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Sarasota, Florida was the site for the American Football Association's 27th Hall of Fame Induction Dinner on Friday December 12th at the Helmsley Sandcastle Hotel on Lido Beach. Eighteen individuals representing semi-pro football teams across the country were enshrined as 'legends' of their level.

This year's semi-pro football enshrinement festivities began on Thursday evening with the annual AFA/HOF Alumni Huddle cocktail party. The "Huddle" provided attending HOF Alumni an opportunity to meet the new group of semi-pro football legends before they are inducted. Over the past 28 years the AFA has inducted 571 devoted and deserving former players (313), coaches (94), executives (74), officials (23), pioneers (20), media/historians (20), trainers/equipment managers (11), youth football representatives (6), international footballers (5), women's football category (4), and even one super fan.

To view the 2008 Hall of Fame Dinner Program, click <http://www.eteamz.com/americanfootballassn/files/brochure.pdf>

To view Hall of Fame Photo Album, click http://www.kodakgallery.com/ShareLanding.action?c=9z859ave.8mlfno3a&x=0&y=-55fhq6&localeid=en_US. If you would like to add photos to this album, just email them to amerfoot@aol.com.

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[AFA's Hall of Fame Induction Weekend a Success \(click here to view national release\)](#)

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A team and a family

Inside the New York Police Department football squad that spawned a national league
BY BOB MARTIN | Special to Newsday
4:17 PM EST, December 19, 2008

Det. John Comer's day starts early. As a member of the NYPD's Queens Warrant Squad, his job is to track down and arrest the "baddest of the bad" -- violent felons who are on the run. The squad's M.O. is to go out in the wee hours, hoping to catch its prey asleep in bed.

The sound of police banging on the door at 4 a.m. could scare even the toughest con. Opening the door to see Comer could make a career criminal go straight. He's a big man, 6-foot-5 and tipping the scales at 330 pounds -- he looks like a Coke machine with a head. The Marine buzz cut does nothing to soften this image.

Comer can be surprisingly gentle if the target goes along with the program, but when opting for fight or flight, suspects soon discover that the big guy is bear strong and gazelle quick. He's a former first baseman in the Atlanta Braves organization.

When Comer's day as a detective ends, his stint as a member of the New York's Finest Football Club begins. A senior member of the team, Comer, 42, held down the right offensive tackle spot for 14 years.

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Joe Mooney
Ned Novell
Ed O'Reilly
Louis Policastro Jr.
Mark Reale
Rex Stevenson

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Happy New Year From The American Football Association

Best wishes for a Happy New Year to all who share in the participation and passion of Semi-Pro Football throughout the World. You truly are the heart, soul and continued tradition for our level of the sport. We appreciate your dedication, support and love of the game — both on and off the field of play.

[Happy Holidays From Your Friends At The AFA](#)

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The AFA's strategic plan for 2009 was approved by its board of directors and presented to the general membership at the AFA's Business Breakfast Meeting during the AFA's Hall of Fame Weekend in December. The following are highlights of the AFA's 2009 Strategic Plan.....

Vision: The vision of American Football Association, Inc. Is to become the preeminent semi-pro football organization in the United States. Backed by quality services and support for teams and leagues as well as bringing national recognition to athletes and coaches for their contributions to the sport of football.

Mission: Our mission is to continue the transformation of the American Football Association into the premier authority on semi-pro football while promoting and maintaining the rich history of football in America. American Football Association

Key Goals

- Position ourselves as the leader in semi-pro football.
- Increase enrollment of players, teams and leagues.
- Increase public knowledge and awareness of the outstanding accomplishments of our members and of the sport of semi-pro football.
- Increase internal communications among leagues, teams, players and AFA.
- Develop cost effective measures to promote games, leagues, championships games and all things semi-pro football.
- Make available to the public all stats and information concerning affiliated teams and leagues.
- Build an interactive website to support sites for all member teams and leagues, and make available all stats and histories for all affiliates, and provide all necessary resources and services to players and teams.
- Increase awareness of our services and products among the public to increase the value to corporate sponsors.
- Provide resources for marketing and merchandising of member teams.
- Promote and secure funding for Championship Game.
- Promote and secure funding for the establishment of a Semi-Pro Football Hall of Fame facility and field and football history museum.
- Develop a football history book highlighting the early beginnings and the prominent role that semi-pro football has played in the advancement of the sport along with records and league and team histories.
- Develop a documentary to showcase the rich history of our leagues and the dedication and accomplishments of the many great players and coaches that have stamped their mark on our nation's favorite past time.
- Utilize developing and current technologies to promote the game of semi-pro football. (YouTube, Wiki, Social Networks, Website, Media Guides, DVD, etc.)
- Build and maintain corporate sponsorships.

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*** Florida Football Alliance ***

Bradenton Gladiators 45, Muck City Starrs 25
 Daytona Beach Wildcats 28, Broward County Bears 0
 Duval Panthers 13, Miami Magic City Bulls 6
 Florida Falcons 28, East Coast Reapers 20
 Florida Thunder 24, South Brevard Rams 15
 Fort Myers Spartans 18, Polk County War Eagles 7
 North Florida Rams 32, Pompano Beach Yellowtails 14
 St. Lucie Bobcats 26, Nature Coast Knights 0

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- Racine Raiders Football Club Inc
- Georgia Crush
- So Cal Eagles Football Inc.
- Wauwatosa Spartans Football Club

MEMBER TEAMS RECEIVE:

- Opportunity to participate in the AFA's 2 Million Dollar General Liability Insurance Program; leagues receive additional insurance for league administrators with 100% team membership
- Access to discount pricing on official Wilson NFL 'blem' Footballs
- Team listing on AFA's website membership directory
- Players from member leagues qualify for All American status and Gold Ball Awards
- Access to AFA sponsors, sponsorship programs and fund raising opportunities
- Opportunity for League Champions to advance for annual AFA National Championship honors
- National and targeted press releases via the AFA's Press Release Engine®
- Quarterly Newsletter promoting AFA newsmakers
- Product sampling opportunities from Active Advantage
- Access to AFA membership logo products and the opportunity to sell your own
- Leagues with 100% membership receive AFA banners with team names and AFA logo
- Websites via eteamz; attractive and fully functional sites with no HTML knowledge required!
- Opportunity to take advantage of legal service plans, lease loan reimbursement programs, medical and auto insurance plans
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It has again come to our attention that not only is there a tournament being touted as being sponsored by American Football News, but there is now a Ron Real Trophy is being promoted. While we are flattered by some of these initiatives, please be advised that NONE of these have been approved by the AFA or the family of the late Ron Real, which would be the typical practice regarding "The Right of Publicity" or control/use of an individual's image or likeness.

As a result, the AFA and family of the late Ron Real want to formally state for the record that these groups/initiatives are unauthorized. Additionally, they have nothing to do with the AFA's American Football News™ created by the late Ron Real, founder of the AFA.

A website and national media release is being developed to further protect the organization, the Real Family and the general public at large.

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We would like to share with you the following letter we just received from John Sadler of Sadler Insurance Company.....

Dave,

I just wanted to flat out tell you to urge all adult tackle football teams and leagues to protect themselves against crippling lawsuits by buying quality General Liability insurance. I've noticed that many teams and leagues like to roll the dice and go unprotected. As an attorney, risk manager, and sports insurance specialist, this makes me cringe! If they knew what I know about sports litigation, they would be worried. The funny thing about insurance is that you don't need it until you need it real bad, and then it's too late!

Who can be sued? If a spectator or player is hurt, the attorney representing the injured party will sue the league or team, the promoter, the field owner, the officers, directors, employees, or any volunteer including coaches and managers. When an individual is sued, their personal assets including their homes, cars, and bank accounts are on the "chopping block". Even if the individuals don't own anything now, they can have a judgment lien placed against their future assets for many years to come.

Many leagues make the mistake of allowing their teams to purchase coverage on an individual basis. When things are done this way, there is no coverage for the league itself and its directors and officers. Instead, the league should purchase the coverage under its own name and should pay a premium on behalf of 100% of all teams. This is the only way for the league to be covered – and it is free to the league assuming that the league can be reimbursed by the teams.

Perhaps the most devastating type of lawsuit is when a player is hurt and he has to incur out of pocket medical expenses for treatment because he has no insurance or inadequate insurance. Many football players don't have health insurance or if they do, it is subject to a high deductible of up to \$1000 or has a 40% coinsurance provision where they have to pay 40% of the bills out of their own pockets. The bottom line is that unpaid medical bills result in lawsuits being filed against football organizers and volunteers. Somebody has to pay for the medical bills!

So, how can teams and leagues protect themselves? They should definitely incorporate themselves and should use "well drafted" waiver/release forms. The Risk Management section of my web page has a sample waiver form that was developed by a team of leading sports litigation attorneys and it addresses the 15 most common pitfalls that cause waivers to be thrown out. Incorporation and waivers are great, but they don't take the place of buying insurance. For example, it can cost you \$20,000 in legal fees just to prove to the judge that your waiver should not be thrown out. So you can win and still lose!

We propose a low cost liability insurance plan that provides a \$2,000,000 Each Occurrence limit including coverage for bodily

injury, property damage, and personal/advertising injury for a premium of \$415 per team.

This policy will only cover lawsuits filed by injured spectators but will not cover lawsuits filed by injured sports participants. It is best for the league to buy a single policy on behalf of all teams in the league. Not only will this save money due to the minimum premium per policy, but also it is the only way to extend General Liability coverage to the league entity and its directors, officers, employees and volunteers.

In addition to General Liability, we recommend that the teams/leagues purchase either Workers' Compensation or a suitable Excess Accident Insurance as the first line of defense against lawsuits arising out of injured sports participants. If either WC or a suitable Excess Accident takes care of the medical bills where the player has no out of pocket expenses, then he does not have as much incentive to file a lawsuit.

The cost of Workers' Compensation for adult tackle football teams/leagues varies widely from state to state. The cost is very low (approx. \$750) in states that charge based on payroll paid to players (since there is no significant payroll, if any). On the other hand, the cost can be very expensive (\$20,000 and higher) in states that charge based on an assumed payroll per player. You must consult with you state Workers Compensation Pool or a local agent in order to get a quote. The cost of an Excess Accident policy covering all players and team staff will be in the \$15,000 range.

If a team / league can't afford either workers Compensation or Excess Accident, their best option is to purchase the General Liability coverage mentioned above and accept the fact that they only have coverage for lawsuits filed by injured spectators but have no coverage for lawsuits arising out of injuries to sports participants. This is a big risk, but it is presently what most adult tackle football teams are doing whether they realize it or not. This risk can be minimized by the use of incorporation, well-drafted waiver/release forms, and a sound safety/risk management plan.

Teams and leagues may also want to consider buying a Directors & Officers Liability policy (from a local insurance agent), which covers certain types of lawsuits that are not covered by a General Liability policy. Examples of potentially covered lawsuits include discrimination; wrongful termination or suspension of personnel or players; and failure to follow team/league rules or bylaws when making an administrative decision.

Feel free to download and share this document with other members of your organization by clicking.....

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Flint about to star on the silver screen again

by Sally York | The Flint Journal

Friday March 06, 2009, 8:10 AM

GENESEE COUNTY, Michigan -- Are you ready for your close-up?

About 10 roles -- including a major one -- will be cast at an open audition next week in Burton for "Minor League, a Football Story," a comedy sports drama to be shot entirely in Genesee County.

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2009/03/flint_about_to_star_on_the_sil.html

Open casting call for Pauly Shore film held in Burton on Saturday
By Gabe Gutierrez

BURTON (WJRT) -- (03/14/09)--Michigan's movie industry has been booming ever since lawmakers announced major tax breaks for production companies last year.

On Saturday, an open casting call for "Minor League, a Football Story" drew aspiring film stars to Burton.

It takes a certain kind of person to audition for a Pauly Shore movie, and several hundred of them turned out at the All Star Sports Bar in Burton. Flint-based Lyon Productions held an open casting call for the movie that will be shot in Genesee County next month.

<http://abclocal.go.com/wjrt/story?section=news/local&id=6710228>

San Diego Sports

By Supporting Enforcer Football, You Support Our Injured Marines!

