

# FIRST AND TEN

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Illegal blocks and knowing the rules two items in this month issue



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# First and Ten Mandate

The intention of First and Ten is to keep the CFOA membership informed of the activities of the CFOA and its member associations. It is hoped that the First and Ten will be published on a quarterly basis.

The CFOA is hoping to encourage communication between its member associations through this communication by presenting information in the following areas:

Recruitment and Retention

Training and Development

-Positioning and Mechanics

Rulebook

-Changes/requests for rule

changes

-Rule Study –You Make the Call

-Rule interpretations

Canadian Leagues

-Up dates and information on the: CFL, CIS, CJFL

L'objectif du "First and Ten" est garder les membres du ACAF (Association Canadienne des Arbitres de Football) et les associations d'arbitres, des différentes activités au sein de l'ACAF. Notre objectif est de publier le "First and Ten" à tous les trois mois.

L'ACAF, a pour objectif d'encourager les communications entre les membres des différentes associations d'arbitres en leurs présentant des mises à jour sur les sujets suivants.

Recrutement et Rétention d'arbitres de football

Développement et Formation

- Positionnement et Mécaniques

Règles

- Études des règles – "You Make the Call"

- Interprétation des règles

- Changements et demandes de changements

Ligues Canadiennes

-Mises à jour des informations de la LCF – CIS - LCFJ

Reconnaissance d'accomplissements par des arbitres de football

La version française du "First and Ten" va suivre chaque version anglaise. Ron Paluzzi, Vice président responsable de la traduction, sera responsable de s'assurer que chaque communiqué soit disponible en français dans les plus brefs délais. D'ici là, je demande à tous

# Editor's comments

First and Ten Editor **Ron Hallock**

Co- editor **Rob Christian**

It is a busy time of the year with football season in full swing and busy time at work (some of us do work at something besides football)



In this late released September issue, we report on an unusual play situation involving numerous illegal participation fouls and included in dual and double foul situations. This question was submitted by the **BCFOA member Cary Anderson** and is responded to by FC Rules interpreter and CFOA Referee in Chief **Walter Berry**



How did Ron Foxcroft invent the Fox 40 is revealed in an article by **Fred Anderton**.

Check out MrRef204 on YouTube for basic training videos and more. At the request of the CFOA members for videos I have launched a You tube site to allow easy access for members to obtain basic training videos and new rule interpretation videos. The First and Ten will also suggest links like the **Aloha tapes by Matt Sumstine**. List of the 2014 tapes are presented in this issue.

Co- editor Rob Christian supplied the following article **College Football Officiating 101 – Catch/No Catch** includes explanations and video links

Individual accountability for this season is reviewed along with a development form for charting game performance and setting goals for next game

The next article is a timely one as this topic has been brought up at the local MFOA meetings lately and mentioned to the editor by many supervisors of officials across the nation about rules knowledge by ALL officials on a crew. Quotes from numerous US college and NFL officials are presented In **Why become an absolute expert in the rules**

## **CFOA news**

The CFOA recognizes the achievement of Veteran OUA official **George Montani** on his retirement from officiating at the university level in an article this issue.

Officials who were assigned to the 2014 Ontario Varsity Football finals are recognized

**Next issue will update CFOA executive activities and rule book updates**

# Play situations

**Walter Berry** CFOA Referee in Chief Football Canada's Rulebook editor and interpreter.



## Play with many Illegal Participations and more Recently Cary Anderson

BCFOA submitted the following play situation and it was forwarded to Walter for a ruling. I have a multi foul situation that took place on Saturday at the Junior game in Kelowna. I just saw the game clip on Hudl and it was one of the most bizarre plays I have ever seen. I'm hoping you can give us a proper ruling so we can share it at our panel..

