:

10/27/06	Denver Nuggets	@	L.A. Clippers	Won	92-90	Live	2nd Game Out	Haskins
10/26/06	Denver Nuggets	@	L.A. Lakers	Won	126-108	Live	3 rd Game Out	Haskins

DEPTH CHART (*ITALICS = INACTIVE*):

#24 Andre Miller	#1 J.R. Smith	#15 Carmelo Anthony	#6 Kenyon Martin	#23 Marcus Camby
#11 Earl Boykins	#5 Yakhoubia Diawara	#43 Linas Kleiza	#8 Joe Smith	#31 Nene
	#3 DerMarr Johnson		#21 Eduardo Najera	#30 Reggie Evans
		<i>#32 Julius Hodge</i>		<i>#7 Jamal Sampson</i>

PreGame Notes

1.	This will be a huge 1-on-1 defense game for us. They play a with a lot of freedom and will look to attack the basket. Need to be in good help position and contest shots. They finished the pre-season First in scoring at 11.5.5 points per game.
2.	We have to get them stopped in transition. They were second in the pre-season in Fast Break points per game and 3rd in points in the paint which comes mostly from the lay-ups and dunks they get in transition. They will look to push the ball every time. They will shoot a lot of quick shots in transition.
3.	We have to eliminate their Lobs. We can take away possibly 10-14 points if we take away their lob plays.
4.	We need to do all the little things this game. Ball pressure to prevent easy lobs, box out every time and make them come over our backs, sprint back in transition and contain our man off the dribble. We have to keep them in front of us and turn them into a jump shooting team and see if they can beat us like that.
5.	We can't get sucked into playing at their pace and playing their style. They want to make the game fast and like a pick up game. We have to control tempo and play our game.

Stats of Note

1.	First in Points per Game at 115.5	5.	Second in Fast Break points per game at 22.2
2.	Third in FG% shooting 48.2%	6.	29th in second chance points allowed at 16.0
3.	Second in assists per game at 24.4	7.	They are attempting 23 3 pointers per game.
4.	29th in points allowed at 108.8	8.	They are shooting 40 Free Throws per game.

Free Throw Shooters

1. Camby	100%	6. Kleiza	76%	11. Nene	56%	1. Johnson	50%
2. Johnson	100%	7. J.R. Smith	75%	12. Najera	55%	2. Najera	42%
3. Boykins	86%	8. Anthony	73%	13. Evans	37%	3. Boykins	40%
4. Joe Smith	84%	9. Miller	69%			4. Kleiza	39%
5. Martin	76%	10. Diawara	64%			5. J.R. Smith	39%

Top 3-Point Shooters

TOP OFFENSIVE SETS

1. TRANSITION- Drag action, Iso's, Lobs DHO's	
2. 3 UP - Thumb Up 4/5	SOB: 3 UP - Zipper to mid PNR
3. X - Option for Carmelo to come off cross or double	BOB: No-Call - 2 pops to wing off of 5 man
4. FIST - UCLA with double down	ATO: "[Play Name]" - "[brief description]"
5. FLOPPY - Power action. Watch for Lobs to Bigs	EOQ: 3 UP - Thumb up 4/5
6.	





