

News - August 10, 2007

News from Herb Peters

“Traveled to WVU yesterday (Tuesday – August 7th) for follow-up of bone marrow biopsy and blood work performed two weeks ago. Bone marrow biopsy was consistent with previous diagnosis. Doesn't appear to have the capability to change into other forms of leukemia. Cytogenetics checked show that I'm CD 38 (CLL genetic marker) negative, which means that I do not need treatment. Will wait & watch with bloodwork performed every three months. Said that I need not worry about infections from kids at school. Still have plenty of good white blood cells. So there is no way out of school other than retiring. Nah!”

Herb added this comment.

“Please express my deepest appreciation for their thoughts, prayers, and keep up the good work. I hope to catch a few games/crews this season I **may** possibly operate the 25 second clock at SAHS home games. This might help ease my transition some, but I'm unsure that I'm trainable for the task. I would like to wish all KVFOA members a GREAT season of officiating that often goes unappreciated by many in our society. I sincerely appreciate the job that all FB officials do.”

I am sure the Association is glad to hear of Herb's good news and certainly hopes that all goes well for him.

David Merchant

David returned to work on July 30th after being off for eight weeks. He says his doctors tell him he is on-track with his recovery.

The 2006 Carl Walker Award

According to Walker Pauley, the 2006 Carl Walker Award winner was Bill Winter.

Please submit nominations for the 2007 Award to Walker.

Check your Attendance

Make sure to check your meeting attendance on the website by going to Scheduling, then under Officials Only, select View Attendance.

If you find an error, please e-mail the webmaster or Fred McPherson.

Two New Members to the KVFOA

Jay and Eric Johnson have both joined the KVFOA after their successful completion of rookie training with the River Cities board.

Scrimmages Coming Up This Weekend

High Schools will begin their first scrimmage games this weekend (August 10 – 11) and next weekend (August 17 – 18). Scrimmage games are always an excellent opportunity to get tuned-up for the season.

If you want to work a scrimmage game and don't have one, please e-mail webmaster. We'll do our best to find available scrimmages.

Watch the Clinician tab

Mike Webb has sent me some videos from a Football Clinic in Hawaii which are very good. The size of the files prevents me from putting them on the website. I shall make arrangements to copy some disks and have them available for anyone who wants them.

Error on the 2006 Playoff Officials

It has been called to my attention that it was J. R. Carney who officiated the Round One game with Pendleton County at Gilbert, not Herb Hively.

I apologize for the error.

Field Clinic at Dunbar Middle School on August 4th

Thirty-five members gathered at Dunbar Middle School on August 4th for our Field Clinic. This has always been a great way to teach younger officials and refresh veterans on field mechanics and rules. Dan Greear led the Clinic with the following members providing position instruction: Fred McPherson – R; Tim Thomas – LJ; Greg Wyatt – LM; Dan Sizemore – U; Robert Taylor – BJ. Several members participated by setting-up offensive and kicking formations. Thanks to all who came out for a productive Saturday morning session.

Have You Seen This Video?

Try this video. It has audio, so turn on your speakers.

<http://video.msn.com/v/us/v.htm?g=d669fd07-caf1-48b6-a977-7502455362bb&t=m10&f=06/64&p=&fg=>1=10252>

So, what do you think? Legal or illegal? What is the call and enforcement options?

A Good Point on First Touching

John Hudson makes an excellent point concerning the aspect of first touching in the scrimmage kick example on the Clinician page.

6-2-5 says:

The right of R to take the ball at spot of first touching by K is canceled if R touches the kick and thereafter during the down commits a foul or if the penalty is accepted for any foul committed during the down.

Thanks, John.

Pass Along Some Tips

OK, this is something we'll try. I am going to put a question out there and receive responses. I shall publish responses anonymously. We'll try this and see how it goes. And now the question:

If a younger official asked you for a tip on how to become a better official, what would you say?

Rules: Serious answers, single line, no essays.

How's Your Equipment Doing?

Fred has asked me to remind the membership that Terry Ringer with The Official Call will be with us on the evening of our Part II Test (August 20th at St. Albans HS) and will be selling supplies. You can go to The Official Call in the Links section of the website to get an idea of the equipment he has and prices.

Save shipping costs and buy from a fellow West Virginia official.

By the Way

44 members of the Association have received website access. I thank you for your comments and I am confident that this site will continue to improve and increase in its value to the Association.

Many thanks go to Chris Phillips for the massive amount of time he has given toward the project.

And again, I thank the membership for your comments and questions. If you have anything to improve the website, please send me an e-mail at Webmaster at the bottom of the homepage.

Thanks ----- John W.