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That is exactly what we did, and we were successful. Many times our boys in utter amazement looked up when they were moving in an opposite direction from the ball and the referee would say "Pick". Some of the boys had never heard the term "pick" before, and naturally they thought they were picking on them.

Here's a good story that I have passed around which I think identifies their officiating. One of the western teams passed the ball to the right and then the player cut off to his left. He was out in the open and had touched no one, and the referee said "On you, pick". The player stopped in amazement and said, "I haven't done a thing." The referee said, "I know, but I detected evil in your eye". In other words, Mac, they rule on intent. They maintain, according to the pro interpretation, that you may not pass in one direction and move off in another direction because you are going over there for no good purpose. Yet if you will get a copy of the rule book and read the definition of screening it reads something like this: Impeding the progress of an opponent without making bodily contact shall be termed screening. Screening is not a foul. Blocking is impeding the progress of an opponent by making bodily contact. Blocking is a foul. Screening can easily fade into blocking, so the burden is upon the screening side not to block. The easterners never use the words "blocking" or "screening". So you see the wide divergence of the game in the east and in the west. One is an amateur game developed by coaches who have played collegiate amateur basketball. The other has been by and large coached by professionals who taught the professional slant. The crime is in getting caught.