

Good morning! Hope you had a great weekend!

Anticipating a call. We have ALL done that! I was told in my younger days that it is ok to anticipate the PLAY but not the CALL. We all have expectations about how a play will develop. Being able to 'see the whole play' before putting air in the whistle certainly helps in getting play calling correct. Take a look at the play [here](#) to see if the [call](#) was anticipated.

Anticipated the foul? Amazing that in so many of the calls we anticipate deal with verticality. SLOW DOWN and see the whole play. We could certainly argue whether the taller defender is still slightly moving towards the shooter or if the shooter jumped into the defender(s). The lesson we can learn from this is to see the whole play and make a decision after seeing it all. It is way better to be late with the whistle and correct than early/right on time with the whistle and anticipated it. Again, ALL of us have done this and wish we could suck the air back into the whistle.....just learn from it and slow down! I truly believe that great officials are able to slow the game down in their mind (slow down the mind's eye) and make quality decisions about plays.

Monday Extra: Assigners – the love you when you accept games immediately! Waiting for several days to check email or Arbiter usually gets you bumped way down the list for future games! Officials who contact partners is also a big plus! Believe me, that ONE TIME you don't confirm with a partner is the time something happens! Contact partners to confirm an upcoming game – no matter what level the game is!

Have a great game tonight!

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