

Good morning! Games tonight again!

Below is a picture from the newspaper that was sent to me. Think about all that could happen or could have already happened!



LOTS of things could happen and many of them not very good!

- Is black's headband too wide? Remember that the stripes on our officials shirts are 1" wide so anything wider than 2 stripes is illegal.
- Did white kick the ball....or could that happen? What if she just puts her foot on the ball? (Yes, that would be a kick.)
- Is black going to make contact with white as she goes for the ball?
- Is black's arm already holding white down?

There is plenty that is going on with just this one picture. Pretty difficult to predict exactly what is going to happen but we certainly can anticipate what might happen..... Remember that when players are on the floor going for a loose ball, if we can 'stand the players up', it is easier to officiate. The same advantage/disadvantage is given to players on the floor as to players upright. It would appear that black almost certainly is going to contact white and put her at a disadvantage.....unless she has some super power that allows her to dive completely over white without contact!

Think about 'the old days' when this play would be brought up at a meeting, described by an official and expecting that everybody in the room pictures the same scenario in his/her head?! This is like reading the rule or case book and expecting everyone to 'see' the same think in his/her head. This is what is so

valuable about game clips.....we SEE the play – everyone sees the same thing – so we can get beyond what we are trying to envision and actually talk about the play with everyone on the same page!

Friday Extra: When we have a DQ'd player for 5 fouls, any/all subs who are at the table or who report to the table during the 15 second replacement period (or until the DQ'd player has been replaced) should be beckoned into the game immediately. This delay for the DQ'd player allows those subs to come in without additional delay.

Have a great game tonight!

Tim