

Good morning!

Loose ball piling on again...take a look at another play of this type [here](#).

In this play, the T is 'all over' this loose ball and makes the 'piling on' foul call immediately. He immediately closes down to the play to make sure that nothing further occurs. Some would want L to hold his whistle in helping out, but he had absolutely nothing in his primary and everything opened up for him to see the scrum and help out. In a case like this, helping out is great...and when we know as a crew that the two teams have a great dislike for each other as this game was. This is preventative officiating from the L and both L and T getting this was definitely needed in a tense rivalry game.

We would resume play at the 28 foot line (end of the coaching box) since we stopped play due to something other than an out-of-bounds. T would report it and stay to inbound.

In a two-person game, if this play happens on the side T is on and basically right in front of T, we have the same situation as this 3-person play. If the action is on the *opposite* side of the court that T is (which is the same side L is), then T should be moving out towards the midline (close to being between the top of the key and center circle) to officiate the closely guarded to start with. If the T is at the midline, he/she is then much closer to see and make a call on the scrum. Closing down to the play as the whistle is blown is also important.

Remember in any game to 'move to improve' your angle between ball handler/defender, screening, rebounding shots, etc. That may be one area to focus on in your games this week...moving to improve your angle to see between players and contact.

Tuesday extra: remind the scorekeepers from each team to communicate and confirm that their books match between quarters at the very least, especially if they are not seated next to each other.

Have a great game tonight!