

NEWS – JANUARY 1, 2008

Roger McVicker

Roger McVicker had rotator cuff surgery and is at home on the mend. He was expected to begin physical therapy last Friday.

David Merchant

David was admitted to a hospital in Clarksburg last Wednesday with a blockage in his leg. David was working a basketball game in Clarksburg when he was taken to the hospital.

Our retired member of the KVFOA, George Bramble, has been checking on David while in the hospital. George moved to Clarksburg last August.

David was scheduled to be released yesterday.

Texas/Arizona State Incident

So if you didn't see the game, this is what happened.

On 3rd and 11 at the UT 15, UT rushed the ASU QB, who threw a lateral toward the UT sideline. Mack Brown's stepson was ruled to have illegally touched the ball. This was unsportsmanlike conduct, resulting in 4th and 3 at the UT 7. Why was it not *3rd* and 3?

What is the enforcement under NF rules?

See the interpretation later.

Northern KY Spring Clinic

The Northern Kentucky Officials Association is sponsoring their 5th Annual Spring Training and Development Clinic on Saturday, March 8th at Simon Kenton HS in Independence, KY (near Cincinnati, OH). Speakers and clinicians will represent the Big East, Southeastern, Sunbelt, Ohio Valley and Mid-South Conferences as well as KY and TN HS Associations. Check the following for more information.

<http://www.nkoafotball.org/guests/clinic/springtandd.html>

This sounds like a great opportunity for all to stay connected to football rules and mechanics in the off-season and especially for who aspire to officiate in college.

Last year, there were 130 attendees from six states.

Last year, registration was \$25 per person which included lunch.

Don't forget to Renew your 2008 KVFOA Registration

If you haven't already, please make sure your website information is correct and mail Fred McPherson a check for \$40.00. Fred's address is at the bottom of the homepage. Any questions, please call Fred or the webmaster.

Texas/Arizona State Interpretation

From Mike Webb:

In NF Rules, it would be a loose ball foul for illegal participation (9-6-4) and also an unsportsmanlike foul for being on the field (9-8-1 i). Since we must use the inadvertent whistle rule (4-2-2 ball is dead when touched) if the team wanted to accept the penalty for illegal participation, the inadvertent whistle is ignored and the unsportsmanlike foul would be assessed also.

See a New Link – USA Football

A new link has been added. This is content from an e-mail I received talking about USA Football:

Hello,

I am Tony Michalek, NFL Umpire #115 and Director of Officiating for USA Football. I am writing to introduce USA Football's officiating development program for youth and high school football officials, which can be found at www.usafootball.com The program helps recruit, educate, train and develop football officials at all levels, specifically youth and high school. Part of our recruiting program includes \$100 equipment grants to brand new officials. In 2007, 25 states received equipment grants.

The content for USA Football's comprehensive officiating program is delivered through an online official's center along with clinical training at various conferences and local associations throughout the country. Over the last two years, Bill LeMonnier and I have shared knowledge and insight with 7200 officials at clinics nationwide.

The USA Football Officiating Center includes:

- Officiating training program; philosophy/axioms, rules interpretations, mechanics, 3D signals, definitions and test questions for each section
- Rules interpretations with: video examples, 3D animated signals with audio tutorial, penalty enforcement spot and yardage
- 50 animated signals in 3D with audio tutorial to properly signal and announce
- Expert Analysis; high school video with audio tutorial
- 2D mechanics animations for crews of 2-5
- Philosophy: audio tutorial of sound officiating philosophy
- Axioms, “when in doubt principles”: audio tutorial of when to apply
- Ask the expert, answers to your questions from a credible source
- Youth/high school official of the week article
- Officiating Guide: Road map for success
- Test questions
- Tip of the week
- Officiating library of articles
- List of nationwide clinics with contact info
- Fitness and nutrition tips

In order to better serve the officiating community, your assistance is needed. As a local officials association, we are asking for your help to deliver:

- Updated contact information for your association (President, Board)
- Assigner(s) of youth and high school officials in your area
- Updated contact information for youth football leagues (League name, president)
- Respected officials (including yourself) who are willing to present/teach at clinics
- List of how USA Football can help your association

Thank you and I look forward to working with you,

Tony Michalek

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