

Good morning. Hope all is well!

Today's tip.....be aware of what is happening between individual matchups in the game. If there appears to be a little tension or 'discontent' between a couple of players (or in rivalry cases, teams), we need to be on alert at all times and see even the 'little' things that might cause an issue.

The clip today is between two schools that are 3 miles apart, one public, the other private.....players on one team used to play for the other.....this is their third game between each other of the season.....one team is undefeated.....they are rivals.....they do NOT like each other.....this list goes on and on. In a game like this, we can NEVER relax, never close our eyes, never take a break. Playoff games are like this also.....many of us are getting ready for these games as well.

Take a look at the clip and notice the little push by blue 5 that gets a bad reaction from white 23. THESE are the types of actions we cannot miss.....click [here](#) for the clip.

LOTS going on here.....the play originates in T's primary and T sees the little push by blue 5 after the pass. Foul there? I say no....this was in the first quarter and nothing had happened to warrant that being called. In hindsight? Who knows, maybe. At any rate, T saw the little push and kept an eye on the matchup as it went to the paint. He also had the new ball handler/defender in his primary but it wasn't a contested matchup. As the blue 5/white 23 matchup went to the paint, C also picked up the matchup and BOTH saw the contact by white 23.

The C went to L to talk, then since T also had a whistle, they all talked.....players were sent to their benches. The ONLY question here was whether it was only an intentional or if it was a flagrant. C had an elbow to the head and T had the same. Neither official saw it as white 23 'eyeing up' blue 5. L couldn't help as he had 2 matchups between him and the foul and did not see the contact there. The crew went with an intentional foul, not flagrant. Upon looking at the film after the game, they determined that it SHOULD have been flagrant as white 23 'eyed up' blue 5 from the time he passed the ball and the little push until he connected with the elbow.

Bottom line is that we need to be aware of everything going on in our game and take note of situations like this and GET THEM. Getting it as an intentional was WAY better than not seeing it happen....we may have had a fight if that occurred.

Have a great game today and be alive at all times, but especially when the ball becomes dead. Safe travels.

Tim