

NEWS – SEPTEMBER 3, 2008

JOEY JOHNSON SIDELINED FRIDAY

Joey Johnson said he incurred a brief blackout Friday morning. While diabetes was ruled out, it was determined that it was a minor case of hypoglycemia (low blood pressure) and generally brought about by being too busy and active and not getting enough nourishment. Apparently his doctors have scolded him to take care of himself.

There is a message for all of us here. Take care of yourself. Officiating is demanding. Proper rest and diet during the season is a necessity to be prepared. Also, don't forget to hydrate the day before a game as well as the day of. We all know this...just a reminder.

UPDATE ON BLAKE

Roger McVicker reports that Blake was in attendance for the Grid-o-Rama at Laidley Field. Blake is continuing his treatments and is eating solid food. He is being fitted for a pump to allow medication to be administered at home and lessen the number of trips to the hospital.

Blake expressed his thanks for the support of the members of the KVFOA.

Let's please continue to keep Blake in our thoughts and prayers.

AT THE CLINICIAN TAB

I have started Observations from Mike Webb – 2008. This will be updated weekly with information Mike sends.

And also, Mike was in the Letters to the Editor in the September 2008 issue of Referee magazine (see page 8).

He wrote:

“I think the article ‘Give Yourself Some Wiggle Room’ (Referee Magazine 7/08) by Tim Sloan should be required reading for every football official in the nation. I hope the folks doing the training of our incoming officials use the article. That is really good stuff!”

I have requested permission from Referee magazine to re-print the article and if I do, I'll put it under the Clinician tab.

If you have not viewed the Spearing video from the NATA, you must. Mike Webb has sent this to us saying that all Interpreters viewed this last year and all coaches are required to show it before live contact.

When you see all the instances of catastrophic injury in the video, you'll clearly get the message that we have a job to do. Please review Rule 2-20 for definitions of Illegal Helmet Contact and Rule 9-4-3(i) for what constitutes a flagrant act (resulting in disqualification).

Don't forget, you have mechanics for each position as well as the 6-Man mechanics for WV. These are great for reviewing a day or two before the game.

DAN SIZEMORE SELECTED FOR LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR DAN GREEAR

As you may already know, Dan Greear won the Republican nomination for West Virginia Attorney General.

Dan Sizemore has been selected by Dan Greear as Chairman of Coaches and Sports Officials for Dan Greear Leadership Team.

If you want to learn more about Dan's campaign, please see his website at www.dangreear.com.

OPEN DATES – 2008

All crews check 2008 Open Dates on the homepage to make sure it is accurate. If not, e-mail the webmaster.

And to all officials: make sure to update your schedule on the website to show open and closed dates. To do this, select Scheduling from the homepage, and under Officials Only select Edit Schedule. I have filled games by going to Scheduling and View Open Officials by Date and finding the available officials.

DON'T FORGET – BLACK ARMBANDS AT ALL VARSITY GAMES

We are wearing black armbands in memory of Al Carey and Carl Fletcher at all varsity games in 2008. We are also asking this to be announced at introduction of officials. Fred has penned the language to be given to the PA announcer. If you need it, contact Fred.