1. Victoria is punting the ball near the side line. Okanagan #16 blocks Victoria #2 Out of bounds.
2. Victoria #2 immediately returns to the field of play and continues down field. Okanagan #16 pauses, looks around and then returns to the field, seeking out other Victoria players to block.
3. The punt lands very close to the side line and bounces around on the field of play. Meanwhile Okanagan #15 loses track of where he is, takes two steps out of bounds on his own.
4. Okanagan #15 returns to the field of play and starts to pursue the bouncing ball where Victoria #4 comes charging in and blocks Okanagan #15 very hard, away from the ball he is trying to recover.
5. Victoria #4's momentum takes him out of bounds. Okanagan # 15 recovers the football, and ends up being tackled by Victoria #4 who returned from out of bounds.

The crew penalized Victoria #4 for 15 yards for No Yards & 15 yards for UR (for the severity of the hit) from the point of the first foul. **The crew failed to notice the three Illegal Participations. So how does this mess get adjudicated if the crew had seen all the fouls? Penalties as they occurred**

Victoria	Okanagan
	#16 Illegal Participation (Decline) , (only one minor foul can be accepted)
	#15 Illegal Participation (L10)
#4 No Yards L15 (made no attempt to back out)	
#4 UR L15 (Severity of the hit on Okanagan #15	
#4 Illegal Participation Decline (No Yards minor foul accepted)	

**Referee in Chief Response** The penalty for #15 Okanagan recovering the ball is **loss of ball point of foul** So it would be Victoria ball back 20 yards 1<sup>st</sup> and 10. (30 (NY +UR)– 10 ( ill Part))



## How 20,000 Rabid Fans Gave a Referee His Million-Dollar Idea

The Fox 40 whistle's founder shows why you should ignore the critics and never give up.

<http://www.success.com/article/how-20000-rabid-fans-gave-a-referee-his-million-dollar-idea>

[Fred Anderton](#)

Ron Foxcroft thought he was a dead man walking. He would have preferred to run, but that's not his style.

It was May 17, 1984, and he was refereeing a pre-Olympic basketball game in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The stadium was rocking with 20,000 rabid fans. Brazil was playing Uruguay, and a place in the Los Angeles Olympics was at stake.

"The score was tied, nine seconds left on the clock," recalls Foxcroft. "I emptied my lungs into my whistle to call a foul on Brazil. The pea in the whistle stuck. Nothing, not even a peep."

Brazil scored on the play and the crowd erupted in jubilation. But the basket didn't count. Suddenly, fans were screaming for Foxcroft's head. Fortunately for the beleaguered ref, Uruguay missed the free throw. Brazil went on to win the game and Foxcroft escaped with his life. He vowed right then he would develop a pealess whistle that wouldn't fail him.

He bounced the idea off a friend who told him he must have spent too much time in the hot Brazilian sun. Over dinner, he shared his idea with his wife, and she literally threw up. He's still not sure if it was the food or his idea—he was too afraid to ask. Instead, he went straight to work on his pealess whistle.

He hated losing. Tell him he couldn't do something and he was determined to prove you wrong. This whistle would be his greatest challenge. The name [Fox 40](#) was easy—a combination of his nickname, "Fox," and his age when he applied for his first patent protection. Getting a pealess whistle manufactured to meet his rigid standards proved to be much more difficult.

The mold alone cost \$15,000. They produced numerous prototypes before Foxcroft was ready to take it to the marketplace. He went to a sporting goods store in his hometown of Hamilton, Ontario, and pitched his Fox 40 whistle, asking the store owner to take 12 on consignment. But the owner thought a pealess whistle was a pea-brained idea.

"You're such a good friend, I'm going to be honest with you," said the store owner. "Your whistle won't sell and I'm not going to take any, not even on consignment."

After investing three years and \$150,000 of his money—his entire life savings—Foxcroft still hadn't sold a single whistle. He hit rock bottom on Friday night of Thanksgiving weekend. Foxcroft was sitting in his office looking at a pile of unpaid bills, and everyone was saying his Fox 40 was an amateurish Mickey Mouse idea. Foxcroft felt he had nothing to be thankful for and decided to throw in the towel on his pealess whistle.

Later that weekend, though, he remembered something [Walt Disney](#) had said: "'Never give up!' I must have been 5 years old when I first heard that," says Foxcroft. "I understood from listening to him on TV that he'd been kicked down a hundred times in life, but he said he always got up, brushed himself off and never gave up."

