

Good morning! Hope your week was a refreshing one and any games you worked were 'down to the wire'!

Today's tip is two-fold.....1) the importance of a pre-game conference and 2) knowing the teams you are officiating.

Take a look at the clip [here](#).

Take a look again....there was actually a double whistle by the U1 and U2! HOW does THAT happen unless 1) the officials knew what team tendencies are and 2) they discussed it in the pre-game conference. It also appears that they were looking at two different matchups. U1 actually moved towards the division line and was watching orange #2. U2 was also closer to the division line than normal and appears to be watching the matchup directly between him and the jump circle and had a pushing foul on orange #5. Again, this crew KNEW what Tennessee's tendencies are on the jump ball and prepared for it.

Was this a foul? YES! It was an elbow to the opponent's chest, and could easily be an intentional by NFHS rules. In fact, it probably *should* be an intentional foul. Orange #2 KNEW what he was doing...it was an *elbow* to his opponent's chest, not a hand or hold or push.

The 'moral of this clip' is to 1) be prepared from the get-go, 2) know what you can about the teams you are officiating and 3) share your info in your pre-game conference.

Have a great game today and be safe!

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