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The Presidents' Podium:

Jerry Maher

2008 EBFOA President

It's May and that means it's time to start thinking about football. Last season was a great one for the EBFOA. We had a number of new recruits who worked hard and showed a lot of skill and confidence by the end of the season. Our non-varsity ranks also worked hard on their individual improvement and a number of them were promoted to the Varsity level as a result. And we all got a lot of games if we were available.

But now is the time to get ready for this upcoming year. The work of the Association is ongoing. We have firmed up the schedule of the summer sessions and the clinic. We have worked with the schools about the new contracts. And we are all working to recruit another class of strong candidates to join us on the field this coming season.

Everyone in the Association can be a big help with the recruiting. Now is the time to start talking to the people around you about giving officiating a try. Last season a number of you recruited new members to join our Association. And if we can do this again it will help us "grow" the Association. In speaking with many of you throughout the season, filling out our ranks is a big concern for many of us.

If any of you have ideas about the recruiting process, or any concerns you feel should be brought to the attention of the board contact me and let's discuss it.

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STARS *IN* STRIPES?

- What's That All About?

Jim McGeough

Newsletter Editor

OK, OK....I know.....it's been several months since we published an issue of the EBFOA Newsletter. It's not because there was nothing to write about. It's not because there was lack of motivation.

Think about it, since the last issue was published, The EBFOA:

- Seamlessly fulfilled over 1,430 regular season game assignments.
- Completed over 60 playoff assignments.
- Issued 3 scholarships to High School football Seniors.
- Proudly sent 2 well-deserving EBFOA members to the State Championships!
- Our Kevin Reed Memorial Scholarship Program received Bay Area acclaim from local radio, newspaper, and television stations.
- Several non-Varsity officials worked their tails off this last season and received promotions to the Varsity ranks for 2008.
- We had a great recruiting class in 2007 and we expect a very high return rate!

This issue is chock-full of news about these topics and more!!

By the way.....thanks to your input, the EBFOA Newsletter is now called STARS *IN* STRIPES. Great play on words and pretty well tells us what it's all about. YOU are the STAR, doing what you love to do... *IN* STRIPES. It's your newsletter. You provide the content, the topics, the discussions. Your input is greatly appreciated. This is our vehicle to talk about all of our EBFOA STARS *IN* STRIPES!!



The Assignment Corner

- Sam Moriana

Assignment Coordinator

At the end of each season, I prepare a report for the EBFOA Board of Directors that contains:

- a summary of all the assignments worked by all the officials
- a historical summary of all the assignments worked by Varsity, Non-Varsity and Novice officials since 1987
- a history of all of the playoff assignments worked by the EBFOA since 1986

The year-end assignment data also includes the number of assignments, number of turn-backs and number of no-shows for each official. My purpose in doing this is two-fold. First, it gives me an opportunity to see how the assignments were “spread out” among all members. Secondly, I use the data as an informational tool to ensure that each member is treated fairly and that you get to work when you are available and at the level of your evaluation.

Here are some highlights of the 2007 EBFOA Season report that you might find interesting:

- We had 37 Varsity-rated officials who worked 480 varsity and 428 non-varsity for a total of 908 assignments. That averages 24.5 assignments. They turned back 89 assignments and there were 3 no-shows.
 - 11 Varsity officials worked 30 or more assignments and 15 worked 20 or more.
- We had 19 Non-Varsity officials who worked 172 varsity and 184 non-varsity for a total of 356 assignments. That averages 18.7 assignments. They turned back 45 assignments, and there were 2 no-shows.
 - 4 Non-Varsity officials worked 30 or more assignments and 4 worked 20 or more.
- We had 10 Novice officials who worked 16 varsity and 150 non-varsity for a total of 166 assignments. That averages 16.6 assignments. They turned back 3 assignments and had 0 no-shows.
 - 5 Novice officials worked over 20 assignments and 4 worked 10 or more.
- We had 668 varsity and 762 non-varsity assignments for a total of 1,430 assignments. There were 137 turn backs and a total of 5 no-shows.

We received our fair share of playoff assignments from the North Coast Section CIF. There were 8 Referee, 8 Umpire, 9 Linesman, 7 Line Judge and 9 Back Judge assignments. In addition, we had 7 Championship assignments spread out among seven different individuals. The total was 48, and when you add the OAL playoffs and Championship (15), we ended up with 63 playoff positions.