Great Football For A Great Cause

By Dan McLellan

Posted on Thu, Mar 5th, 2009

Last updated Thu, Mar 5th, 2009

"The need to support our injured Marines has never been greater," said Wendy Lethin, the Director of Community Relations and Co-Founder of the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund. You can support our Marines in need and have a lot of fun in the process by cheering for the San Diego Enforcers.

The Enforcers is a San Diego tackle football team comprised of a diverse group of local law enforcement and firefighter agencies. They compete in the National Public Safety Football League (NPSFL). Each year the Enforcers pick a charity to which the proceeds of their games are donated. For the third year in a row they have chosen the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund.

<http://www.sandiego.com/index.php?>

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AFA Hall of Fame Ring Upgrades & Plaque Orders

At December's Hall of Fame Dinner, we announced the availability of a program from Josten's that will permit you to upgrade your Hall of Fame Ring to our new design for \$100. We have also obtained pricing for the new design Hall of Fame Plaques. These redesigns were completed and introduced by our late founder, Ron Real a few years ago.

If you are interested in obtaining order forms, just click our newsletter sigup link and add comments.....

<http://www.eteamz.com/americanfootballasn/news/index.cfm?>

[cat=17497.](#)

These forms are also being included in all membership packages going to Hall of Famers.

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Casa Grande Wolfpack 28, Paradise Valley Crusaders 13
Flagstaff Hitmen 44, Cave Creek Dragons 0
Peoria Punishers 21, Cochise County Cavaliers 6
Scottsdale Gladiators 9, Bradshaw Bandits 7
Southwest Stampede 13, Central Phoenix Spartans 0
Tempe Predators 22, West Valley Head Hunters 6
Tucson Desert Demons 34, Phoenix Raiders 6

*** Central Football League ***

Arkansas Golden Eagles 20, Fort Smith Lions 19
Arkansas Warriors 27, Southern Oklahoma Roughnecks 0
Enid Enforcers 21, Joplin Crusaders 7
Kansas Cougars 20, Lawton Rebels 2

*** Central Valley Football League ***

Central Cal Crusaders 37, Bakersfield Reapers 0
Central Valley Outlaws 36, Kern Valley Aztecs 0
Clovis Wolves 9, Dinuba Spartans 6
Merced Mustangs 16, Orosi Stars 14
Valley Thunder 28, King County Kings 16

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Muck City Starrs 48, Polk County War Eagles 12

*** Gulf Coast Football Association ***

Houston Firewalkers 34, Port Arthur Hurricanes 12
Texas Express 49, Montgomery County Thunderkats 6
Texas Gulf Coast Outlaws 28, Texas Beast 12
Texas Red Raiders 29, Louisiana Survivors 22
Texas Wolverines 22, Cleveland Outlaws 6

*** National Independent Football League ***

Levy County Raiders 21, Ocala Horsemen 20

*** New Mexico Football Alliance ***

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Orlando Rage 14, Tampa Bay Comets 0
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Bonecrushers host Wisconsin Wolfpack at US Cellular Arena Saturday

OurSports Central (press release) - Mar 26, 2009

The Wolfpack are coached by minor-league football legend Jordan Kopac. An inductee of two minor-league football halls of fame, Kopac is best known for his years with the storied Racine Raiders football team, including 2001, when he took over as head ...<http://www.oursportscentral.com/services/releases/?id=3795037>

Brevard Warriors No. 2 in national ranking
Florida Today - Mar 26, 2009

BY DAN ANDREWS • FOR FLORIDA TODAY • March 27, 2009

The Brevard Warriors (6-1, 8-1 overall) are one spot away from being the best semi-pro football team in the nation, according to the online Minor League Football News' weekly top 50 national rankings...<http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20090327/SPORTS/903270345/1002/SPORTS>

Cougars begin season tonight

Appeal-Democrat - Mar 28, 2009

The Cougars are a semi-pro football team that competes in the California State Amateur Football League. The league consists of 10 teams: Solano Chiefs, Modesto Raiders, Richmond War Angels, Stockton Trojans, Sacramento Fire, San Jose

Predatorshttp://www.appeal-democrat.com/sports/county_75885_article.html/season_cougars.html

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Monterey County Herald - Mar 27, 2009

Ward, also an assistant coach for the Salinas Spartans semi-pro football team, has already begun building a coaching

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*** Arizona Football League ***

Bradshaw Bandits 24, Peoria Punishers 21
Flagstaff Hitmen 20, Cochise County Cavaliers 3
Phoenix Raiders 13, West Valley Head Hunters 13 (tie)
Scottsdale Gladiators 21, Central Phoenix Spartans 7
Southwest Stampede 29, Paradise Valley Crusaders 0
Tempe Predators 46, Cave Creek Dragons 0
Tucson Desert Demons 20, Casa Grande Wolfpack 12

*** Central Valley Football League ***

Bakersfield Reapers 37, Central Valley Outlaws 26
Central Cal Crusaders 40, Kern Valley Aztecs 20
Clovis Wolves 27, Reedley Renegades 0
King County Kings 28, Orosi Stars 6
Valley Thunder 35, Dinuba Spartans 6

*** Gridiron Elite Spring Tournament ***

Bay Knights 20, New Jersey Spartans 8
Connecticut Ravens 29, New York Spartans 6
Empire State Demon Knights 26, Long Island Panthers 14
Hudson Valley Cowboys 14, New York Venom 8 (OT)

*** Gulf Coast Football Association ***

Texas Red Raiders 35, Oklahoma City Gunners 0

*** Non-league Games ***

Wenatchee Valley Rams 47, Snohomish County Thunder 6

*** Northern California Football League ***

California Warriors 35, Oakland Vipers 13
Central Coast Barnstormers 24, Bay Area Buccaneers 10
Marin Bulldogs 26, Central Valley Rams 23 (OT)
Pacifica Islanders 7, North Bay Rattlers 0 (OT)
River City Gators 72, Woodland Wolfpack 6
Sacramento Cobras 33, East Bay Outlaws 6
Salinas Spartans 28, NorCal Lawmen 26
South Bay Stallions 28, Solano Ravens 6

*** Southeast Football League ***

Brevard Warriors 66, Florida Hurricanes 6
Florida Kings 12, South Florida Saints 6
Knights of Miami 18, Miami Warriors 0
Orange County Falcons 21, Upstate Vikings 0
Tampa Bulldogs 12, Gulf Coast Panthers 6

*** Southern States Football League ***

Orlando Rage 33, St. Petersburg Sharks 14
Sarasota Millionaires 36, Tri City Piranhas 6
Tampa Bay Comets 20, Sarasota County Seminoles 17

*** Texas United Football League ***

Abilene Gladiators 17, Weatherford Bullets 13
Collin County Rattlers 13, UTA Mavericks 6
Edinburg Landsharks 79, South Texas Outlaws 7
Ft. Bend Storm 20, Waco Thunder 14
Ft. Worth Avengers 63, Dallas Bengals 12
Gulf Coast Nightmare 20, Texas Vikings 0
Hunt County Longhorns 32, Denton County Patriots 8
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By Fred Mitchell | Tribune reporter
March 31, 2009
Tim Gould's driving passion was to become a professional football player.

Years ago, he was an outstanding receiver for the semipro South Suburban Raiders and then the Chicago Heights Broncos. Gould's pursuit of his NFL dream was enhanced by an invitation to try out with the Dallas Cowboys in 1980. But he didn't make the final cut.

"I was kind of close, but no cigar," he said. "I was upset and disappointed and down and out. I was just depressed."

But decades later, Gould, now 54, says he has learned the true meaning of the old saying "Things happen for a reason."

It was my pleasure to write about Tim Gould's heroics and his ties to semi-pro football. I also played for the Chicago Heights Broncos briefly in 1976-77, and I wrote a first-person account of that experience in the Chicago Tribune back then. I was a straight-on placekicker following my college career at Wittenberg University. After my playing days, I had the opportunity to write about players such as Tim Gould. It is a joy to be able to write a follow-up on his life and see him contribute so courageously to society.

All the best,
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Fab foot: Scaccia makes 68-yard field goal
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Sebastian Sun - Sebastian,FL,USA
It's been a life on the semi-pro circuit ever since, first with the Fort Pierce Fire and now with the Bobcats. To his credit, Scaccia has kept his focus on ...

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Florida State's Corey Surrency awaits his appeal to NCAA to regain eligibility

By Andrew Carter | SENTINEL STAFF WRITER

April 3, 2009

TALLAHASSEE — Corey Surrency, a wide receiver at Florida State, survived the gang- and drug-infested streets of the rough Miami neighborhood where he grew up but he might not have a chance against the people sitting in an office at NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis.

Surrency dropped out of high school in the ninth grade, he said, to support his family. He served jail time, 90 days, after being charged with various crimes, some felonies. He decided to make something of himself. Earned his diploma. Began playing football. Wound up at a California community college, then at Florida State.

Now his fate lies with the NCAA. If Surrency, 24, could say something, anything, to the NCAA, he said it would be this: "Help me."

Here's why he needs it: A little-known NCAA rule has jeopardized his future.

The rule is No. 14.2.3.5 in the NCAA Division I Manual. It is titled, "Participation After 21st Birthday," and it mandates the following: If an individual participates in an organized sport after his 21st birthday, but before enrolling in college, that participation "shall count as one year of varsity competition in that sport."

Before enrolling at Florida State and before enrolling in El Camino Community College, where Surrency played for two seasons, he played with the Florida Kings, a South Florida "minor league" football team that has helped athletes with troubled pasts to earn opportunities to play in college.

Surrency played with the Kings after he had turned 21. Had he not, he might never have had the chance to go to college.

Regardless, though, his time with the Kings has cost him his final year of eligibility — at least for now. Florida State is appealing on Surrency's behalf.

If FSU loses the appeal, Surrency's college football career would be over. It's likely, too, that his pursuit of earning a degree in criminal justice — Surrency would become the first member of his family to earn a college degree — would also be over.

The thought of such drastic consequences resulting from Surrency, playing in a loosely organized South Florida amateur football league has concerned those at FSU.

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Steele, Rondeau into Pacific Northwest Football Hall of Fame
Posted by Bob Condotta

Former UW running back Joe Steele and longtime Husky play-by-play man Bob Rondeau are among those who will be inducted into the Pacific Northwest Football Hall of Fame on Friday.

The pair will be inducted during a luncheon Friday at the Lake City Elks Club.

Steele, still No. 2 on UW's career rushing list with 3,168 yards, is one of two college players being inducted (the other is former WSU star Rueben Mayes) while Rondeau is being inducted in the Associate Category.

Others to be inducted include former Seahawk Norm Evans in the Pro Player category; Joe Padden in the Semi-Pro category; and long-time Mercer Island High School Coach Dick Nicholl.

Seahawks coach Jim Mora will be the guest speaker with Steve Raible as the emcee.

The luncheon is open to the public. Reservations can be made through davidenslow@msn.com; Dave Enslow AFA HoF Class 03

http://blog.seattletimes.nwsourc.com/huskyfootball/2009/04/15/steele_rondeau_into_pacific_no.html

Reservist's next mission is NFL Draft

Inside NoVA

Robinson returned from Iraq in June of 2003 and was stationed in Jacksonville, Fla., where he began playing defensive tackle for the Jacksonville Raiders, a semi-pro football team. Yet, he gave up football again when he was posted to South Carolina.

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Saint Paul's College alum Toler viewed as NFL draft sleeper
Richmond Times Dispatch - Richmond,VA,USA
He continued to play football, for the semipro DC Explosion. "I just wanted to hold on to the game," Toler said. His DC Explosion coach, high school coach ...

http://www.timesdispatch.com/rd/sports/college/college_football/article/SPCF23_20090422-222607/263040/

"Healthy Kids Day" at the Zoo
News 10 Now - Syracuse,NY,USA
... the kids," said Rebecca Reed, YMCA Sr. Director. Members of the Red and Black semi-pro football team were also at the event, playing football with the kids.

http://news10now.com/content/all_news/137692/-healthy-kids-day--at-the-zoo/Default.aspx

Hollywood East Outlaws at turning point
Old Colony Memorial and Plymouth Bulletin - Apr 24, 2009
By Mike Spellman Ron Rezendes looks around at all of these semi-pro football teams making it in Massachusetts and can't help but wonder a bit why it is such a struggle for his team in "America's Hometown.

