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position start; e. prep level vertical		
position start; f. vertical seated pike		
start; g. cradle or horizontal start		
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1-made of hard materials/sharp	(1-6)	
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3-stepping on prop; 4-prop as a		
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missing (exceptions that stop at		
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twist; f. top person no contact w/		
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c. catchers not original bases;		
d. pass thru extended 3 catchers		

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