Walt Disney didn't give up on his Mickey Mouse idea, and Ron Foxcroft wasn't going to give up on his.

If he was going to prove that store owner wrong, Foxcroft knew he had to improve the sound of his Fox 40 by fixing its little imperfections. His engineer took him to a small plastics shop in town.

There, "a little old Italian guy who didn't speak a word of English but clearly understood compassion came out from the back and gave me some plastic used in phones for free. I was completely broke, so it was the best money I never spent," Foxcroft says.

The new plastic worked perfectly. Although the technical flaws had been eliminated, Foxcroft still couldn't sell his Fox 40 pealess whistle in Canada. He heard every excuse: it was too black, too white, too loud, too soft.

But in the United States, Foxcroft got a positively different response. He was assigned to officiate at the 1987 Pan-Am Games in Indianapolis and took with him the only two Fox 40 prototypes, hoping he could convince his fellow officials to buy into them.

The officials were staying in a dormitory, and Foxcroft slept with his two whistles tucked under his pillow.

"You'd do the same thing if you had two prototypes worth \$150,000," Foxcroft jokes.

At 2 a.m. he ventured into the hallway and blew his pealess whistle. The officials poured out of their rooms. They wanted to know what that sound was.

"It's a Fox 40," Foxcroft proudly proclaimed. "I'm selling them downstairs in the morning."

Although he only had the two prototypes, that didn't phase Foxcroft, who boasted it was so popular in Canada that it was on back order. Now they *really* wanted it. That week in Indianapolis, Foxcroft sold 20,000 whistles at \$6 each.

The first whistles rolled off the production line in October 1987, nearly four years after his Mickey Mouse idea was hatched. Even Walt Disney would have been proud.

Today, the Fox 40 is sold in more than 140 countries. It's used at the Olympics and in the NFL, NBA, NCAA and NHL, and can be heard at virtually all the major sporting events around the world.

The Fox 40 has also played a prominent role during many disaster rescue efforts, including Sept. 11, 2001, in New York City, the 1989 San Francisco earthquake and following Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

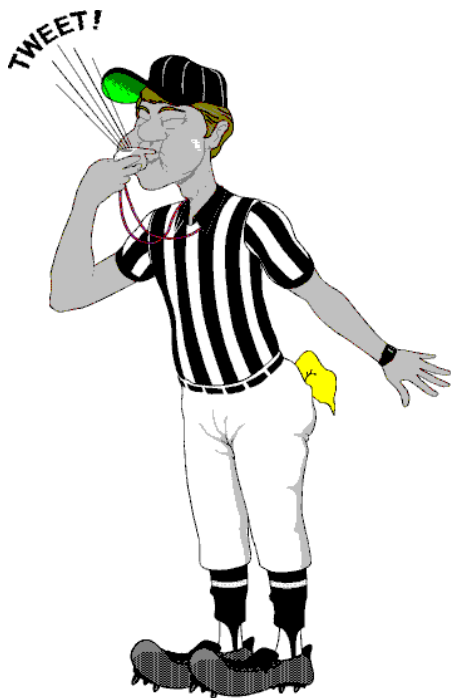
That's the ultimate tribute to a man who refused to give up.

"It makes me feel heartfelt, emotionally numb," says Foxcroft when he hears his Fox 40 pealess whistle has been used to save lives.

So, would he do it all over again?

"Absolutely! The journey is the fun," says Foxcroft. "All the people who said it couldn't be done motivated me. Anybody can be a critic. Winners just do it."

- See more at: <http://www.success.com/article/how-20000-rabid-fans-gave-a-referee-his-million-dollar-idea#sthash.th5tsM7V.EB2nGEHe.dpuf>



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for basic training videos and more**

**List uploads to date follows**



MrRef204 uploaded a video



### 3 CIS 7 Man Positioning FG Convert Large

2 weeks ago • 10 views

Duties on field goals and kicking plays run 1/4 speed for voice overs



MrRef204 uploaded a video



### You have to love it when they Boo

3 weeks ago • 6 views

This video was produced by NASO and narrated by NASO founder Barry Mano. Produced to celebrate the pride we have in the profession and to demonstrate to others the requirements to ...



