

Good morning!

Have you ever heard or said this in your pregame...“change 2’s to 3’s and 3’s to 2’s if you KNOW they need changed’? How about ‘if we have a transition and there is a 3-point shot then L might have a 3-point preliminary’?

Well.....take a look this sort of play [here](#) (thanks Scott Walters).

Obviously the L doesn’t have a 3-point *preliminary* but he *does* indicate a 2-point try by pointing as he does. Even though this isn’t an actual signal, we all know what it means. The L immediately blows the whistle after the made goal and corrects the shot to a 2-point goal.

This play happened with 12 seconds left with white down 3 points. The 3-point goal would have tied the score. This is a BIGTIME call late in the game. It changes the entire rest of the game for white. Since they are now down 1 instead of tied, they need to foul instead of play for a defensive stop. Was it the right call? If the L was positive, yes! You make the call:



GREAT get here by the L! There was NO hesitation in ‘killing’ the play and getting with the T to change the call from a 3 to a 2. The L saw that the T was not getting to a position to SEE the feet and the line – the T got straight-lined – so took a look at the feet. We can NOT be looking there all the time, but if the situation arises to help, we can. In a two person game this would be very tough if L is opposite the shot – in fact – likely impossible. Bottom line is we need to get plays RIGHT! Kudos here for getting it right!

Thursday Extra: Have you ever had a player or coach say something about your partner that warrants a T? Did you ‘take care’ of it? Well the tweet in the link that follows MUST be taken care of. The actions by the player were directed at an official. One of the crew HAS to see it and act swiftly. The actions here warrant a flagrant T, no question about it. The shame here also is that anyone who sees the text also sees how it was deemed *humorous* by the ‘Legend’ comment. Sad...and we wonder why we have poor player sportsmanship at times. Take a look at the tweet [here](#).

Thursday Bonus: We are a team on the floor, always protect each other. ALWAYS.

Have a great game tonight!

Tim