

Good morning everyone! Hopefully you woke up this morning with a little more excitement than a normal Friday! IT'S TIPOFF WEEKEND!

Today's tip continues with screening. Watch the clip [here](#) and check out the illegal screen that C gets off ball.....and correctly so. The bad screen is actually on gold (chartreuse...ugh) #25 when our attention is drawn to gold 11. Actually gold 11 may have been in the process of an illegal screen also!

So this play.....T has the ball handler/defender at the top of the key. He appears to actually be watching in the paint - there is a significant gap between the ball handler and defender.....I would not recommend doing this as that gap can close in a hurry! C has his side of the paint and is appropriately watching off ball action.....he SEES gold 25 set the screen and extend the knee causing white 2 to fall to the floor. He did not hesitate and called this foul immediately. Remember that the ball is taken out closest to where the foul occurred, no free throws since it is a team control foul.....

In a two-person game, the T would have had the ball handler/defender just as in this clip and if the illegal screen happened as here, would have been right in front of the lead. If the illegal screen had happened on the same side as the T, then we have a little harder play to officiate since the screener player came from outside the paint and the screen set right at the low block. Even so, if L SEES the illegal screen (and if looking thru the paint at it would have SEEN the screener moving) L must make this call.

In a three-person game, it would happen as in this clip or if the screen happened on the strong side, would have been right in front of the L.....SHOULD be an easy foul to get in that scenario.

Enjoy your Friday, even though it most likely will be a long day in anticipation of tonight's games! Have a great pre-game, stretch well, work hard and HAVE FUN! Also remember that tickets went on sale Monday for the PIAA basketball championships. If you haven't been there, go, it is a great weekend!

Tim