MrRef204 uploaded a video



### CIS Penalties Holding

3 weeks ago • 13 views

Clips examine holding on line of scrimmage and in open field Provided by Dave Hutton for CFL for CIS crews. Provides explanation of what is and what is not holding. Example of delayed knee block ...



MrRef204 uploaded a video



### CIS 7 Man Scrimmage Coverage Large

3 weeks ago • 13 views

Basic positioning and mechanics for seven official crews look at optimal coverage during the play prepared on behalf of CFL by Dave Hutton



MrRef204 uploaded a video



### 2011 CIS Updates 09 16 Large

3 weeks ago • 2 views

CIS 7 Man positioning updates prepared by Dave Hutton CFL liaison official development



MrRef204 uploaded a video



### cfl ca 1behind stripes crew preparation

3 weeks ago • 9 views

This video is suited for level 4 FCOC leadership of Referee and also demonstrates the ROUTINE followed by a professional CFL officiating crew



MrRef204 uploaded a video



### 2012 CFO Training Video 4 Pass Interference

4 weeks ago • 69 views

This video defines six types of pass interference and three types of defensive pass interference. Explanations and video examples are provided



MrRef204 uploaded a video



### 2013 Big 12 Targeting Rules Education

1 month ago • 10 views

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**Tackle Football Rule Changes 2014**

1 month ago · 8 views

Football Canada Rules Editor and rules interpreter reviews rule changes for 202-14

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MrRef204 uploaded a video

**Walt Anderson Big 12 Conference Coordinator of Officials Targeting 2013**

1 month ago · 3 views

review targeting as it relates to roughing the passer, hits to runners including the quarterback in an upright position, sliding and blind slide blocks

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**Holding Explained and Classified**

1 month ago · 52 views

explains holding what is and what is not. Classifying holding into 6 categories with examples and explanations

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MrRef204 uploaded a video

**Morgan 12 yard TD run**

1 month ago · 17 views

shows an example where the ball carrier lowers head and using the crown of helmet as the primary point of contact. Spearing or but block

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MrRef204 added 3 videos to Favourites

**Favourites**

Walt Anderson - Big 12 Conference Coordinator of Officials - Targeting 2013	16:41
Targeting & Crown of Helmet Fouls	10:43
Get In Shape For The Season	0:56

View full playlist ( 3 videos)

Check out the

## 2014 Aloha Clinic Football Official Training Videos

- by [Matthew Sumstine](#)
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[2014 Aloha Clinic Helmet Plays Video](#) [Matthew Sumstine](#) 22:41



[2014 Aloha Clinic QB Plays Video](#) [Matthew Sumstine](#) 26:54



[2014 Aloha Clinic Holding Plays Video](#) [Matthew Sumstine](#) 16:11



[2014 Aloha Clinic Blocking Plays Video](#) [Matthew Sumstine](#) 22:39

Blocking plays and mechanics including: Blocks in the Back, Low Blocks and Peel Back Blocks

Great explanations of not only identifying the foul but the crew mechanics especially the Blocking play video Added to MrRef204

## College Football Officiating 101 – Catch/No Catch

<http://www.profootballreferee.com/1912/college-football-officiating-101-catchno-catch/>

