

Good morning!

Sorry for the 1-and-1 reference in the clip about free throws yesterday...it was an old video I brought out and was not able to edit it.

Verticality. What was your vision when you read that word?

Take a look at a verticality clip [HERE](#).

When I was shown this clip (thanks Scott Walters for these), I was asked 'What do you have?' and I replied 'Nothing'. Remember we need to *referee the defense* and in this play, the defense does nothing wrong. He gets to the spot first and has legal guarding position, maintains it, jumps straight up (LEGAL) and takes the contact in the torso, *causing the arms to come forward*. When this happens, the arm contact is legal since the offense cause them to come forward, the defender did not bring the arms down on his own in an attempt to defend the shot!

Remember that whether we put air in the whistle or not, we must be able to explain to the coach what you saw. Also, it must be *what* you saw, not what you *think* you saw. In this play, the coach for black may have asked why there wasn't a foul on the drive. An easy answer is 'white 43 was vertical and maintained verticality.'

Soon after this play in the same game was this one [HERE](#).

AWESOME consistency by the crew! Nearly identical plays officiated the same way! 'Similar play at both ends' or 'Cataloging plays' and getting the officiated the same!

Wednesday extra: MAKE the official scorer *look at you* when reporting a foul! If they are not looking, WAIT until they do! It is critical that they are looking for the correct communication regarding the foul!

Have a great game tonight!

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