

Good morning, hope you remembered today is Valentine's Day!

Yesterday's tip was a blarge...today is also a double whistle on a block/charge call between old C (became T due to a rotation) and L. [Here](#) is the play.

See the huge difference between the blarge of yesterday and today's double whistle? Even though it sure appears that L was ready to send it the other way with a PC, he held his prelim, looked at the T and let T make the call. These two officials avoided a potential bad situation by looking at each other and ONE official making the call.

Why did we have a double whistle here? Breaking the play down, we have the ball handler and his defender in C's primary. Lead rotates to C's side and C correctly stays with the play because he has a competitive matchup. In addition, the defender is the primary defender, so C should be officiating him for LGP. Since the primary defender DOES have LGP and maintains it, the old C takes the play to the hoop. Is there a chance in *your* game that the L blows the whistle on this play? Pretty sure there is a whistle by L in MANY games on a play like this.

So is a double whistle wrong on a play like this? NO, double whistles are going to happen. What we need to do is make sure that when they DO happen that we have the correct procedure. On this particular play, the L actually did not stop the clock, he was ready to give the prelim right away. In NFHS, we are supposed to stop the clock on EVERY whistle. This helps us since it gives us that brief moment to see if there IS a double whistle. In addition, the new T who takes the call has an open hand on the foul...we know we are to have a closed fist. In our games, we should be pre-gaming a violation/foul double whistle. We should communicate here and not take the rock solid stance that we will always take the violation to avoid a foul (or vice versa). Sometimes a violation DOES come first and sometimes a foul CAUSES the violation. Partners should communicate when one has an open hand (violation) and the other has a fist (foul). TAKE THE TIME to get it right!

These types of plays can certainly happen in a two-person game as well. Again, we need to show restraint and patience in a preliminary signal.

These types of plays and communicating what happened can turn a great game into an awesome game, but a LACK of communication can turn a great game into one we would like to forget.

Have a great game today and enjoy the last week of the regular season!

Tim