OFFENSIVE NOTES

- **TRANSITION-** Denver loves to run, force tempo, and attack the basket in the open floor. **They will run on every opportunity for lay-ups, lobs, or quick shots.** They all run the floor hard and Miller is always looking to throw ahead for easy baskets. **Their main offense comes from fast break, they are most effective playing in the open floor. They will throw long outlets and touchdown passes.**
- This is a huge individual defense game. **They will play a lot of one-on-one and free-lance basketball.** If they don't have anything in their fast break they will run iso's or early post ups for Anthony, Martin, Miller or whoever has the ball.
- They will set a **lot of early drag action pnr's and random pnr's** in the half court.
- We need to be able to get the ball stopped in transition and take away as many fast break opportunities as we can. If we can take away initial break we can get them to force bad shots and get out of sync offensively.
- **We have to eliminate their lobs.** Miller is always looking to throw lobs in transition as well as the half court. Martin, Anthony, Camby, Smith among others are always running for lobs or slipping pindowns for the lob.
- They will play free-lance a majority of the time and even when they do run a set **they will break plays early for one-on-one play. They are not a good executing team in their half court offense.**
- They are not a good perimeter shooting team. They have players who can make shots perimeter shots, Anthony, Smith, Boykins but as a whole they struggle shooting from the outside.
- They are running a lot of **DHO's** in transition and in the half court. **They look to turn the corner and penetrate on handoffs**
- **They look to throw the Hammer pass on all baseline penetration** and their wings, especially Smith, do a good job of filling the opposite corner for spot up 3.
- **We will see a lot of different PNR combinations against Denver.** Carmelo will set PNR's and also handle and Miller will set some brush screen PNR's with Martin.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- Low Post: Their Bigs will play behind in the post. Will usually allow offensive player to get to his spot then try to block shot. They will **"White"** with **some of their perimeter players as well as Evans and Najera.** They will trap off of post feeder or from the nail. They will switch a lot of screens then double the post with closest big.
- Pick & Roll: **They will switch a lot of pnr's.** Seems like they just talk it out on the court depending on who is involved. Their PNR defense differs depending on who is involved. Najera, Evans and sometimes Smith are aggressive in their shows.
 - Side They will try to "5" wing pnr's. The call is: 5
 - Mid- They will use our "2" mostly
 - Elbow- Contain & Over/Under
- Pindowns: They will try to shoot the gap on pindowns looking for steals. They have also been switching a lot of pindowns.
- Zone Defense: **They are playing some 2-3 zone defense. The call is: FIST.** They are undisciplined in their zone and will have breakdowns after ball reversals.
- Press Defense: After timeouts and at the beginning of quarters they have been trapping the ball with the point guard.
- **They are a very undisciplined defensive team!** They will look to cheat plays, go for steals, and leak out early. They will make fouls and get out of position all in an attempt to force turnovers.
- They will switch everything at End of Quarter situations
- **We can get easy baskets if we remain active off the ball and on the weak side.** They are susceptible to back cuts and movement off the ball.
- Evans and Najera will **"Shadow"** the ball as it comes up the floor
- We have to be aware of their **shot blockers** particularly Camby.





TEAM Sets

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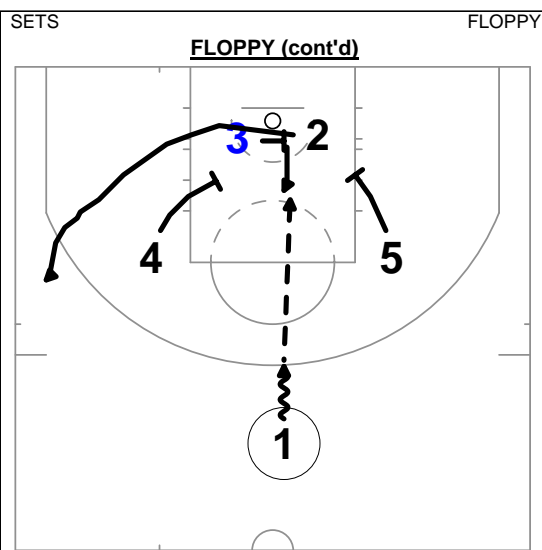


