

Good morning!

Positioning...possibly the most important quality needed to make good play calls. Getting that good angle is crucial. How many times do we have a different angle than the coach who doesn't agree? That being said, we ALWAYS have to work hard to be in a good position to get us good angles. Sometimes it is for that foul at the end of a game, sometimes it isn't. Regardless, we need to be where we are supposed to be. Think about positioning in the clip today...OT with 2.4 seconds left in a 91-87 game. It's over, right? Black is down 4, has to go the length of the floor so we can cash it in, right? Take a look [here](#).

Nothing crazy happens to get a 4-point play, but do we just let black do whatever they want since it is 'over'? There is very possibly a back court violation on this play. Do we just ignore it? 'Set aside the back court rule' because it doesn't matter anyhow? We need to officiate to the end. C is nowhere near the division line to get a look at this play. C needs to be much closer to the division line to at least be there to be able to say 'I had a good look and his toe was on the line' IF it was. This would be a tough one to defend to an evaluator or assignor. Don't cash games in, even with only 10+days remaining in the regular season. Concentrate, focus and work hard through the final buzzer. Nailing the last 2:00 helps the whole game feel that much better!

Wednesday extra: Did you honestly reflect on your game last night with yourself AND your partner(s) or did you get to the locker room, put your jacket on and leave in 5 minutes? It really does make a difference! TALK a bit after the game!

Have a great game tonight!

Tim