<http://www.wickedlocal.com/plymouth/sports/x50630129/Hollywood-East-Outlaws-at-turning-point>

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Phoenix Outlaws 23, Tucson Blaze 0

Tempe Rams 37, Arizona Thunder 20
Tri-City Titans 39, East Valley Mustangs 0

*** Deep South Football League ***
Chattanooga Steam 39, Georgia Buccaneers 0
Georgia Patriots 46, Deactur Trojans 7
West Georgia Falcons 31, Georgia Titans 7

*** Diamond Football League ***
Virginia Beach Rhinos 21, Raleigh Rams 0
Virginia Pirates 34, Carolina Rampage 13

*** Gridiron Elite Spring Tournament ***
Bay Knights 28, Long Island Panthers 6
Empire State Demon Knights 34, New Jersey Spartans 30
New York Spartans 20, Hudson Valley Cowboys 16
New York Venom 28, Connecticut Ravens 24

*** National Independent Football League ***
Lauderdale Lions 34, Lake City Saints 14
Levy County Raiders 24, Sumter County Broncos 14

*** Non-league Games ***
Brooklyn Bulldawgs 6, Long Island Tribe 0
Kitsap County Bears 70, Snohomish County Thunder 13

*** Northern California Football League ***
Bay Area Buccaneers 58, East Bay Outlaws 8
California Warriors 21, Salinas Spartans 18
Central Coast Barnstormers 49, Sacramento Cobras 25
Central Valley Rams 28, Woodland Wolfpack 14
North Bay Rattlers 28, NorCal Lawmen 2
Pacifica Islanders 44, Marin Bulldogs 0
River City Gators 66, Solano Ravens 14
South Bay Stallions 33, Oakland Vipers 0

*** Southeast Football League ***
Florida Hurricanes 20, Tampa Bulldogs 0

*** Southern States Football League ***
Sarasota Millionaires 31, Orlando Rage 24 (OT)
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Blazin' a trail

Battle Creek Enquirer - Battle Creek,MI,USA

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<http://www.battlecreekenquirer.com/article/20090505/SPORTS/905050321/1006/Blazin++a+trail>

Cougars on the prowl again

Grand Haven Tribune - Grand Haven,MI,USA

AP Breaking News Video BY NATE THOMPSON For a first-year franchise, the Lakeshore Cougars semi-pro football team experienced encouraging success as far as ...

<http://www.grandhaventribune.com/paid/294378708622438.bsp>

Fargo-Moorhead Liberty fold: League commissioner says he has been ...

In-Forum - Fargo,ND,USA

mccluskey said the NPFL filled the lost Liberty dates against teams in the Semi Pro Football League. Nordick said Heffron was at the Liberty's first ...

<http://www.inforum.com/?event=article&id=239173>

Lightning zap Wolfpack in football battle

Pensacola News Journal - Pensacola,FL,USA

The game at Jim Scoggins Stadium at Pensacola High paired the two semipro adult football teams from the area in their first game of the 2009 season. ...

<http://www.pnj.com/article/20090503/SPORTS/90503012>

Arizona picks safety Johnson, cornerback Toler

Chicago Tribune - United States

Instead, he was a store room clerk at JC Penney's and played for a semipro team before going to St. Paul's, a small school in Virginia's Blue Ridge ...

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/wire/chi-ap-fbn-draft-cardinals.0.5645746.story>

Gridiron Geezers: Semi-pro Gladiators' 48-year-old duo may be old ...

Santa Cruz Sentinel

That explains why the 48-year-olds are knocking helmets with muscled-up, tattoo-covered men half their age each Saturday for the playoff-bound Tri-County Gladiators, the local semi-pro football team. "I didn't come out of retirement to get our booties ...

http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/sports/ci_12260158

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Renton Ravens 67, Olympic Peninsula Eagles 0
Seattle Stallions 49, Snohomish County Thunder 0
South King County Colts 19, Tacoma Invaders 0
Tacoma Warriors 26, Puget Sound Pirates 14

*** Central Football League ***

Arkansas Warriors 13, Arkansas Golden Eagles 6
Enid Enforcers 46, Fort Smith Lions 8
Joplin Crusaders 20, Lawton Rebels 19
Kansas Cougars 42, Southern Oklahoma Roughnecks 8

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Tri-City Titans 24, Glendale Rangers 15

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Ocala Peppers 8, Lauderhill Panthers 6

*** Gulf Coast Football Association ***

Texas Red Raiders 20, Texas Xtreme 14

*** National Independent Football League ***

Desoto Cowboys 14, Tampa Bay Tigers 6
Duval Tigers 12, North Florida Rams 6
Glynn County Revolution 30, Waycross Firebirds 6
Jacksonville Rush 14, Wayne County Dragons 8
Levy County Raiders 25, Lauderdale Lions 6

*** Northern California Football League ***

Woodland Wolfpack 24, Solano Ravens 18

*** Oklahoma Metro Football League ***

Ada Blitz 47, Oklahoma City Diamondbacks 8
Del City Silverbacks 21, Guthrie Falcons 6
Stillwater Outlaws 16, Oklahoma Maddogs 0
Tulsa Knights 12, Oklahoma Force 6

*** Oregon Football League ***

Oregon Outlaws 18, Klamath County Crusaders 14
Portland Monarchs 48, Vancouver Vipers 14
Springfield Buzzards 24, High Desert Lightning 12
Umpqua Valley Knights 17, Rogue Warriors 6

*** Southeast Football League ***

Central Florida Thoroughbreds 26, Upstate Vikings 0
Knights of Miami 16, Florida Kings 8

*** Washington Football League ***

Blue Mountain Stars 30, Columbia Basin Riverhawks 7
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By Kristi O'Harran, Herald Columnist
Snohomish County Vikings are all about football -- and family.

The owner and coach, Wes Fischer, 62, has devoted five decades to sports. He graduated from Snohomish High School, played semi-pro football and was inducted into the Semi-Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2004 as an executive alongside well-known NFL greats including Vince Lombardi and Bill Walsh. For entire article, click below.....

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Dinner, auction
A Night With The Vikings Dinner and Auction is planned for 5 p.m. May 23 at the Tulalip Tribal Center, 6700 Totem Beach Road, Marysville. There will be a spaghetti dinner and auction for Snohomish Vikings football team. Tickets are \$25, \$15 for children. For more information, call Pink Blossom Events at 360-863-6251 or e-mail Debbie98293@aol.com.

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Semi-pro football: Eagles top Lumberjacks 27-23
The Lakes Area Screaming Eagles toppled the Brainerd Lumberjacks 27-23 in action Saturday at Brainerd.

The Eagles offense didn't need many offensive possessions to shore up their second victory of the season. They scored three times through the air and quarterback Jason McCloskey punched in the 4th touchdown on a quarterback dive from 3 yards out.

<http://www.frazeeforum.com/main.asp?SectionID=18&SubSectionID=110&ArticleID=21177>

Chaykun's Corner: Aston Knights bigger than semi-pro
By HARRY CHAYKUN, sports@delcotimes.com

The stories happened once upon a time.
They weren't fairy tales.

In the late 1960s, the semipro football dynasties of Delaware County were beginning to change.

Tinicum A.C. was about to cease to exist. Ridley Township A.A., its rival for local talent as well as top honors in the Mason-Dixon Football Conference, was growing stronger.

The days when road trips were to South Jersey to play teams coached by ex-Eagles like Steve Van Buren and Pete Pihos were over. The days when Tinicum and RTAA would draw thousands to Marcus Hook the night before Thanksgiving for a game that fittingly ended in a tie when the last extra point kick with seconds to play was attempted several times until it was successful were fading into the past.

http://www.delcotimes.com/articles/2009/05/11/sports/high_school/doc4a079a1cbc07e079824912.txt

This Side Up

Fort Mills Times - Fort Mill, SC, USA

Mat Carnes, an Indian Land resident, owns the semipro football team the Carolina Bulldogs. Mat invited us to come to the first practice session at the ...

[http://www.google.com/url?](http://www.google.com/url?sa=X&q=http://www.fortmills.com/239/story/555055.html&ct=ga&cd=WnOf5VcYiHQ&usq=AFQjCNFxAhTrQ3NniRI5v9vhcV2ekBWcg)

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37th Annual Fun City Bowl

NYPD vs FDNY

Sunday, May 31st, 2009, 2:00 pm kickoff

Hofstra University, James M. Shuart Stadium

Hempstead, NY

Tickets \$15.50, Children Under 12 Free

Fun City Bowl History - Some time in 1972, FDNY member Pudgy Walsh (AFA HoF Class '87) found himself engaged in a highly spirited discussion with NYPD officer Joe Loughran (AFA HoF Class '08) at the Mariner's Inn in Brooklyn. Pudgy had expressed the opinion that the firefighters who played on the Brooklyn Mariner's semi-professional football team were much better players than the police department players. Joe did not agree. The debate led to the arrangement of a challenge match the following year at Brooklyn's Midwood Field.

What started as a bar room challenge in 1972 has evolved into one of the top semi-professional games in the country. A close rivalry to that of Army - Navy...and a challenge that still continues to this day.

Note: The NYPD & FDNY are members of the 22 team National Public Safety Football League, also an AFA Member League.

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 Texas Red Raiders 43, Lone Star Pitbulls 6

*** National Public Safety Football League ***
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*** Non-league Games ***
 Northwest Ohio Knights 77, Michigan Demons 0

*** Rocky Mountain Football League ***
 Bitterroot Blaze 54, Idaho Falls Mustangs 0
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 Eastern Idaho Lionz 21, Missoula Phoenix 18
 Ogden Rockets 30, Utah Wolverines 2
 Treasure Valley Spartans 20, Pocatello Predators 17
 Utah Shock 33, Utah Heat 12
 Wasatch Revolution 48, St. George Blitz 0

*** Southeast Football League ***
 Brevard Warriors 29, Knights of Miami 14

*** Texas United Football League ***
 Abilene Gladiators 66, Tarrant County Hazard 14
 Dallas Chargers 46, Texarkana Warriors 0
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 North Texas Stampede 14, Vernon Jaguars 6
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 Kansas Diamondbacks 42, Glenwood Renegades 24

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The mission at the LeRoy Butler Foundation is to help women who are going through breast cancer treatment to obtain the assistance they need to focus on the job of healing verses the financial impact to their families.

For entire article, click below.....

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The American Football Association has partnered with the National Motor Club of America, Inc to provide services to its membership. Not to be confused with our current General Liability Insurance offering, this robust motor club plan provides, Emergency Road Service, Reimbursement, Trip, Health Care Savings, Personal Accident Coverage, Emergency, Daily Hospital and Accidental Death Benefits and Discounts.

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Semi Pro Team News Clips

This Is Why Football Does Not Have Innings
Deadspin

The Motor City Soldiers and the Wayne County Bengals, two semi-pro football teams from Metro Detroit, squared off at Royal Oak High School (yeah, that's right) in the first ever football game played by innings.

<http://deadspin.com/5271387/this-is-why-football-does-not-have-innings>

Overcoming injuries, Coleman continues football career
Wilmington News Journal, OH
Team USA "consists of players from across the United States who have been chosen by a board of minor league football hall of famers," said Coleman, a 2004 graduate of Blanchester High

School.

<http://www.wnewsj.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubSectionID=1&ArticleID=176920>

Semi-pro football comes to Upper Cumberland
Sparta Expositor

He missed the game and waited to continue the legacy he built in semi-pro football. The players all do double duty holding down full-time jobs in addition to making time to practice and play football.

<http://spartaexpositor.com/articles/2009/05/28/sports/football/doc4a1e2724dc8d2747802311.txt>

Dragons return to semi-pro football ranks
Press & Sun-Bulletin - May 23, 2009

Following a two-year absence, the Broome County Dragons semi-pro football team returns to the field this summer. The Dragons open play in the Empire Football League July 11 at Amsterdam and play the first of five regular-season home games July 25 at ...