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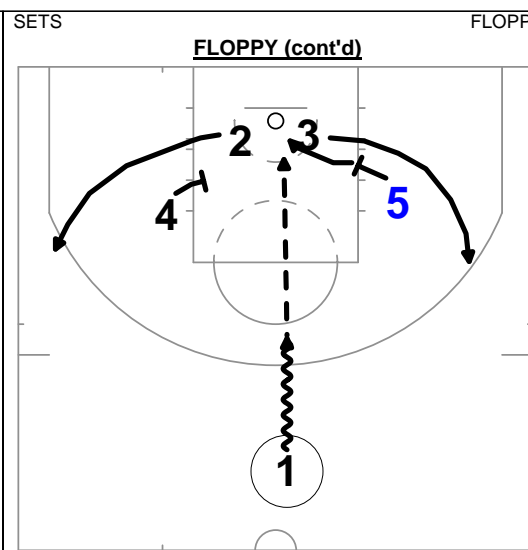
#23	Marcus Camby	Center	6'11"	235	
Very effective shooting big man. Range out to 17-19 feet. Mostly catch and shoot off pick-n-pop but will put ball on the floor to the left. Good offensive rebounder. Runs well in transition. Prefers to post on left block, can turn either way but prefers turnaround over right shoulder. Be aware of lobs to him after pindowns. Not a physical player. Great shotblocker!					
#31	Nene	Center	6'11"	268	
Physical big man. Runs the floor and looks to get deep seals in transition. Good drop step in the paint either direction likes to finish with jump hook. Likes to use left around basket, will turn and face then shoot 10-12 footer. Plays hard and attacks offensive glass. Physical defender, improving shot blocker. Poor out on the floor defensively and in Pnr's.					
#6	Kenyon Martin	Forward	6'9"	240	
Very athletic big. Runs the floor in transition. Will leak out early. Spins for lob on post ups. Likes to post on left block and turn left shoulder for jump hook or lean in shot. Spins for lobs on post ups. Will shoot perimeter jumper out to 17 feet but very streaky. We would prefer him as jump shooter. Likes to drive right, will force shot then look for his own rebound. Good shotblocker always looking for block as weakside defender. Offensive rebounder. They will throw him lobs at anytime!					
#8	Joe Smith	Forward	6'10"	225	
Most effective facing basket for 15 footer. Likes to shoot turnaround in the post or jump hook over left shoulder. Active player. Loves to take charges. Will go to offensive glass. Not real physical but will play hard and compete. Runs the floor well.					
#30	Reggie Evans	Forward	6'8"	245	
Very strong and physical player. Screener and rebounder on offense but will try to be physical for deep post up. Undersized 4 man, limited offensively, all right handed. Not a shooter. Terrible Free Throw shooter. On both ends he is a relentless rebounder and physical player. Will try to bait opponents with physical/dirty play. Will shadow the ball up the floor.					
#21	Eduardo Najera	Forward	6'8"	235	
Plays very hard on both ends. Tireless worker. Likes to set drag/step-up pnr's in transition and random pnr's in half court. Likes to put head down for right hand drive to basket. Goes after every offensive rebounder. Is shooting open 3-point shot this year. You can attack his feet defensively. Will step in and take charges.					
#15	Carmelo Anthony	Forward	6'8"	230	
Explosive scorer. Volume shooter. Good pull up shooter off the dribble going either way. Likes to pull jumper over defender on catch and hold. Likes to spin for lobs in the post. Likes to curl into the lane on pindowns. Likes to step off the block and face on post ups then drive into lane. Good range including 3-point. Likes to jump into defenders in lane to draw fouls, can still finish against contact. Likes to shoot step back after left hand drive. Shoots quick shots in transition. Make him make shots over the top of us. Improving effort on defense. Will cheat plays and lose sight of his man.					
#43	Linas Kleiza	Forward	6'8"	245	
Hard working 2nd year player. Good catch and shoot player. Has 3-point range and will shoot spot up 3. Not quick with the ball offensively, prefers to use his body to gain advantage and get shot off. More of a tough physical wing type, not afraid to mix it up inside.					
#3	DeMarr Johnson	Guard	6'9"	200	
Combo wing player who likes to spot up in transition and in the half court. Has 3-point range but can be streaky. Likes to penetrate to his right. Can be pressured and isn't good handler in crowds. Doesn't like physical play. Can attack his feet on defense.					
#5	Yakhouba Diawara	Guard	6'7"	225	
Aggressive hard working player. Has 3-point range and will catch and shoot off of penetration. Goes to offensive glass hard and runs the floor. Questionable ball skills, can be pressured. Hard worker on the defensive end.					
#1	J.R. Smith	Guard	6'6"	220	
Extremely athletic young perimeter player. Will get lots of lob looks especially in transition. Very deep shooting range, can shoot from deep with ease but streaky. Likes to shoot 3's in transition. Will drive into penetrate into lane and jump into traffic looking to draw foul. Can be out of control, don't bail him out. Stands and watches off the ball on both ends. Susceptible to off the ball cuts on defense.					
#11	Earl Boykins	Guard	5'5"	133	
Comes in the game looking to score! Very quick with the ball. Loves to score in transition off dribble up 3's or follow big to basket. Good shooter off the dribble and coming off pnr's, keep coming oh him vs. pnr's can still affect his shot. Likes to probe into the lane but can't finish over bigs, will turn the ball over in crowd. Quick hands defensively, can be penetrated on.					
#24	Andre Miller	Guard	6'2"	200	
Pushes the ball and attacks open floor in transition on every opportunity. Looks to throw touchdown passes and lobs in transition and always looks for big slipping to rim for lob in half court. Probes with ball always looking for rim attack. Will break play call to penetrate to basket. Poor perimeter shooter, will force penetration into lane and jump into defense looking to draw foul. Will post smaller guards and look to back down. Good offensive rebounder					