### CATCH/NO CATCH



**IS IT A CATCH?**

1. **Be sure Player has FIRM Control of Ball for ENTIRE PLAY for it to be a CATCH, (Control Established after player makes a Move or is Tackled Immediately in Possession). WHEN IN DOUBT, WIPE IT OUT.**
2. If Player clearly **Controls** Ball in the air and is **Firmly** in possession, then Player touches the ground and continues to secure possession of the Ball or Nose of Ball touches ground, yet Player retains his firm control of Ball and it does not Move during this action, the Process of the CATCH is not interrupted, so it is a **CATCH**.
3. On a Simultaneous **CATCH**, RULE Survival of the Fittest, whoever has Ball at End of Process will Have Possession.
4. If a Player has a "Tippy-toe" stance on the Sideline or End line either from returning to the ground or on the ground after establishing Firm Control, the Player must maintain that stance for the duration for it to be a **CATCH**. If the Toe touches inbounds, but the Heel touches out of bounds, **RULE INCOMPLETE**.
5. If Player turns after a Catch? And Ball is not secure or SEEMS secure and/or player is moving ball for possession, and CONTACT is made and Ball becomes loose- **RULE INCOMPLETE**.
6. If Player, whether airborne or not, makes a Catch in Field of Play or the End Zone, is immediately hit or immediately goes to ground (In or Out of Bounds) and loses possession – **RULE INCOMPLETE**.
7. If Airborne Player makes a Catch and contacts ground in the Field of Play or the End Zone and Ball becomes loose – **RULE INCOMPLETE**.
8. No Cheap Fumbles. The ground cannot cause a fumble, BUT **the ground can cause an incomplection** as illustrated in #6 and #7. A Player must maintain possession during the entire process for it to be a **CATCH**.

**A CATCH IS WHEN A PLAYER ESTABLISHES FIRM CONTROL OF THE BALL AND MAINTAINS POSSESSION FOR THE ENTIRE PLAY.**

**FOR A COMPLETION TO EXIST, THE CATCH PROCESS MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.**

**BE PATIENT ON CATCH/NO CATCH, SLOW DOWN, PROCESS PLAY.**

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### **Our New Rule: RULE 6 SECTION 4 ARTICLE 6**

**Delete: Note**

**Add:**

f) A forward pass shall not be ruled as "completed" until the player, after catching the ball, maintains complete and continuous control of the ball throughout the process of contacting the ground, whether in the field of play, end zone or out-of-bounds.

**Have a look at these Plays:**

**Incomplete Pass or Catch and Fumble**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5dd3hic4z78>

**Calvin Johnson, not a TD**

<http://www.nfl.com/videos/nfl-game-highlights/09000d5d81a77070/Controversial-call-on-Megatron-non-TD>

**2013 USC vs Clemson – did he survive contact with the ground?**

<http://static5.businessinsider.com/image/50a8ec13eab8ea7a1d000006-960/zach-ertz-touchdown-stanford.jpg>

**Catch and Fumble or Incomplete**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWMNvxQTsU8>

# ***EVERYONE ELSE’S – WITH YOU!***

*It is only through each individual holding himself accountable for both the appearance and the substance of his actions that the integrity of the game is ensured.* JIM TUNNEY NFL Referee – 31 Years – 3 Super Bowls

## **YOU NEED TO BRING TO THE 2014 SEASON**

**! A POSITIVE ATTITUDE**

**! INTENSITY – PASSION – HIGH ENERGY**

**! GOOD WORK HABITS**

**! HIGH STANDARDS – HIGH EXPECTATIONS**

**! AN OPEN MIND**

**! A DESIRE TO IMPROVE – GET BETTER**

**! A WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN / LEARN**

**! AN ACCEPTANCE OF NEW IDEAS / CONCEPTS**

**! ESPRIT DE CORPS / TEAM SPIRIT**

**A COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO HELP ONE ANOTHER**

**T – E – A – M – W – O – R – K**

**Mentor – Support – Nurture – Encourage – Uphold – Assist – Camaraderie**

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***TAKE YOU GAME TO THE NEXT LEVEL  
AND***

# Development form for recording game goals and comments

## Game Diary

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ KICKOFF: \_\_\_\_\_ STADIUM: \_\_\_\_\_

VISITORS \_\_\_\_\_ HOME TEAM \_\_\_\_\_

### PRE-GAME NOTES:

#### CREW /

R \_\_\_\_\_ U \_\_\_\_\_

HL \_\_\_\_\_ LJ \_\_\_\_\_

S J \_\_\_\_\_ BJ \_\_\_\_\_

FJ \_\_\_\_\_

### FOULS / NO CALLS

QUARTER	TIME	TEAM	PLAYER #	FOUL	RATE CALL

### Post-Game Review

Goals:

Crew/ Coordinator / Observer Notes

Self-Evaluation – Things I Did Well

Self-Evaluation – Areas Needing Improvement

Constructive Comments – Crew / Observer / Mentor

Crew:

Observer:

Mentor

Overall performance:

Excellence – Good – Average – Below Average

Comment;

Things to work on next game

Example two goals based on areas of concern identified in this game

1.