<http://www.pressconnects.com/article/20090524/NEWS03/905240351/Dragons+return+to+semi-pro+football+ranks>

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Annual Annual Fun City Bowl XXXVII

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37th Annual Fun City Bowl

NYPD vs FDNY

Sunday, May 31st, 2009, 2:00 pm kickoff

Hofstra University, James M. Shuart Stadium

Hempstead, NY

Tickets \$15.50, Children Under 12 Free

Fun City Bowl History - Some time in 1972, FDNY member Pudgy Walsh (AFA HoF Class '87) found himself engaged in a highly spirited discussion with NYPD officer Joe Loughran (AFA HoF Class '08) at the Mariner's Inn in Brooklyn. Pudgy had expressed the opinion that the firefighters who played on the Brooklyn Mariner's semi-professional football team were much better players than the police department players. Joe did not agree. The debate led to the arrangement of a challenge match the following year at Brooklyn's Midwood Field.

What started as a bar room challenge in 1972 has evolved into one of the top semi-professional games in the country. A close rivalry to that of Army - Navy...and a challenge that still continues to this day.

Note: The NYPD & FDNY are members of the 22 team National Public Safety Football League, also an AFA Member League.
LET'S SUPPORT THIS EVENT!

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Semi-pro Football HQ Scoreboard 5/16/2009

*** Cascade Football League ***

Kitsap County Bears 40, South King County Colts 20

Seattle Stallions 69, Puget Sound Pirates 0

Tacoma Invaders 50, Snohomish County Thunder 6

Tacoma Warriors 71, Olympic Peninsula Eagles 0

*** Central Valley Football League ***

Central Cal Crusaders 20, Valley Thunder 7

*** East Coast Football Alliance ***

Anne Arundel Admirals 21, Wicomico County Stallions 6
 Baltimore Hurricanes 48, Baltimore County Bulls 0
 Charles County Lions 21, Laurel Nightmare 0
 South Jersey Generals 62, Delaware County Cowboys 14
 Valley Tigers 72, Waynesboro Tigers 0

*** Gridiron Elite Spring Tournament ***
 New York Spartans 32, Empire State Demon Knights 25

*** Gulf Coast Football Association ***
 Texas Red Raiders 16, Texas Wolverines 0

*** Non-league Games ***
 Greenville Seminoles 44, Greenville Greyhounds 0
 Nassau Punishers 34, Long Island Panthers 0
 Portage Rage 6, Chicago Falcons 0
 Renton Ravens 46, Washington Cavaliers 13
 River City Kool Kats 6, Tennessee Hurricanes 0

*** Northern Elite Football League ***
 Chippewa Valley Predators 34, Minnesota Phoenix 7
 Eau Claire Crush 17, Superior Stampede 14 (OT)
 Fox Valley Force 36, Central Wisconsin Spartans 12
 Green Bay Gladiators 24, Northeast Wisconsin Storm 14
 Northwest Wisconsin Wolverines 14, Upper Peninsula Arctic Blast 7

*** Southeast Football League ***
 Brevard Warriors 45, Central Florida Thoroughbreds 10

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We frequently receive phone calls from clients seeking guidance in making sure that their organization is fully covered. Unfortunately, more often than not, it is assumed that because General Liability Insurance is purchased, EVERY claim would fall under this policy.

This is a very costly mistake, one that can cause Board Members to not just be brought into a lawsuit, but to also lose their personal assets. Fortunately, there are options to protect yourself and the other board members.

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AFA Hall of Famer Joseph Thomas, Jr. Honored for Excellence in Athletics

Joseph Thomas AFA Hall of Fame Class of '94 Membership provides individuals with a valuable third party endorsement of their accomplishments and gives them the tools needed to brand themselves and their businesses effectively. Wheeling, WV, June 4, 2009 /Cambridge Who's Who/ -- Joseph Thomas, Owner, President and Coach of The United States American Football All-Stars, Inc., has been recognized by Cambridge Who's Who for showing dedication, leadership and excellence in all aspects of athletics.

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AFA Member League News Clips

Live in the Cape Fear region? Try a staycation
 StarNewsOnline.com - Wilmington,NC,USA
 The Wilmington Tigers (<http://www.wilmingtontigers.org>) team is part of the Southern Conference of the Mason-Dixon Football League and games are played at ...
<http://www.starnewsonline.com/article/20090605/ARTICLES/906059961/1018/LETTERS?Title=Live-in-the-Cape-Fear-region-Try-a-staycation>

Ironman Football League - Hitmen defense makes a statement
 "Being "good enough" is not going to cut it for long in this league, and our guys know that. We are going to work very hard to correct our mistakes. Overall, I was happy with a lot of things that I saw. It's not easy to come into a game ...
 Ironman Football League -
<http://www.ironmanfootballleague.com/news/teamLeague/hitmenCrusaders.html>

Purify Playing Semi-pro Football
 KKTv 11 News - Colorado Springs,CO,USA
 Bobby Purify loves football so much, he's paying to play. \$150 per year to suit up for the Colorado Springs Flames. But it's money well spent according to ...
<http://www.kktv.com/sports/headlines/46586672.html>

New QB gives bite to Broomfield Dawgs' offense
 Broomfield Enterprise - Broomfield,CO,USA
 The Broomfield Dawgs kicked off their season Saturday against the Colorado Cobras. The Colorado Football Conference team's next game will be June 13 at ...
<http://www.broomfieldenterprise.com/news/2009/may/31/new-qb-gives-bite-to-broomfield-dawgs-offense/>



Finest football team honors slain cop with win
 Newsday - Long Island,NY,USA
 ... time to the team's travels to Texas and California in the National Public Safety Football League, said Football's Finest president Stephen McAllister. ...
<http://www.newsday.com/news/printedition/longisland/ny-ligame0112827701may31.0.5538479.story>

Edinburg semi-pro football team eyes league title
 Monitor - McAllen,TX,USA
 The Landsharks, who started playing nine years ago in the Ironman Football League, are mostly made up of players born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley. ...
<http://www.themonitor.com/sports/landsharks-27195-edinburg-championship.html>

Rams looking to end playoff drought
 The Wenatchee World Online - Wenatchee,WA,USA
 ... play the Sound Sound Shockers at North Thurston High School in Lacey at 1 pm on Saturday in the first round of the Washington Football League playoffs. ...
<http://wenatcheeworld.com/article/20090605/SPORTS06/706059962/0/OP?Rams-looking-to-end-playoff-drought>

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 Seattle Stallions 54, Tacoma Warriors 12
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*** Deep South Football League ***
 Chattanooga Steam 64, Deactur Trojans 0

*** East Coast Football Alliance ***
 Anne Arundel Admirals 28, Delaware Fire 6
 Atlantic County Devils 14, New Castle Saints 6
 Charles County Lions 35, Baltimore Hurricanes 34
 Prince George Knights 26, Baltimore County Bulls 12
 South Jersey Generals 55, Jersey Shore Bullsharks 0
 Valley Tigers 33, Carroll County Cannons 31

*** Great Lakes Football League ***
 Southwest Michigan Punishers 22, Kalamazoo Outlaws 13

*** Gulf Coast Football Association ***
 Texas Red Raiders 64, Texas Gulf Coast Outlaws 0

*** National Independent Football League ***
 Duval Tigers 18, Jacksonville Rush 13
 Waycross Firebirds 12, Glynn County Revolution 6

*** National Public Safety Football League ***
 Charlotte Cobras 21, DC Generals 12

*** Non-league Games ***
 Carolina Blue Jays 38, Carolina Crush 8
 Nebraska Wildcats 30, Lincoln Extreme 14

*** Northern California Football League ***
 Central Coast Barnstormers 31, Bay Area Buccaneers 26
 North Bay Rattlers 33, Central Valley Rams 0
 Pacifica Islanders 36, NorCal Lawmen 13
 River City Gators 31, Marin Bulldogs 12



***** Northern Elite Football League *****

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 Chippewa Valley Predators 20, Eau Claire Crush 15
 Fox Valley Force 38, Green Bay Gladiators 0
 Minnesota Phoenix 28, Northeast Wisconsin Storm 7
 Superior Stampede 35, Northwest Wisconsin Wolverines 0

***** Oregon Football League *****

Portland Monarchs 60, Rogue Warriors 7

***** Texas United Football League *****

Edinburg Landsharks 30, Ft. Bend Storm 14
 Ft. Worth Avengers 36, Abilene Gladiators 34
 North Texas Stampede 19, Port City Jaguars 12
 Texas Colts 40, South Texas Outlaws 7

***** Washington Football League *****

Okanogan County Commandos 37, Hells Canyon Thunder 0
 South Sound Shockers 31, Columbia Basin Riverhawks 7
 Spokane Wolfpack 29, Blue Mountain Stars 13
 Wenatchee Valley Rams 24, Yakima Mavericks 16

***** World Football League *****

Oklahoma Thunder 79, Kansas Kaos 0
 Quad City Stallions 38, Iowa Eagles 18
 River City Raiders 25, Kansas Diamondbacks 12

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In 1967 we won the Professional Football League of America (PFL) Championship against Huntsville's Alabama Hawks, I believe it was 31 to 20; this was a great league! In this league, all teams were hooked up with different NFL professional teams. The Joliet Chargers were teamed with the San-Diego Chargers; Quad-Cities Raiders, IL were teamed with the St. Louis Cardinals; Des Moines Warriors were teamed with the Minnesota Vikings; Oklahoma City Plainsman teamed with the Dallas Cowboys; Chicago Owls teamed with the Chicago Bears; Huntsville Alabama Hawks teamed with the Atlanta Falcons; and the Omaha Nebraska Mustangs teamed with the Kansas City Chiefs. That was tough football in those days.

Now, I would like to tell you a great story about a semi pro to pro football player the great Johnny Unitas; true story! Johnny was drafted by the Pittsburg Steelers out of University of Louisville Kentucky that summer, I think it was 1953, but anyway he was cut before training camp. So some of his buddies got a hold of him and asked him if he would like to play semi pro ball with the Bloomfield Rams. That was the start of Johnny Unitas' semi pro football career. He played one year with the Bloomfield Rams, the next year he went to the Baltimore Colts. The rest is history.....

I would also like to mention some of the AFA coaches I have played for – with – and against.



Coaches played for: Elmo Hugene Pioneer, Seattle Cavaliers; 1962-1966 Joliet Explorers
– Jesse Vail, Lenny Rittof; Bill Duchon and also 1967 with the Chargers in Joliet IL.;
Angelo Dapiero Lake county Rifles. IL 1970.

Coaches played with: 1968 Bob Webb Chicago Owls, Stu McLean, Niles Saints Niles, IL;
1972 Jim Nugent Niles Saints; 1973 Kenny Stone Niles Saints 1973

Coaches played against: Perry Moss Charleston Rockets, Charleston W Virginia;
Ken Carpenter Indianapolis, Capitals In. 1964

I am finely getting my Professional Football League of America (PFL) Championship ring
after 40 years, from my playing days with the Joliet Chargers, farm team for the San
Diego Chargers.

Well that's about it, I've had a great ride down that football road; I've played with and
against some great football players.

I would like to thank Ron Real, for if it wasn't for him I wouldn't be writing this.

God Bless

"The Moose"
Class of '95
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Grieving cops struggle with loss

by Cormac Gordon

Wednesday June 10, 2009, 10:05 AM

NYPD football team member Robert Lavender displays jersey of teammate Omar Edwards after the game against the FDNY. Edwards was shot and killed by friendly fire on May 28. (David Pokress/New York Daily News)



Joel Sussman isn't your average cop, although you'd never hear that from him. For starters, the 25-year-old is an Ivy League grad. Cornell, '05. Degree in Business. Played on the football team, too. The tall, lean linebacker grew up in the comfortable city suburbs.

His biggest sports moment?

"Beating Harvard my senior year," the three-year Big Red starter recalled Tuesday.

Not too many street cops in New York have shared that experience.

So, the question always is, why a cop?

Why not a businessman? An academic?

"I don't know," Sussman smiles. "I didn't take to the idea of business, I guess. I was looking for a little more action."

He says he likes the job. The work. The camaraderie. And he still has football.

Sussman plays for the NYPD team that will meet the Philly cops and firefighters' club on Saturday at Tottenville HS at 2 p.m. At stake is the championship of the National Public Safety Football League. The game is sort of the Super Bowl of these types of leagues across the country.

For the New York cops, who have already won their big game against the NYC Fire Department, it also holds the possibility for a perfect 8-0 record.