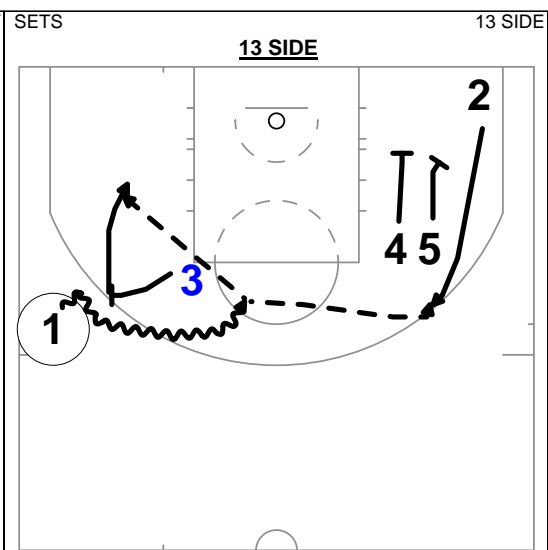
<div>Early Offense</div> <div>SINGLE</div> <div>Our Quick action. Miller will usually just point and tell big to screen man in the corner</div>	<div>Early Offense</div> <div>No-Call</div> <div>They will run a lot of Dribble handoffs in their early offense. Usually just a read.</div>	<div>Early Offense</div> <div>No-Call (cont'd)</div> <div>Early DHO</div>
<div>Early Offense</div> <div>DRAG</div> <div>4/5 set double pnr action</div>	<div>Early Offense</div> <div>DRAG WHEEL?</div> <div>4/5 set double drag action on 1. 2 flex cuts off 3. 4/5 double down on 3</div>	<div>SETS</div> <div>3 UP</div> <div>1/5 Mid PNR</div>
<div>SETS</div> <div>1 SIDE</div> <div>1/5 wing PNR</div>	<div>SETS</div> <div>1 SIDE</div> <div>1/4 wing PNR.</div>	<div>SETS</div> <div>FLOPPY</div> <div>Our Power action</div>



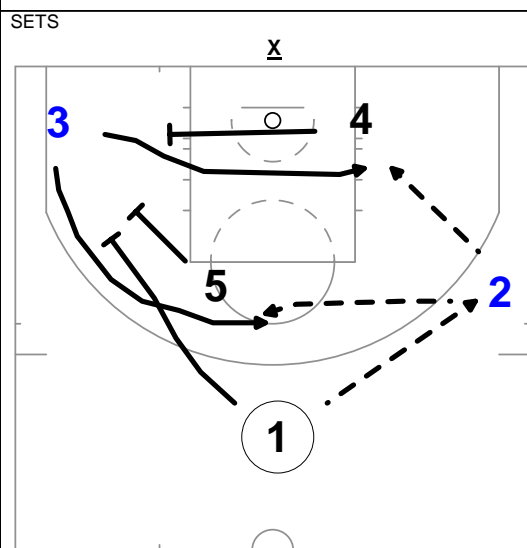
Be aware of 3 man stepping up in the lane after setting the screen. They like to look for this.



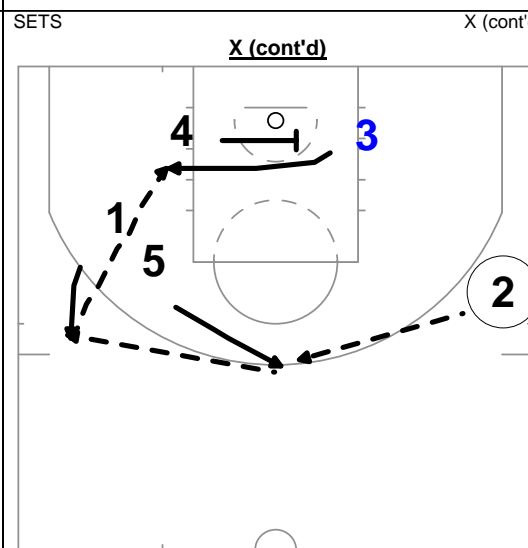
They also love to have the big man slip for a lob if the defensive big shows too much.



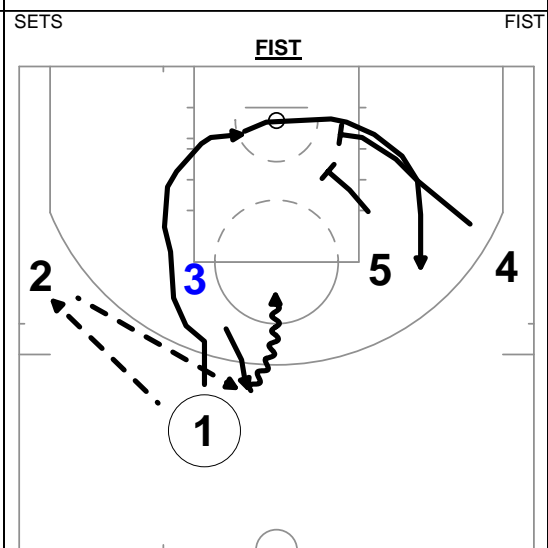
1/3 wing pnr. 4/5 set double for 2. They are also looking for you to switch the PNR.