2.

## **Why become an absolute expert in the rules**

*As years go by some officials become complacent. They do not study rules, mechanics and try to get by on their experience. Some of them arrive late and leave as soon as the game is over. Study of the rules is not a serious part of the program to them. We need officials to put as much effort into a freshman game as a major college game.*

**JIM CHEFFERS**

Former Pacific 8 Conference - Umpire / Back Judge

Former Pacific 10 & Big West Conference Observer

*Become an absolute expert in the rules. Then you can decide when to be technical and when to be nontechnical. But first you've got to be totally grounded in the rules. Comments by successful officials*

**DAVE KAMANSKI**

Pacific 10 Conference & USFL Referee – NFL Replay Official / Observer

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### **Rules Knowledge: The Spirit of the Rules**

*I don't think that there is any substitute or any excuse for not knowing the rules. But not only study the rules; find somebody who could help you with the spirit of the rules. That's why I'm so grateful to have had Bud Brubaker (NFL Referee) around. Bud knew the spirit of the rules and I learned from him having been on his crew for three years and traveling with him out of Los Angeles to the places we went. Sitting on the airplane going to and from and then at the game. He knew the spirit: Why do we call DPI? Why do we not call holding every time? Why do we do this? Why do we do that? That's very important. It's always been my rule that you really don't know officiating in the NFL until you've been in at least five years.*

**JIM TUNNEY**

NFL Referee #32 (1960-1990) – 3 Super Bowls (1972-1977-1978) / Masters Series on Football Officiating

**Know the Rule Book**

*I suggest you learn your rule book. Study it every night. I did. It helped me. By helping me, I mean, that sometimes when I get on a field and something happens (you're ready).*

**NORM SCHACHTER**

NFL Referee #56 (1954-1976) – 3 Super Bowl (1967-1971-1976) / Masters Series on Football Officiating

*Know the rules and mechanics. There is no excuse for not knowing them. Study and learn them. If you are the referee, you need to know them better than anyone on the crew. That's your job. But, more important than knowing the rules, is understanding them and their effect on the play. Understand the rules and the game of football.*

**BUD BRUBAKER**

NFL Referee #23 (1950-1970)

*All officials must master the rules. We study them before the season, during the season, and after the season. We have pre-season clinics to discuss new rules and rules changes. We are given tests during the year. We must be as proficient in knowing our rules as judges in our courts know the law. In addition to the rules, we also must know the keys and mechanics of the game.*

**FRED WYANT**

NFL Referee (1966-1992)

*I had a passion to know (the rules). I would study the philosophy of the rules . . . If the rules committee wanted it in for a reason, they didn't necessarily want the extremity of the rule applied. For example, Holding: They didn't want a player gaining an unfair advantage. They didn't mean that if the runner was 50 yards downfield and some kid on the line of scrimmage grabbed a jersey that that was holding. I always tried to interpret what the rules committee meant when they put in a rule.*

**STAN JAVIE**

NFL Back Judge – 4 Super Bowls (1968-1974-1976-1980)

*Norm Schachter has a cellular understanding of rules balance. He taught me that only if an official conscientiously studies the rules will he learn the philosophy and spirit behind them. You can have a fundamental understanding of the rules without mastering how one rule balances another. Only with the deeper knowledge will you be effective on the field and be able to grow in officiating . . .*

*Stan Javie became my Sunday mentor. He was a hard taskmaster. He would challenge me on rules knowledge, asking question about play situations for which the rule book gave no direct answer. His persistence in pointing out to me that football doesn't get simple, not if you care about its complexities, taught me that you can't study enough . . .*

*By working with Schachter and Javie, I came to understand that rules interpretation was the most subtle, most challenging part of officiating.*

**JIM TUNNEY**

His Book: Impartial Judgment

*Don't be good at the rules . . . Be an EXPERT. Be the guy who can bail out the crew.*