(There is a \$5 admission for Saturday's game between the NYPD and the Philadelphia Blue Flames at Tottenville HS. Kickoff is 2 p.m. Children will be admitted free. A moment in memory of Detective Omar Edwards and other fallen cops will be observed.)

[Grieving cops struggle with loss \(click for details\)](#)

AFA Member League News Clips

Football with a league of extraordinary gentlemen

Springfield News Sun - Springfield, OH, USA

Three officers from the Clark County Sheriffs Department are moonlighting — on the gridiron as members of the Columbus Marauders semipro football team. ...

<http://www.springfieldnewssun.com/springfield-oh-sports/football-with-a-league-of-extraordinary-gentlemen-151807.html>

Gruell enjoying life in semi-pro football

Lovell Chronicle - Lovell, Wyoming, USA

Former Rocky Mountain High School football star Josh Gruell is enjoying life as a member of the Wyoming Wranglers, a semi-pro football team based in ...
<http://lovellchronicle.com/Read/AllStories/tabid/754/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/2307/Gruell-enjoying-life-in-semipro-football.aspx>

Saturday Scoreboard: Mustangs and Wranglers Suffer Losses

KGWN - Cheyenne, WY, USA
 Wranglers fall to 0-2 in the Colorado Football Conference and are home against the Denver Pirates on Saturday, June 13th at 1pm at Johnson Jr. High. ...
<http://www.kgwn.tv/story.aspx?ID=779&Cat=11>

Cowboys kick off season with tie game

Waukegan Journal - Waukegan, IL, USA
 ... under only the lights of a red, glowing scoreboard, the Cowboys escaped with a 31-31 tie in their Gridiron Football League season home-opener.
 ...
<http://www.lakecountyjournals.com/articles/2009/06/10/66569119/index.xml>

Cowboys hope to become kings of the Hill

Waukegan News Sun - Waukegan, IL, USA
 The Cowboys play in what is now called the Gridiron Football League. Games are played on a regulation football field, but it's 8-against-8 football instead ...
http://www.suburbanchicagonews.com/newssun/sports/1611702.5_2_1_WA08_COVER_S1-090608.article

Rage Blowout Oak Creek in GFL Opener

SouthMilwaukeeNOW.com - Milwaukee, USA
 Sports Complex, the South Milwaukee Rage took on the home team Oak Creek Renegades in the season opener for the Gridiron Football League. ...
<http://www.southmilwaukee.com/userstoriessubmitted/47264167.html>

Softspoken warrior

The Wenatchee World Online - Wenatchee, WA, USA
 "A story like that is what makes semi-pro football special," said Wenatchee Valley coach Mickey White. "I've coached in high school for several years, ...
<http://wenatcheeworld.com/article/20090611/SPORTS06/706119942/-1/PRINTINDEX?Softspoken-warrior->

Vikings ready to hit the turf

Lynnwood Enterprise - Lynnwood, WA, USA
 Snohomish County rallied to beat the Renton Ravens, a team out of the Cascade Football League, 22-20, and then routed the King County Jaguars, ...
<http://www.enterprisewspapers.com/article/20090610/ETP26/706109637/-1/ETPZONELT&template=ETPZoneLTart>

Gladiators win, Mustangs drop opener

Janesville Gazette - Janesville, WI, USA
 The Rock County Gladiators rolled to a 48-18 victory over visiting Shorewood on Saturday for their second straight Ironman Football League victory.
 ...
<http://gazetextra.com/news/2009/jun/08/gladiators-win-mustangs-drop-opener/>

Spartans bombed by Madison for second straight loss

Wauwatosa Now - Wauwatosa, WI, USA
 The Wauwatosa Spartans fell to the defending Ironman Football League Champion Madison Mustangs 55-19 on Saturday in their home opener at Wisconsin Lutheran ...
<http://www.wauwatosanow.com/sports/47529852.html>

Dragons burn Lakes Area early for 30-6 win

DL-Online - Detroit Lakes, MN, USA
 ... of the previously undefeated teams Saturday, with a convincing 30-6 win to take sole possession of first place in the Northern Power Football League. ...
<http://www.dl-online.com/event/article/id/45062/group/Sports/>

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National Public Safety Football League championship

Former Curtis HS quarterback Randy Litrell ran for a TD and threw another to lead the NYPD team to the National Public Safety Football League championship. (Bill Lyons/Staten Island Advance)

Former Curtis HS quarterback Randy Litrell threw for one touchdown and ran for another yesterday as the New York Police Department's Finest team won the National Public Safety Football League championship by defeating the Philadelphia Blue Flame, 15-6, at Tottenville HS.

Litrell, an Advance All-Star QB for Curtis in 1995 and '96, put the Finest up 8-6 late in the first half with a 37-yard TD pass to Apollo Story and PAT pass to Frank Soler. Litrell, an NYPD detective, ran 15 yards for a TD in the second half. Pat Donohue kicked the point after. The game was played in honor of two players who died in the line of duty: Omar Edwards of the NYPD and Patrick MacDonald of the Philadelphia Highway Patrol.



[National Public Safety Football League championship \(click for details\)](#)

AFA Member League News Clips

Havoc suffers tough loss at hands of Wolfpack
Canon City Daily Record - CO, United States
The Colorado Springs Flames went 8-0 in the Colorado Football Conference last season. They were defeated 26-22 during the last minute of the conference ...
<http://www.canoncitydailyrecord.com/sports-story.asp?ID=10898>

Wranglers Defense Racks Up Sack Lunches In Loss
KGWN - Cheyenne,WY,USA
Wyoming Wranglers hosting the denver pirates in their 3rd game of the Colorado Football Conference season. Wranglers down 6-0 in the first quarter, ... <http://www.kgwn.tv/story.aspx?ID=798&Cat=11>

Gruell enjoying life in semi-pro football
Lovell Chronicle - Lovell,Wyoming,USA
Other members of the Colorado Football Conference are the Denver Titans, the Aurora Cobras, the Florence Havoc, the Mile High Grizzlies of Englewood, ...
<http://lovelchronicle.com/Read/AllStories/tabid/754/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/2307/Gruell-enjoying-life-in-semipro-football.aspx>

8-man tackle football: Finding a link to their glory days
Vernon Hills Review - Vernon Hills,IL,USA
But the 32-year-old Pelc is a linebacker for the Lake Shore Lynx, a member of the Gridiron Football League. This competitive 8-man tackle league features ...
<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/vernonhills/sports/highschools/1625940.vernon-hills-lynx-fbl-061509-s1.article>

Lynx opens season with convincing win
Vernon Hills Review - Vernon Hills,IL,USA
... on its third season of eight-man football, this Libertyville-based team knows it won't be easy to repeat as champions of the Gridiron Football League. ...
<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/vernonhills/sports/highschools/1614784.vernon-hills-football-061109-s1.article>



Venom to rely on in-state football players Former players at UW ...
 The Wenatchee World Online - Wenatchee,WA,USA
 Venom principal owner Mark Helm said a few players from the Wenatchee Valley Rams, an East Wenatchee-based semi-pro outdoor team that just won their ...
<http://wenatcheeworld.com/article/20090616/SPORTS01/706169953/-1/BIZ?Venom-to-rely-on-in-state-football-playersFormer-players-at-UW-and-WSU-likely-to-suit-up-for-Wenatchee>

From Parking Lot to Title Game: Wolfpack Players Pay to Play With ...
 American Chronicle - Beverly Hills,CA,USA
 13--Chances are you've never heard of the Spokane Wolfpack or the Washington Football League, and are only vaguely familiar with semipro football. ...
<http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/yb/131564048>

Shock cruise 88-27 in record-setting win
 The Spokesman Review - Spokane,WA,USA
 Spokane's entry in semipro Washington Football League plays Wenatchee Valley for a league title tonight. STOCKTON, Calif. – The Spokane Shock, thriving on a ...
<http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2009/jun/13/shock-cruise-88-27-in-record-setting-win/>

I'm not Cameron Crowe, but knowing early is something else « The ...By JB
 One of my early "gigs" was with a semipro football team back home in Virginia — the Peninsula Poseidons. They had an aggressive marketing campaign surrounding the Mason-Dixon Football League team. The team was nothing special, ...
<http://bryantwrestling.wordpress.com/2009/06/13/im-not-cameron-crowe-but-knowing-early-is-something-else/>

[Semi Pro Football Newsfeed](#)

Semi-pro Football HQ Scoreboard 6/13/2009 thru 6/14/2009

*** Alliance Football League ***

Clarksville Vipers 43, Frankfort Falcons 22
 Derby City Thunder 36, Hopkinsville Marauders 13
 Knoxville Knights 40, Tennessee Rampage 12
 Memphis Blast 26, Arkansas Bone Crusherz 6
 North Carolina Bengals 41, Lexington Jaguars 0
 Southwest Missouri Venom 16, Gateway Soul 8
 Stallions of Country Club Hills 55, Portage Rage 8
 Tennessee Hurricanes 36, Gridiron Gorillaz 6

*** Cascade Football League ***

Kitsap County Bears 55, Tacoma Invaders 12
 Puget Sound Pirates 34, Olympic Peninsula Eagles 16
 South King County Colts 12, Renton Ravens 8

*** Deep South Football League ***

Chattanooga Steam 22, Georgia Buccaneers 8

*** Gulf Coast Football Association ***

Texas Express 20, Houston Firewalkers 18
 Texas Wolverines 15, Texas Red Raiders 10

*** Non-league Games ***

Flint Fury 30, Wayne County Bengals 24
 Indiana Warriors 28, Great Lakes Wolfpack 0
 Nashville Storm 38, Memphis Panthers 20
 Rochester Giants 70, Minnesota Maulers 6
 South Metro Dragons 14, St. Paul Pioneers 10
 Watertown Red & Black 6, Lyndonville Tigers 3

*** North American Football League ***

Nebraska Wildcats 7, Northeast Nebraska Lightning 0

*** North South American Football League ***

Carolina Express 12, Beaufort Broncos 7
 Carolina Renegades 42, Carolina Falcons 18

*** Northern California Football League ***



North Bay Rattlers 14, Central Coast Barnstormers 12

*** Rocky Mountain Football League ***

Bitterroot Blaze 14, Treasure Valley Spartans 7
 Magic Valley Bulldawgs 40, Davis Vipers 20
 St. George Blitz 27, Eastern Idaho Lionz 26 (OT)
 Utah Shock 70, Idaho Falls Mustangs 3
 Utah Valley Desperados 49, Glacier Knights 7
 Wasatch Revolution 45, Cache Valley Bears 20

*** Southeastern American Football League ***

Anderson Red Dawgs 42, Greenville Greyhounds 8
 Carolina Scorpions 32, Raleigh Knights 12
 Columbia Flying Raiders 43, Carolina Predators 0
 Hinesville Hurricanes 41, Tri-County Panthers 14
 Low Country Assassins 38, Port City Snipers 24
 Middle Georgia Pitbulls 20, Charleston Hawks 0
 Upstate Vikings 20, CSRA Cobras 0

*** World Football League ***

Quad City Stallions 53, River City Raiders 14

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[Semi-pro Football HQ Scoreboard](#)

William L. Meyer AFA Hall of Fame Class of 2007

William L. Meyer of Fox Lake for 35 years Funeral services for William L. Meyer, 73, will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, at K.K. Hamsher Funeral Home, 12 N. Pistakee Lake Road (one block west of Route 12, ½ block north of Grand Ave.), Fox Lake (in the Chapel on the Lake). Burial will follow in Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, Ill. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at the funeral home. Born in Chicago, July 20, 1935, to Herbert and Mary (nee Addiocho), he died Monday, June 15, 2009, at Northern Illinois Medical Center in McHenry. Bill was a semi-pro Hall of Fame football player, an avid Bears and Cubs fan and he enjoyed playing golf. He will be dearly missed by his wife, Alberta (nee Scaglione); children, Mimi (Wayne) Deckert, Marie (Roy) Gundelach, Louie French, David French, Julie (Chris) Hedrick, Phil Meyer, and Bill and Holly Meyer; 19 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sister, Ruth (Mike) Barlow; many dear sisters- and brothers-in-laws; and other dear family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Herb and Phil and by his parents. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Fox Lake Fire Dept./Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 26, Fox Lake, IL 60020 or American Diabetes Association, 30 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 2015, Chicago, IL 60602. For information, 847-587-2100.



