

NEWS – OCTOBER 23, 2007

### An Update from Herb Peters on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:59 pm

I returned from WVU Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center about an hour ago. Long day. Left SA at 8:00am. The did blood work, examined me and found low platelet levels, swollen lymph glands in my neck and arm pits. Doc has ordered a CT scan of my neck, chest and abdomen for 10/30. Test at 11:30am and doctor visit at 1:30 after all test results are returned. By now being symptomatic, I'm looking at starting chemo probably very soon depending on tests results. We will try to get chemo done in Chas., but will discuss these issues at length on 11/30. Will keep you posted as info becomes available. Hope that all KVFOA members are having a great season of football. Best of luck to all in the playoffs!

### The Louisville/UConn Game

In case you didn't see the Louisville/UConn last Friday night, here is the replay of a controversial call:

<http://www.youtube.com/v/rbRdZZ1kfag>

And here is the response from the Big East Conference:



**ESPN.com:**  
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Monday, October 22, 2007

## Tranghese punishes ref who made call; won't elaborate on penalty

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- Steve Kragthorpe isn't dwelling on a blown call by officials in last week's 21-17 loss to [Connecticut](#). The [Louisville](#) coach is focusing on helping his team forget a tough loss in a season full of them.

Big East commissioner Mike Tranghese called Louisville athletic director Tom Jurich on Sunday, saying the referees erred during a disputed punt return for a touchdown by the Huskies (6-1, 2-0 Big East) early in the third quarter.

"It certainly doesn't change anything that happened on Friday night," Kragthorpe said. "It was a factor in the game, but it wasn't the only factor in the game."

The Cardinals (4-4, 1-2) were leading 7-0 when Cory Goettsche punted. Connecticut's [Larry Taylor](#) moved under the ball and waved his right hand above his head, appearing to make a fair catch signal.

But when Taylor caught the ball, he began running to his left and raced untouched 74 yards up the sideline for a touchdown. Several Cardinals had slowed, thinking the play was over when Taylor made the catch.

A livid Kragthorpe protested, saying the play should have been blown dead when Taylor raised his arm. Kragthorpe called a timeout and asked the referee if the play could be reviewed. Fair catch signals, however, are not reviewable under the NCAA's current instant replay policy.

Tranghese told Jurich the officials had made a "terrible" mistake. Tranghese took action against the referee who missed the call, but wouldn't elaborate on the penalty.

"The bad part is I can't change the call," Tranghese said Monday.

Louisville responded to take a 17-7 lead early in the fourth quarter, but the Huskies rallied for two touchdowns in the final 10 minutes to remain unbeaten atop the conference.

Kragthorpe said he'd like to see a play like that fall under the umbrella of instant replay.

"I obviously think it does because it happened not only this game, but it happened in the game against Notre Dame and USC," Kragthorpe said. "Anytime there's a subjective part to the game it needs to be reviewed."

Tranghese said there is chance the subject could come up after the season.

"We don't want to paralyze the game, but that's such a simple, simple play, if they had gone up to the booth, they would have said he gave the signal," Tranghese said. "We want to get the play right."

The loss means Louisville will have to split its final four games to become bowl-eligible for the 10th straight year.

The Cardinals host Pittsburgh (3-4, 1-1) on Saturday then finish the season with games against West Virginia (No. 8 BCS, No. 6 AP), South Florida (No. 10 BCS, No. 11 AP) and Rutgers (unranked BCS, No. 25 AP).

## News We Don't Like to See

**Charlotte.com**

Tuesday, Oct 23, 2007

Posted on Mon, Oct. 15, 2007

## Teen died from blunt force trauma to head

CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR. AND KEVIN CARY

Will McLeod, the Lincoln County eighth grader who collapsed on the sidelines during a football game last week, died because of a blunt trauma head injury, the Mecklenburg medical examiner's office said today.

Paul Williams, an investigator with the Mecklenburg County Medical Examiner's office, said Will's death was due to acute subdural hematoma -- a condition caused by head trauma.

"That means he had no pre-existing condition that contributed," Williams said.

The hematoma typically creates a torn blood vessel in the brain.

Melanie McLeod said her son, a running back for North Lincoln Middle School, had carried the ball and was tackled at the game on Wednesday. He got up, she said, walked to the sideline, and fell to the ground. He died the next day.

The equipment Will was wearing during the game was refurbished, but had been X-rayed before the start of the football season, Lincoln County Schools spokeswoman Belinda Branson said Monday.

She could not immediately name the company that reconditions the equipment, but she said the district doesn't use equipment with hairline fractures or other defects.

"It is policy that all high school football equipment is refurbished every year. Middle schools' equipment is refurbished every two years."

The equipment is X-rayed before it's sent back to the schools, she said. It also must meet National Federation of Athletics guidelines.

"It's safe equipment," Branson said. "We wouldn't allow our students to go out there with equipment that's not safe."

After Will was hit, it remained unclear what happened next on the sidelines, but records show someone called 911 at 6:22 p.m. and an ambulance arrived four minutes later.

Lincoln County Emergency Management Services manager Ted Mankowski said Thursday that rescuers arrived to find the eighth-grader unconscious, with symptoms of brain trauma.

A family member told WCNC that the teen said his head hurt after the play.

In an interview last week, Joe McLeod said his son had not had any health issues prior to the game. All Lincoln County students must pass a physical before participating in sports.

"Will had a headache the night before the game, but he took some medicine and felt fine that morning," McLeod said. "He did his homework that morning, played PlayStation and ate breakfast. There was nothing out of the ordinary."

McLeod's death is believed to be the second in the nation this year directly caused by a football injury. The National Center for Catastrophic Sport Injury Research said there has been at least one other football death reported this year, involving a Georgia high school player who died in September of a tear to the aorta near his heart.

## **A Link from Mike Webb**

### **Parent Arrested At High School Game For Football Field Fight**

Caught on tape!!!!!! not sure if the link at the bottom will play or not. Seen it on the news and it was ugly...

A Kentucky man is arrested after police say he hit a high school football player during a game in Garrard County.

Kirby Thompson was arrested at last night's game between Garrard County and Wayne County.

Police say Thompson rushed onto the field and hit a player. Officials say Thompson is the father of a Wayne County player and was upset about a hard hit on the field.

Thompson is charged with disorderly conduct. Wayne County won the game 25-20.

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**From Fred McPherson**

I just received an e-mail from Fred Aldridge and he said that next year's assignments would be out the week on Oct 29. You may want to post this on the site.