**MIKE PEREIRA**

NFL Vice President of Officiating (1999-2009)

*Our rule book may not be too racy, but we spend more time reading it than we do Playboy magazine . . . It's years of experience, hours every week of reviewing the rule book and thinking football. It's the weekend of preparation. And it's a complete dedication to the job . . .*

**NORM SCHACHTER**

From the Book: The Gladiators (1973) and the Rules ----Understand the game

## CFOA NEWS

### VETERAN OUA FOOTBALL OFFICIAL TO BE RECOGNIZED AT McMASTER HOMECOMING

*The Ontario University Football Officials' Association in conjunction with Ontario University Athletics and the McMaster Marauders football team will be honouring long time OUA football official George Montani during the McMaster Homecoming football game on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at Ron Joyce Stadium.*

*In November of 2013, Montani, one of the most respected and accomplished amateur football officials in Canada hung up his whistle, put away his flag, and announced his retirement from officiating the game he so dearly loves.*

*For the past 25 years, Montani has been a member of the Ontario University Football Officials' Association and has officiated over 200 CIS football games, including 10 Yates Cups, 3 Mitchell Bowls and 3 Vanier Cups. In 2011, Montani was a member of the Vanier Cup officiating crew in Vancouver when McMaster defeated Laval in what arguably may have been, the most exciting football game ever played in this country.*

*Montani has officiated amateur football for more than 3 decades as an integral member of the Hamilton Football Officials' Association where he was a great mentor, evaluator, and a friend to all officials at every level.*





*During his officiating career, Montani has been recognized with many awards. In 2013, he was the recipient of the Ken Green Award that recognizes 'outstanding contribution and dedication toward the improvement of amateur football officiating in Ontario'. In 1998, Montani was the recipient of the Hamilton Football Officials' Association prestigious Seymour Wilson Award for his 'outstanding contribution to the development of amateur football in the City of Hamilton'.*

*"George Montani was an excellent guy to have on any crew" says Murray Drinkwalter, the President of the OUA Football Official's Association. "George is a walking rule book; his knowledge of the Canadian Amateur rule book and officials' positioning mechanics is second to none and his presence on any crew immediately raised the confidence level of the whole crew. All of us in the OUA have missed his sense of humour and presence on the field this season".*

*On Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> George will be recognized with a special presentation during the pre-game ceremony at the McMaster Marauders Homecoming game by OUA Football Officials' Association Secretary Kevin Mickleboro, a long-time friend and fellow Hamilton football official. OUA football Referee-in-Chief Ken Green will also be present. With George during the presentation will be his wife of 34 years, Karyn, his two daughters Kate and Alysha, and son-in-law Arron.*

## 2014 Ontario Varsity Football (OVFL) Finals

The OVFL (a competitive rep football league) held its finals on Saturday, August 16, 2014 at Carleton University in Ottawa.

The crews for the games are listed below:

### Bantam (under 15 Championship)

Position	Name	Number	Home FOA
Referee	Barclay Easton	93	Ottawa
Umpire	Gary Lees	24	Kingston
Back Umpire	Brent Billing	41	Watterloo/Wellington
Back Judge	Len Hughes	88	York/Durham
Head Linesman	Wayne Mulzac	44	Toronto
Line Judge	Rob Graham	71	Lakeshore



### Junior (under 17 Championship)

Position	Name	Number	Home FOA
Refferee	Rick Rumney	58	London
Umpire	Greg Aletto	76	Toronto
Back Umpire	Marty Richardson	34	Hamilton
Back Judge	Andre Papineau	46	Ottawa
Head Linesman	Fred Berry	74	Kingston
Line Judge	Perry Dewaele	56	London



### Senior Varsity (under 19 Championship)

Position	Name	Number	Home FOA
Refferee	Kevin Horton	16	Ottawa
Umpire	Marc Burelle	85	Kingston
Back Umpire	John Kachuik	22	Ottawa
Back Judge	Doug McInroy	47	Lakeshore
Head Linesman	Mike Garvey	24	York/Durham
Line Judge	Bill Islip	87	Lakeshore





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