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Rams looking to add more hardware to '09 haul
The Wenatchee World Online - Wenatchee,WA,USA
By Brian Adamowsky EAST WENATCHEE — The Wenatchee Valley Rams have already proven that they are the class of the Washington Football League. ...
<http://wenatchee-world.com/article/20090619/SPORTS06/706199964/-1/NEWS04?Rams-looking-to-add-more-hardware-to-%E2%80%99-09-haul->

Thirteen Knights play in All-Star game
KPIC - Roseburg,OR,USA
... passes as the Oregon Football League all-star team defeated the Washington Football League all-stars 21-13 earlier this month in Wenatchee, WA. ...
<http://www.kpic.com/sports/local/48872247.html>

Area football: Mustangs roll; Wolfpack ousted
Wisconsin State Journal - Madison,WI,USA
Former UW-Platteville athlete David Pietrowiak threw for one touchdown and ran for another, and the defending Ironman Football League champion Mustangs ...
<http://www.madison.com/wsj/home/sports/other/455680>

Spartans' defense keys victory over Milwaukee Marauders
Wauwatosa Now - Wauwatosa,WI,USA
The Wauwatosa Spartans jumped off to a 14-0 first-half lead and then hung on for a 14-6 win against the Milwaukee Marauders in a key Ironman Football League ...
<http://www.wauwatosanow.com/sports/49009581.html>

Ironman Football League RushGladiators set to honor our troops in ...
Pecatonica IL – The Roscoe Rush and the Rock County Gladiators SemiPro Football teams of the Ironman Football League have teamed up with OSOTIL in order to ...
<http://www.ironmanfootballleague.com/news/teamLeague/rushGladiatorsTroops.html>

Football: Mustangs optimistic winning will bring larger crowds
By TOM ZIEMER
608-252-6174



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The last time the Madison Mustangs played in front of a home crowd, it was unlike any other the semi-pro football franchise had previously seen.

<http://www.madison.com/wsj/home/sports/455548>

Havoc falls to Flames at Palmer

Canon City Daily Record - CO, United States

The Havoc is currently 1-3 in the Colorado Football Conference and 0-1 in the Rocky Mountain Division. The Flames are now 3-0 on the season and are 1-0 in ...

<http://www.canoncitydailyrecord.com/sports-story.asp?ID=10952>

Screaming Eagles | DL-Online | Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

With the heavy work being done last year for the inaugural season of the Northern Power Football League, the Lakes Area Screaming Eagles look to build on ...

<http://www.dl-online.com/event/tag/tag/Screaming%20Eagles/>

Local public-safety officials set for gridiron clash

Bakersfield Californian - Bakersfield,CA,USA

... and parole agents, will take a 3-1 record into the National Public Safety League Division II championship at 3 pm Saturday at Taft High School. ...

<http://www.bakersfield.com/news/sports/local/x1216781595/Local-public-safety-officials-set-for-gridiron-clash>

[Semi Pro Football Newsfeed](#)

Elmhurst Travelers Semi-Pro Football Team 40 Years Existence

Aside from the AFA National Association's concerns for bringing recognition to today's market of semi-pro type teams and leagues - its desire to keep alive the memories of those who were associated with this level of the sport for the past 100 years has come to the forefront in the formation of the AFA's Alumni Clubs. Operating under the umbrella of the AFA's non-profit tax exempt corporation, the American Football Association has begun issuing "Charters" to team, regional and state alumni organization who qualify for official Alumni Club status.



During their first 38 years of existence, the Elmhurst Travelers forged a record of 292 wins, 79 losses, 29 ties and 11 undefeated seasons; they averaged 8 wins per season. In 1967 after 40 years of existence, George Kulton (AFA HoF Class of '86) owner and coach of the Elmhurst Travelers semi-pro football team retired and sold the franchise to Rockford, Illinois then becoming the Rockford Rams. The Elmhurst Travelers' held a reunion in November 6, 1982 with 150 team members in attendance.

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In May 2008, Elmhurst Travelers Alumni Association was established with 32 active alumni as part of their coveted fraternity. This alumni association is a chartered AFA Alumni Association with the following officers:

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We want to congratulate the chartered Elmhurst Travelers Alumni Organization which was organized by Roman Strzala romanstrzala@juno.com, Hall of Fame Class of 2002. This newly formed alumni club has established a set of by-laws and has developed a process for submitting nominees to the AFA's Hall of Fame. We use this organization as a model and best practice for how to establish Alumni Clubs. A separate website is being setup to recognize Alumni Clubs as we continue to grow our network of semi pro alumni.

[How To Start An AFA Alumni Club \(click here\)](#)

2009 AFA Team & League Membership

We would also like to acknowledge the following leagues who have already signed up 100% of their teams for the 2009 season to take advantage of the AFA's membership benefits: National Public Safety Football League, Colorado Football Conference, Mason Dixon Football League, Ironman Football League, Empire Football League, Gridiron Football League, Washington Football League, and Northern Power Football League. All membership fulfillment packages have been mailed; please contact us if you have not received yours.

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[Indian Lakes Hilton](#)



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Athlete of the Week

Post-Bulletin - Rochester, MN, USA

Ferraro has helped lead the 4-2 Giants into the Northern Power Football League playoffs, where they have earned the second seed. The Giants have won their ...

http://news.postbulletin.com/newsmanager/templates/localnews_story.asp?z=22&a=407840

Semi-professional football | Giants 69, Thunderhawks 14

Post-Bulletin - Rochester, MN, USA

They've finished second in the Northern Power Football League. That means that next Saturday they will host the Screaming Eagles (Frazee, Minn. ...

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Rochester comes up big late vs. Screaming Eagles

DL-Online - Detroit Lakes, MN, USA

The Giants extended their winning streak to three games and now have entered the fray for a top two seed in the Northern Power Football League, ...

<http://www.dl-online.com/event/article/id/45692/>

Rush provide outlet for football junkies

Dekalb Daily Chronicle - Dekalb, IL, USA

Those types of players would fit in perfectly playing for the Roscoe Rush, a semi-pro team that is part of the Ironman Football League. ...

<http://www.daily-chronicle.com/articles/2009/07/13/00955573/index.xml>

Kern Firefighters On Bakersfield Falcons Team, Win Championship ...

The Bakersfield Falcons just completed their 3rd year in the National Public Safety Football League with a Division II Championship Title, defeating the Charlotte Cobras 19-13 on Saturday, June 27 at Taft High School. ...

<http://www.google.com/url?sa=X&q=http://www.facenews.org/kern-firefighters-on-bakersfield-falcons-team-win-championship/&ct=ga&cd=vkMv1Skcuk&usg=AFQjCNGxxlNuh3DGqmBzVzY-I2M96yXSTQ>

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TurnTo23.com - Bakersfield, CA, USA

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Semi-pro football is alive and well at the Beach

Journal Press - King George - King George, VA, USA

Although his high school days ended in 1994, his speed is still intact and he has several years of semi-pro football to add to his athletic resume. ...

<http://www.journalpress.com/sports/754-semi-pro-football-is-alive-and-well-at-the-beach>

Teen Athlete Awarded \$500K for Knee Injury

By JEFF GORMAN

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(CN) - The South Dakota Supreme Court upheld a \$500,000 judgment for a 17-year-old boy who hurt his knee during an indoor youth football game sponsored by the Sioux Falls Storm.

Gaylen Klutman attended a promotional event for the Sioux Falls Storm, which presented an autograph session, a celebrity football game and a youth clinic.

Children, including Gaylen, were invited onto the field and then played an unsupervised game of touch football. Gaylen caught a pass, fell down and blacked out.

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Gaylen and his family sued the team for negligent installing its turf, and a jury awarded the family \$500,000.

The Storm appealed the addition of the parents to the lawsuit, but Justice Steven L. Zinter ruled that they were entitled to recover money they paid for Gaylen's medical expenses.

Zinter also ruled that a chemical engineer was properly disqualified from testifying on the Storm's behalf due to his lack of medical training.

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"Although the motion and attorney's affidavit appear in the record," Zinter wrote, "none of the supporting evidentiary exhibits are included. In the absence of the supporting exhibits, the affidavit of counsel does not stand on its own merit."

[http://www.courthousenews.com/2009/07/13/Teen_Athlete_Awarded_\\$500K_for_Knee_Injury.htm](http://www.courthousenews.com/2009/07/13/Teen_Athlete_Awarded_$500K_for_Knee_Injury.htm)

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WHERE LEGENDS LIVE FOREVER

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Here's a little history on my great football career.....

The 25 years or so that I've played the game all started in 1952 when I was in the 7th grade. Out of the 23 years I played, I was on 7 championship football teams and played with 9 different teams all over the USA in semi pro football. My first championship was 8th grade in



Oregon - Myrtle Creek Hornets, Mount Vernon High, WA – Bulldogs, Northwest Champs 1958, Everett Jr. College where I was all American (1961) and took the championship in the state of Washington.

I went on to play for the Joliet Explorers, Joliet Chargers, Niles Saints, and Seattle Chevaliers. Other teams played for included the Benicia Toppers of California, Charleston Rockets of West Virginia, Austin Bears of Chicago, Lake County Rifles, and Chicago Owls of Illinois.

Some of the great players that I have played with/against within the same league are:

- Gary Lewis, SF 49ers 1964
- Pat Shea, San Diego Chargers 1967
- Coy Bacon, Dallas Cowboys 1967
- Levert Carr, San Diego Chargers, Houston Oilers, Buffalo Bills, 1965-67
- Kenny Stabler, Oakland Raiders 1968
- Otis Sistrunk, Oakland Raiders 1968
- Bob Kuechenberg, Miami Dolphins 1968
- Garo Yepkernian, Miami Dolphins 1968
- Eric Avery, Edmonton Eskimos (Canada) 1967
- Tony Bertuca, Baltimore Colts 1971
- Joe Wolfe, Chicago Fire 1971
- Bob Webb, Oakland Raiders, 1964. By the way, Bob was starting quarterback but blew his knee out at practice and Tom Flores got the job; the rest is history.

In 1967 we won the Professional Football League of America (PFL) Championship against Huntsville's Alabama Hawks, I believe it was 31 to 20; this was a great league!

In this league, all teams were hooked up with different NFL professional teams. The Joliet Chargers were teamed with the San-Diego Chargers; Quad-Cities Raiders, IL were teamed with the St. Louis Cardinals; Des Moines Warriors were teamed with the Minnesota Vikings; Oklahoma City Plainsman teamed with the Dallas Cowboys; Chicago Owls teamed with the Chicago Bears; Huntsville Alabama Hawks teamed with the Atlanta Falcons; and the Omaha Nebraska Mustangs teamed with the Kansas City Chiefs. That was tough football in those days.

Now, I would like to tell you a great story about a semi pro to pro football player the great Johnny Unitas; true story! Johnny was drafted by the Pittsburg Steelers out of University of Louisville Kentucky that summer, I think it was 1953, but anyway he was cut before training camp. So some of his buddies got a hold of him and asked him if he would like to play semi pro ball with the Bloomfield Rams. That was the start of Johnny Unitas' semi pro football career. He played one year with the Bloomfield Rams, the next year he went to the Baltimore Colts. The rest is history.....

I would also like to mention some of the AFA coaches I have played for – with – and against.

Coaches played for: Elmo Hugene Pioneer, Seattle Cavaliers; 1962-1966 Joliet Explorers – Jesse Vail, Lenny Rittorf; Bill Duchon and also 1967 with the Chargers in Joliet IL.; Angelo Dapiero Lake county Rifles. IL 1970.

Coaches played with: 1968 Bob Webb Chicago Owls, Stu McLean, Niles Saints Niles, IL; 1972 Jim Nugent Niles Saints; 1973 Kenny Stone Niles Saints 1973

Coaches played against: Perry Moss Charleston Rockets, Charleston W Virginia; Ken Carpenter Indianapolis, Capitals In. 1964

I am finely getting my Professional Football League of America (PFL) Championship ring after 40 years, from my playing days with the Joliet Chargers, farm team for the San Diego Chargers.

Well that's about it, I've had a great ride down that football road; I've played with and against some great football players.