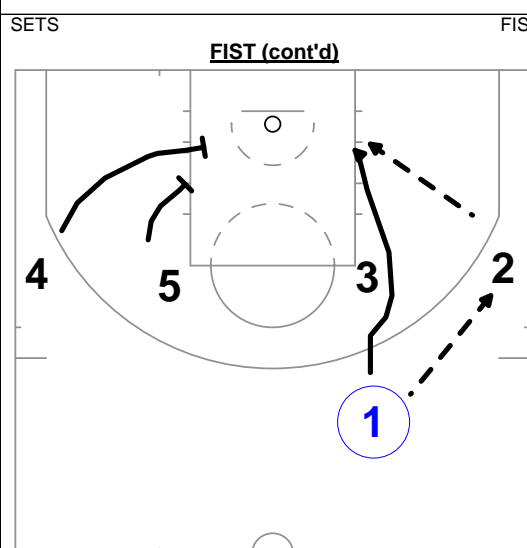
3 man can come off cross screen from 4 or double from 1/5



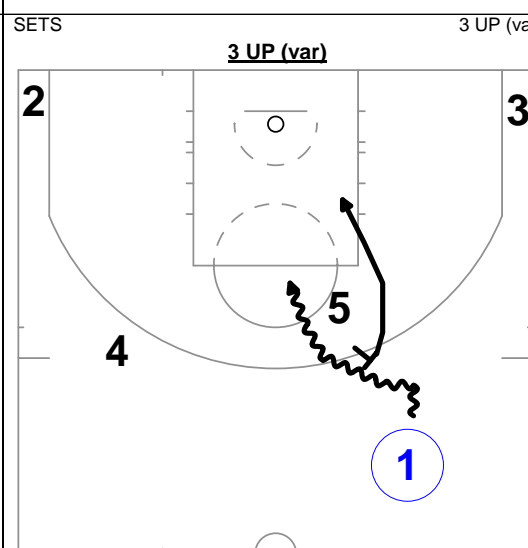
If they dont have it. They will swing to 5 then 1 man. 4 sets cross on 3.



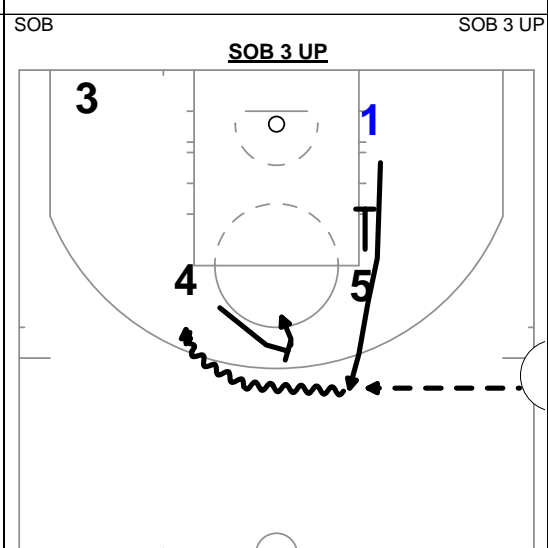
1 man makes ucla cut then goes off double from 5/4. 3 pops for iso or looks for 1



2/3 can also run wing pnr



4 man is lifted.



<div>SOB</div> <div>SOB SINGLE?</div> <div>SOB SINGLE?</div> <div> </div> <div>Zipper action</div>	<div>BOB</div> <div>BOB</div> <div>BOB No-Call</div> <div> </div> <div>No-Call. They will just pop out then play 1-on-1 or PNR</div>	<div>EOQ-ATO</div> <div>ATO</div> <div>ATO</div> <div> </div> <div>1 goes off 4 at elbow area. 5 flares 4 for iso</div>
<div>EOQ-ATO</div> <div>ATO</div> <div>FIST (var)</div> <div> </div> <div>ATO. 1 makes ucla cut for post up. 2 hits 1 then goes off flare from 5.</div>	<div>EOQ-ATO</div> <div>ATO</div> <div>ATO</div> <div> </div> <div>Hit 4 man (Martin) then 1 sets quick brush screen on 4.</div>	<div>EOQ-ATO</div> <div>ATO</div> <div>ATO</div> <div> </div> <div>5 man sets quick screen for 4.</div>