

Good morning!

It is Friday and hope your game is still being played.....had 2 canceled for tonight already this morning – not from weather.....UGH. Please remember to stay well and if you feel ill, call your assignor to be removed.

Take a look at a play and reaction to the whistle [here](#).

So a couple comments about this play. The team control foul for the illegal screen by C. This was a textbook call and 'get' from C. The ball starts in T's primary, a pass made to T's extended PCA or above C and C takes a look, then a pass back to T's PCA where the illegal screen happens. C is APPROPRIATELY helping on this play! He has one matchup (from where the pass initiated above him) and is able to look through to the screen and gets the foul – it WAS illegal! LOVE when C can help T on screening or vice versa!

After the call, the head coach is displeased with the foul call. The reaction by the head coach definitely warrants being addressed. The officials chooses to give a warning. Remember that when we give a warning, go to the table and clearly tell the scorekeeper to write a head coaches warning at 8:45 of the first half (in the case here) in the margin of the book. After the warning, the coach should understand that he must stop. This coach does NOT stop. By allowing the actions he uses to continue pretty much tells everyone we aren't enforcing warnings. SOMEONE needed to take care of the head coach continuing his rant. Whether it be the official he is unhappy with or the official right beside him, take care of it. EVERYONE knows a warning was given and EVERYONE sees/hears him keep going, so it is definitely justified!

In MY OPINION, this went over the line for a warning. I have the philosophy that if it is enough for a warning, it will be a T to start with. I reserve warnings for things like being way out of the coaching box (and NOT helping me officiate!). Warnings are another tool we have at our disposal. Warnings are NOT required to be given before a T. Nobody needs to swear to get T. A 'wave off' by a coach or player is unacceptable, for example. Each official has his/her own level of acceptable behavior, but at Pat Gebhart has said at conventions, he will support us 100% when we penalize a coach for any form of unacceptable behavior.

Friday Extra: Make sure to be keeping your assignor(s) updated with your blocked/closed dates. Don't wait till a game shows up and you 'just got another game' or 'just realized it was my wife's birthday'! With all the craziness of cancelations/postponements/reschedules, it is imperative and an expectation that availability is current!

Have a great game tonight, stay well, safe travels and keep that mask on!

Tim