I would like to thank Ron Real, for if it wasn't for him I wouldn't be writing this.

God Bless

"The Moose"
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AFA Member League News Clips

Option works for couple

Daily Press - Newport News, VA, USA

They are the defending Mason-Dixon Football League champions and have outscored this year's two opponents 91-0. They have a 58-member roster, and some names ...

http://www.dailypress.com/sports/dp-spt_crusaders_0725jul25_0_2505432_story

Lynx a link to football past and present

Chicago Daily Herald - Chicago, IL, USA

... last Friday night at Lake Zurich High School stands at 5-0 in the Gridiron Football League, which is a member of the American Football Association.

...<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=308840>

Clouds loom over Ice Storm

BurlingtonFreePress.com - Burlington, VT, USA

The Ice Storm's record is 0-2, 0-1 in Empire Football League play. "There is still quite a lot of work to do," said Haynes. "But we're only a few weeks into ...

[http://www.google.com/url?](http://www.google.com/url?sa=X&q=http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/article/20090718/SPORTS/90717031/Clouds-loom-over-Ice-Storm&ct=ga&cd=KJmhvSYncK8&usg=AFQjCNEGngg9BKrDq2M1Nu6lRlP8H8Pekg)

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College football: Sauer is back in the game

St. Cloud Times - St. Cloud, MN, USA

... his personal life, last year he became the defensive coordinator of the Fargo-Moorhead Liberty in something called the Northern Power Football League. ...

<http://www.sctimes.com/article/20090719/SPORTS04/107190002/1002/SPORTS/College-football--Sauer-is-back-in-the-game>

Post-Bulletin, Rochester MN

Post-Bulletin - Rochester, MN, USA

After seeing the Lakes Area Screaming Eagles in action only two weeks prior to Saturday



night's Northern Power Football League semifinals at Rochester ...
http://www.postbulletin.com/newsmanager/templates/localnews_story.asp?z=22&a=408609

Spartans blank Rock County
 Wauwatosa Now - Wauwatosa,WI,USA
 The Wauwatosa Spartans improved to 4-2 and clinched a playoff spot no lower than a second seed in the Ironman Football League. ...
<http://www.wauwatosanow.com/sports/50845812.html>

Honor for Tribune's Mitchell is a real kick (AFA Hall of Fame Class of 1999)
 July 16, 2009
 Growing up in Gary, Fred Mitchell erected a goal post in an empty sandlot using two bamboo poles and a clothesline for a crossbar. "I would kick the football back and forth for hours," Mitchell recalled. "I would pretend to be Lou Groza, George Blanda or Don Chandler."

When he was 14, Tolleston High School football coach Bob Stearnes featured him on the varsity squad "and listed me in the game program as a 6-foot, 150-pound tackle before other schools realized I was a kicking specialist," Mitchell said. That kicking specialist went on to become a Tribune reporter and member of the Wittenberg University Athletic Hall of Fame.

And starting this season, the Fred Mitchell Award will be given to the nation's top Division II or Division III kicker, based on excellence on the field and in the community. The winner will receive a trophy and scholarship funds at a National Football Foundation Chicago Metro Chapter awards ceremony at Halas Hall in February.

"It's a wonderful honor," Mitchell said.
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*** Alliance Football League ***
 Central Illinois Cougars 23, East Central Missouri Eagles 15
 Clarksville Vipers 28, Hopkinsville Marauders 14
 Columbia Warriros 24, Fayetteville Enforcers 2
 Derby City Thunder 34, Frankfort Falcons 14
 Gateway Soul 40, Southwest Missouri Venom 0
 Knoxville Knights 34, Tennessee Rampage 6
 North Carolina Bengals 28, Carolina Storm 13
 Stallions of Country Club Hills 39, Chi-Town Blaze 0

*** Cascade Football League ***
 South King County Colts 30, Tacoma Invaders 12
 Tacoma Warriors 8, Kitsap County Bears 7

*** Central Carolinas Football League ***
 Catawba County Hornets 30, Carolina Eagles 29
 Greenville Seminoles 44, Richmond County Golden Bears 0
 Iredell Warriors 25, Carolina Gators 0
 Rowan Rampage 34, Triangle Rattlers 13
 Thomasville Titans 24, High Point Ravens 6

*** Empire Football League ***
 Plattsburgh North Stars 31, Quebec Titans 7
 Vermont Ice Storm 14, Massena Silver & Black Raiders 12
 Watertown Red & Black 55, Broome County Dragons 13

*** Mason-Dixon Football League ***
 Virginia Crusaders 26, Virginia Ravens 14

*** Mid-Continental Football League ***
 Cleveland Cobras 39, Ohio Swarm 12
 Detroit Seminoles 44, Wisconsin Wolfpack 0
 Indiana Mustangs 16, Louisville Bulls 14
 Kings Comets 14, Southern Michigan Timberwolves 10

*** Midwest Football League ***
 Adams County Patriots 34, Miami County Blitz 7
 Madison County Pirates 36, Indiana Cardinals 9
 West Central Wildcats 19, Ohio Force 0

*** North American Football League ***
 Bay Area Pearland Gamblers 44, Austin Gamebreakers 6
 Bellingham Bulldogs 42, West Sound Saints 8
 Central Penn Piranha 37, South Central Yard Dawgs 0
 Chambersburg Cardinals 25, Steel Valley Warriors 20
 Glens Falls Greenjackets 33, Glove Cities Colonials 25
 Hampton Roads Hurricanes 14, DC Explosion 2
 Indianapolis Tornados 27, St. Louis Bulldogs 7
 Iowa Lightning 24, Dubuque Bruisers 0
 Lancaster Lightning 7, Berks County Wild 6
 Louisville Saints 46, Indiana Warriors 0
 Midwest Titans 13, Columbia Trojans 7
 Nashville Storm 48, Memphis Blast 0
 Portand Raiders 25, Pacific Northwest Wildcats 20
 Racine Raiders 17, River City Rough Riders 0
 South Jersey Lynx 20, Central Virginia Warriors 0
 Southern Oregon Renegades 47, Grays Harbor Bearcats 0
 Southern Tier Warriors 12, Western New York Cougars 6
 Traverse City Wolves 30, Chicago Wolverines 6
 Tri-County Tigers 68, ITC Aggression 0
 Virginia Crimson Cardinals 42, Asheville Grizzlies 0
 Ypsilanti Yellow Jackets 21, London Silverbacks 20

***** North South American Football League *****

Burke County Storm 30, Carolina Renegades 0
Palmetto State Spartans 8, Carolina Blue Jays 6

***** Northern Elite Football League *****

Chippewa Valley Predators 35, Superior Stampede 7
Fox Valley Force 26, Green Bay Gladiators 16

***** Premier Football League *****

Alabama Warriors 67, Crestview Thunderbirds 7
Memphis Panthers 26, Gulf Coast Pirates 18
Northwest Florida Falcons 21, Panhandle Crusaders 20 (OT)
Satsuma Sharks 35, Emerald Coast Blazin' Buffalo's 0
South Alabama Seminoles 21, LaPlace Power 0
Southern Louisiana Hurricanes 44, Baton Rouge Flames 14

***** Regional American Football League *****

New Jersey Wolves 13, NEPA Miners 12

***** United South Football League *****

Atlanta Prime 34, Montgomery Buffaloes 0
Chattanooga Steam 14, Tennessee Crush 12

***** United States Football Alliance *****

Battle Creek Blaze 25, Northwest Ohio Raiders 8
Cleveland Saints 34, North Coast Vikings 14
Detroit Black Ravens 33, Motor City Soldiers 6
Grand Rapids Thunder 55, Michigan Admirals 14
Lackawanna Dynasty 8, Lockport Rage 0
Lima Warriors 29, Northwest Ohio Knights 23
Metro Detroit Wolverines 22, Michigan Gators 14
Miami Valley Warriors 27, Columbus War Eagles 21
Mt. Carmel Fire 14, KY/OH Xtreme 12
New York State Lions 20, Nickel City Kings 0
Ohio Outlawz 31, Southern Ohio Wolfpack 6
Pittsburgh Pride 30, Western Penn Warhawks 14
West Virginia Gladiators 18, Ceredo Kenova Crash 12
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'Poor Man's Joe Namath' Reigned in Minor League Football

Washington Post

At the time, Jim Corcoran was a backup quarterback at the U-Md. He would go on to become the most famous minor league football player of all time. From the beginning, he was flamboyant, brash and utterly unforgettable. He was a showman, an

unapologetic ...<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/08/01/AR2009080102187.html>

King Corcoran - Post Mortem - Obituaries from The Washington PostAug

2, 2009 ... Jim "King" Corcoran is one of the most fascinating and frustrating, charismatic and callous people I have ever had the pleasure -- for ...

http://voices.washingtonpost.com/postmortem/2009/08/king_corcoran.html
July 26, 2009

Eagles' all-time "almost" QB King Corcoran is gone at 65...

On the eve of the official opening of training camp, it is perhaps fitting to note the passing of a Philadelphia-area legend who spent a lot of time in Eagles' camps trying to make the team but never quite made the grade. James Sean Patrick Corcoran, aka "The King", died suddenly a few weeks back of cardiac arrest at the age of 65. King Corcoran's final NFL experience was with the Philadelphia Eagles when he was released on the final cut of the 1971 training camp.

<http://mvn.com/eagleseye/2009/07/eagles-all-time-almost-qb-king-corcoran-is-gone-at-65.html>

King Corcoran - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

James Sean Patrick "King" Corcoran is a former quarterback in the Atlantic Coast Football League, World Football League, and briefly in the American ...

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King_Corcoran

<http://www.helmethut.com/WFL/Corcorantales.html>

Northern Power Football League - Minor League Football

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http://www.hostedfootball.net/NPFL/call_page.asp?page=League_News&affiliation=HostedFootball&username=NPFL

Post-Bulletin, Rochester MN

Post-Bulletin - Rochester, MN, USA

MINNETONKA The Rochester Giants were no match for the South Metro Dragons on Sunday in the Northern Power Football League semi-professional championship ...

http://news.postbulletin.com/newsmanager/templates/localnews_story.asp?z=22&a=409907

Madison Mustangs

Isthmus - Madison, WI, USA

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<http://www.isthmus.com/isthmus/article.php?article=26512>

Amateur football: Unbeaten Mustangs post another shutout

Wisconsin State Journal

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Wisconsin State Journal

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American Chronicle - Beverly Hills, CA, USA

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Bloomingdale, IL 60108

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'Poor Man's Joe Namath' Reigned in Minor League Football
Washington Post

At the time, Jim Corcoran was a backup quarterback at the U-Md. He would go on to

become the most famous minor league football player of all time. From the beginning, he was flamboyant, brash and utterly unforgettable. He was a showman, an unapologetic ...<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/08/01/AR2009080102187.html>

King Corcoran - Post Mortem - Obituaries from The Washington Post Aug 2, 2009 ...

Jim "King" Corcoran is one of the most fascinating and frustrating, charismatic and callous people I have ever had the pleasure -- for ...

http://voices.washingtonpost.com/postmortem/2009/08/king_corcoran.html
July 26, 2009

Eagles' all-time "almost" QB King Corcoran is gone at 65....

On the eve of the official opening of training camp, it is perhaps fitting to note the passing of a Philadelphia-area legend who spent a lot of time in Eagles' camps trying to make the team but never quite made the grade. James Sean Patrick Corcoran, aka "The King", died suddenly a few weeks back of cardiac arrest at the age of 65. King Corcoran's final NFL experience was with the Philadelphia Eagles when he was released on the final cut of the 1971 training camp.

<http://mfn.com/eagleseye/2009/07/eagles-all-time-almost-qb-king-corcoran-is-gone-at-65.html>

King Corcoran - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

James Sean Patrick "King" Corcoran is a former quarterback in the Atlantic Coast Football League, World Football League, and briefly in the American ...

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King_Corcoran

<http://www.helmethut.com/WFL/Corcorantales.html>



The Dallas Diesel Give Football Has-Beens and Hopefuls One More ...

Dallas Observer - Aug 5, 2009

Minor League Football News lists 1053 across the nation, including 71 based in Texas. Another source says 800, and Robin Williams, commissioner of the NAFL, puts the figure at "over 900.

