

Good morning!

STILL trying to process that regular season is almost over....how many GREAT matchups do we have the next few days though?!!

You see the title..... Continuous motion when the foul is NOT on the shooter! Check out the case play that was in referee magazine this month...

**Case Play: A1 has started the throwing motion when A2 sets a legal screen and B2 pushes through the screen, fouling A1. A) The try is successful, B) the try is unsuccessful.**

**Ruling: In A) the goal counts and A has a spot throw-in nearest the spot of the foul (unless A is in the bonus and A2 would shoot bonus free throws). The foul by B2 does not cause the ball to become dead. The try has started when the whistle was blown, so the successful try counts. In B) A gets a spot throw-in nearest the spot of the foul. The try was unsuccessful, so it obviously cannot count and no free throws for the shooter as he/she was not the player fouled (unless A is in the bonus and A2 would shoot bonus free throws).**

Take a look at the following still shots. Look at two parts of them in each.....1) has a foul occurred on the screen and 2) has the throw started?





Now notice the official in each frame.....has he blown the whistle yet? The case play from Referee indicates that if the try has started when the whistle is blown, we have a continuous motion play.

I KNOW, I KNOW.....picking out still frames from a video almost isn't fair. That's a fair assessment. Take a look at the full play [here](#).

So.....pretty tough to tell in 'real time' isn't it?! Compound this all by the fact that T has the screen and in MANY three-person games would also have responsibility for the shot since it is at the opposite lane line (IF that is the way it was pre-gamed). So HOW does T get the foul on the screen AND if the throw had started? SEE BIG....AND we need help from C. On THIS particular play, we have 8 players one lane space below the free throw line or higher.....and L has 2 players low. C certainly has his eyes on the area around the 8 players. Since there was a double whistle, they might not have SEEN the start of the try. At any rate, they need to go to each other and talk about whether the try had started or not. I actually saw this play live and had no doubt the T made the correct call...till I saw the film. It is very close.....but sure appears that the try HAD started when the whistle had blown (and fist in the air). That being said, he sure sold his call that the shot would not count (and it DID go in)!!

Do not be afraid to go to a partner to ask a question or to get help on a play like this. Trust each other that the crew will get it right!

Be focused, be alive when the ball is dead, and have a great game today!

Tim