<http://www.dallasobserver.com/2009-08-06/news/fourth-forgotten/1>

Purify enjoys purity of semipro football

Colorado Springs Gazette

Now, he takes the field donning red and black for the Colorado Springs Flames, a semipro team in the Colorado Football Conference. ...

<http://www.gazette.com/sports/purify-59885-purity-bobby.html>

Angry Rush pass on IFL

Beloit Daily News

By BDN staff The Roscoe Rush will go shopping for a new semi-pro league after deciding to leave the Ironman Football League after four seasons. ...

http://www.beloitdailynews.com/articles/2009/08/04/sports/local_sports/sports403.txt

Spartans blank Rock County

Wauwatosa Now - Wauwatosa,WI,USA

The Wauwatosa Spartans improved to 4-2 and clinched a playoff spot no lower than a second seed in the Ironman Football League. ...

<http://www.wauwatosanow.com/sports/50845812.html>

Rush Robbed

MyStateline.com

Pecatonica, IL-The Roscoe Rush has quit the Ironman Football League after having an apparent victory overturned by the league. The Rush felt it was robbed ...

http://mystateline.com/content/fulltext_sports?cid=88402

Stadium is crown jewel for County

Virginia Gazette

This summer, the Virginia Legacy, a semi-pro college soccer team, and the Virginia Crusaders, a semi-pro football team, both played home games in ...

<http://www.vagazette.com/articles/2009/08/05/sports/doc4a78aaff63889429267266.txt>

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VACATION RESORT - <http://www.redeeminentives.com/?page=mycertificate&user=amerfoot&c=931f568001ac80d896777372fab55df4>

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Directions - <http://www.indianlakesresort.com/directions.htm>

Recreation Facilities -

<http://www.indianlakesresort.com/recreation.htm>

Photos - http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/ORDILHF-Hilton-Chicago-Indian-Lakes-Resort-Illinois/photoGallery.do

Activities:

- AFA/HoF Alumni "Huddle" Cocktail Party, Thursday, October 22nd
- 29th AFA Semi-Pro Football Hall of Fame Induction Dinner, Friday, October 23rd
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Bloomingdale, IL 60108

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By Tim Griffin

ESPN.com

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NORMAN, Okla. -- Oklahoma senior linebacker Mike Balogun's eligibility has been decertified by the NCAA because of his previous participation in a semi-pro football league, putting his 2009 season in jeopardy.

Balogun will be able to practice with the Sooners until Wednesday, but could be sidelined after that time.

"He has until next Wednesday to practice and from there, we'll see what they determine," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said Friday. "From what I understand the precedent is not to have anything to do with last year. He was certified last year. He's decertified now. So now is the issue."

Balogun, 25, worked in construction following high school before enrolling in Lackawanna (Pa.) Community College. He also played some semi-pro football during that period in the North American Football League.

The matter being reviewed is whether Balogun played in any games after the age of 21. Any participation during each 12-month period after his 21st birthday would result in a corresponding loss of a season of college eligibility.

Oklahoma officials said the NCAA was aware of Balogun had played in the league before the 2008 season. The NCAA then interviewed him, reviewed the information, and certified him last May.

But more information was revealed to the school after the 2008 season, which was then shared with the NCAA.

Balogun played nine games last season, including two starts. He was pressed into the starting lineup for the Sooners' national title game against Florida, where he produced a season-high six tackles.

On the Sooners' depth chart, Ryan Reynolds has re-emerged to take the starting job at middle linebacker after missing the final eight games of the 2008 season with a knee injury. Balogun was in a battle for playing time behind him with freshmen Jayden Bird and Tom Wort.

"There's still a bunch of [middle linebackers] in there," Stoops said. "It doesn't do anything other than he can't practice after Wednesday. We'll see where it goes from there."

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<http://sports.espn.go.com/ncf/news/story?id=4399732>

Oklahoma Linebacker Balogun Has Eligibility Issues

<http://www.allheadlinenews.com/articles/7016109395?Oklahoma%>



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Oklahoma Linebacker Decertified by NCAA
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<http://www.thecelebritycafe.com/features/31782.html>

Racine Raiders Fall to Rush :: Racine News, Racine's Favorite ...
By don-wadewitz
Racine, WI – The Racine Raiders (6-1) lacked a punter or a kicker in Saturday night's non-league game against the Roscoe Rush (10-2) in Pecatonica, Ill. The result was a 17-14 loss to the former Ironman Football League (IFL) team. ...

<http://racinenews.org/2009/08/16/racine-raiders-fall-to-rush/>
Wauwatosa Spartans win, now rest for a week
The Wauwatosa Spartans took care of business Saturday, and now they have a week off to get ready for the Ironman Football League playoffs. ...
<http://www.wauwatosanow.com/sports/52982267.html>

Semi-pro football: Arbutus Big Red rolls
The Arbutus Big Red semifpro football squad gave the expansion D.C. Dragons a rude welcome to the Mason-Dixon League as they blanked the Dragons on their home turf, 21-0.
Mike Corbett scored on a 40-yard sweep and Brendan Sanders took a pitch 50 yards for a another score.
Quarterback Corey Whittington connected with Rocky Brown for a 40-yard touchdown pass.
"We've got some fast kids," coach George Kendrick said.
The Dragons' offense never caught fire thanks to the tough play from defenders Charles Kirby, Chris Detty, Glen Dorsey, Brendon Twilley and Matt Foster.
"They were our defensive stalwarts," Kendrick said.
After an away game in New Jersey this weekend, the Big Red returns home to Arbutus Middle School for a 7 p.m. showdown with the Richmond Ravens on Aug. 22
<http://www.explorebaltimorecounty.com/sports/100902/semi-pro-football/>

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*** Alliance Football League ***
Columbia Warriros 16, Beaufort Broncos 6

*** Colonial Football Alliance ***
Conshohocken Steelers 24, Burlington County Blackhawks 12
Flemington Generals 63, South Philadelphia Spartans 0
Maryland Colts 14, Carolina Stallions 6



Maryland Sting 3, Montgomery County Rams 2
Southern Virginia Trojans 48, Upper Marlboro Nokotas 0
York Silver Bullets 34, Schuylkill County Coal Crackers 26

*** Eastern Football League ***

Brockton Buccaneers 47, Seacoast Vipers 0
Charlestown Townies 26, Randolph Oilers 13
Clinton Irish Blizzard 32, Hyde Park Seminoles 8

*** Empire Football League ***

Broome County Dragons 28, Vermont Ice Storm 6
Plattsburgh North Stars 40, Massena Silver & Black Raiders 6
Quebec Titans 14, Watertown Red & Black 2

*** Great Midwest Football League ***

Beloit Titans 32, Chicago Cowboys 16
Midwest Chargers 20, St. Louis Spirit 14

*** Mason-Dixon Football League ***

Carolina Heat 22, Wilmington Tigers 22 (tie) (OT)
Fredericksburg Falcons 26, DC Dragons 8
Getna Storm 23, Fayetteville Ruff Riders 19
New Jersey Broncos 14, Arbutus Big Red 13
Virginia Ravens 29, Virginia Crusaders 28

*** Mid-Continental Football League ***

Columbus Fire 27, Detroit Seminoles 3
Indiana Mustangs 44, Michigan Stampede 14
Kings Comets 55, Ohio Swarm 7
Louisville Bulls 15, Cleveland Cobras 6
Southern Michigan Timberwolves 20, Flint Fury 6

*** Midwest Football League ***

Adams County Patriots 57, Ohio Force 33
Indiana Cardinals 26, Miami County Blitz 23
Ohio River Bearcats 27, Madison County Pirates 14
West Central Wildcats 67, East Central Wolverines 0

*** Non-league Games ***

Albany Metro Mallers 31, Tri-County Tigers 7
Lehigh Valley Steelers 39, North Philly Cowboys 6
Roscoe Rush 17, Racine Raiders 14

*** North American Football League ***

Bay Area Pearland Gamblers 18, Austin Vipers 15
Central Penn Piranha 31, Philadelphia Panthers 8
Chambersburg Cardinals 24, South Central Yard Dawgs 21 (OT)
Dakota Lawdawgs 21, Nebraska Wildcats 10
DC Explosion 42, District of Columbia Falcons 0
East County Blackshirts 13, Pacific Northwest Wildcats 7
Glens Falls Greenjackets 89, ITC Aggression 0
Glove Cities Colonials 28, Southern Tier Warriors 19
Hampton Roads Hurricanes 26, Central Virginia Warriors 6
Indianapolis Tornados 24, Indiana Warriors 7
Iowa Lightning 84, Bridge City Knights 7
King County Jaguars 10, West Sound Saints 7
Louisville Saints 12, Frankfort Falcons 6
Southern Oregon Renegades 42, Yakima Mavericks 0
St. Louis Bulldogs 15, Kansas City Shockers 13
St. Paul Pioneers 44, Dubuque Bruisers 0
Traverse City Wolves 20, Motor City Soldiers 2

*** North South American Football League ***

Burke County Storm 43, Carolina Falcons 0

Carolina Blue Jays 48, Carolina Golden Knights 0
Carolina Express 24, Carolina Storm 9

***** Premier Football League *****

Crestview Thunderbirds 12, Emerald Coast Blazin' Buffalo's 8
Memphis Panthers 29, South Alabama Seminoles 8
Panhandle Crusaders 14, Southern Louisiana Hurricanes 13
Pensacola Wolfpac 29, Gulf Coast Pirates 0
Satsuma Sharks 35, Northwest Florida Falcons 10

***** Regional American Football League *****
New Jersey Wolves 19, Long Island Lions 0

***** United South Football League *****
Atlanta Prime 21, Classic City Tigers 11

***** World Football League *****
Austin Gamebreakers 30, Texas Bulldogs 13
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Iowa Sharks 34, Iowa Eagles 0
Oklahoma Thunder 70, Arkansas War Cats 7

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Misrepresentations of the AFA

It has continued to be brought to our attention about organizations that have characterized themselves as associates of the American Football Association.....American Football News Today, the Ron Real Trophy, the American Football Hall of Fame, the Minor Pro Hall of Fame, etc.

As a result of this and previous incidents, the AFA Board of Directors and family of the late Ron Real want to formally state for the record that these groups/initiatives are unauthorized and have nothing to do with the AFA, the AFA Semi-pro Football Hall of Fame or the AFA's American Football News™ created by the late Ron Real, founder of the AFA.

We plan to continue this message in an effort to alert the national media, to further protect the organization, the Real Family, and to protect the general public at large.

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Central Florida's Newest Football Team To Hold Local Tryouts, Launch Reality TV Series

Orlando, FL - Do you have what it takes? That's the question the Florida Crusaders, Central Florida's newest football team, is asking this Saturday, August 1. Coach Lou Briggins will put 100 of Central Florida's top high school and college players through the first of three tryouts at Winter Park's Showalter Field. And players aren't there just to impress the coaches with their skills. Cameras will be rolling as the Crusaders launch a reality TV documentary series, Second Chance Football, aimed for national distribution.

"This is real football," said Briggins, who has coached football for nearly 20 years. "We are looking for guys that can play NFL rules football at the next level."

Briggins, a Central Florida semi-pro coaching staple, will put players through their paces starting at 9am., with sign-ups at 8:30. Only the first 100 players will be able to try out per session; additional tryouts are scheduled for August 8 and 15. But the focus won't be entirely on 40 times, pass patterns and footwork. Team co-owner and TV and film veteran Rick Warren is looking for players with a story to tell.

"What makes the background of semi-pro football so engaging are the gifted athletes that will go to any length to realize their dream of playing beyond high school and college," said Warren. "While Coach Briggins will first and foremost be assembling the finest group of players in Central Florida to win a league title, along the way our film crews will be uncovering what makes this team -- and these players -- tick."

Continuing the strong legacy of minor league football in Central Florida, the Florida Crusaders were created to provide opportunities for football players of all ages to showcase their skills beyond high school and college. The team is a member of the Southern States Football League, with teams from Tallahassee to Key West, and is also a member of the American Football Association. The Crusaders will be the subject of a reality TV documentary series, to be produced in 2010.

For more information visit <http://www.floridacrusaders.com>, <http://www.myspace.com/floridacrusaders>, or become a fan on Facebook

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