All in all, we had a great year. I want to thank those of you who stepped up when the going got tough and helped get us through the tough Fridays and Saturdays. You want to work a lot of games? Be available, attend the meetings, continue to develop your skills to improve your evaluation and ranking and above all have fun. After all, isn't that why we are doing this?



Kevin Reed Memorial Scholarship Award



By Jon Robertson - Scholarship Chairman

Once again members, I would like to say thank you for helping make the Kevin Reed Memorial Scholarship program the rousing success that it was in 2007. Not only did we raise almost \$4,000, we had a nice feature on High School Sports Focus that was shot at our banquet. For those of you who have not seen it, it can be seen on our web site. Watch it and I'm sure you will swell with pride as there is no other association in Northern California that offers such a program.

One sore spot from last year was the Oakland Athletic League's lack of participation. It is the one league that we service that has more student athletes in need of financial assistance than any other league, yet we did not receive one nomination from the entire league. That is simply unacceptable! We notify them the same way we notify every other league but they just might have too much on their plate to get around to it. This year the referees need to talk to the coaches about it from week one and I will follow up by calling coaches and athletic directors after our initial mailing. It is our goal this year to have a large stack of nominees from the OAL to choose from.

Also, kudos to Conrad Bassett for his research of former scholarship winners. The following is an update on these fine scholars and athletes. If anybody knows the status of some of these gentlemen, please let us know so we can stay current.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Current Status</u>
2007	LeAndre Daniels	San Leandro	Signed to play at Washington State
2007	Wesley Moyer	Alameda	Signed to play at Yale
2007	Samuel Crowley	Albany	Unknown
2006	John Bowler	Bishop O'Dowd	Unknown
2006	Max Schulz	St. Patrick's	Redshirted at Cal Poly - SLO
2006	Don Miguel Tutass	El Cerrito	Playing at Diablo Valley College
2005	Erick Sanchez	Fremont	Attending San Jose State, not playing football
2005	Doug Murray	El Cerrito	Playing baseball at Diablo Valley College
2005	Jake Haskell	Salesian	Unknown
2005	Ben Sandberg	Albany	Unknown
2004	Eugene Woodstock	Hercules	Unknown
2004	Drew Southern	Albany	Played football at Whittier College in 2006
2004	Justin Stuart	San Lorenzo	Unknown
2004	Cole James	DeAnza	Unknown
2003	Charles Roberson	Skyline	Played baseball and football at Air Force Academy
2003	Eddie Pickett	Berkeley	Played football and baseball at Pomona-Pitzer College
2003	Walter Chui	Castro Valley	Unknown

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2008 NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

TIME: NOW THRU AUGUST, 2008

USA FOOTBALL OFFICIATING SCHOOL

TIME: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

DATE: JULY 11, 2008

WHERE: 49ERS TRAINING CAMP

SUMMER STUDY SESSIONS

TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 PM

DATE: TUESDAYS, JULY 15 & 22,
AND AUGUST 5 & 19

WHERE: METROPOLITAN GOLF
LINKS MAINTENANCE BARN
CONFERENCE ROOM

2008 CLINIC (MANDATORY)

DATE: AUGUST 23, 8AM – 5PM

WHERE: SALESIAN HIGH SCHOOL

IN-SEASON MEETINGS (MANDATORY ATTENDANCE)

TIME: 7:00PM – 9:00PM

DATES: SEPTEMBER 2, 9, 30

OCTOBER 7, 14, 28

NOVEMBER 4

...And now, a word from our newest Board Member!

Lane Baker has been newly elected to the EBFOA Board of Directors as the “Non-Varsity” Representative to the Board. Lane will hold this seat for one year. The purpose of this position is to provide an important voice to the Board for all non-Varsity officials in the EBFOA. Lane is on this Board to serve YOU. Please be sure to talk to Lane about any concerns, etc.

“When I was elected to be the non-varsity Board member this year I really didn't know what to expect. Of course I had my guesses and suspicions about what my role would be. I thought they would make me responsible for bringing a dessert or some wine to every meeting, of course it wouldn't hurt if I did bring either one of those, but it wasn't required. My main role is to take the meeting minutes and contribute as much as I can, although my input is limited due to my inexperience as a seasoned official and also being a first year Board member. Some might look at that as a disadvantage but I say the contrary because I look at the situation as an opportunity to learn and broaden my horizons as an official. But I like to think I also bring something different to the meeting. As a first year official and first year board member I think I bring a different view to meetings and I might look at a certain situation just a little different. My main role is to represent ALL non-varsity officials in the EBFOA. I take this part of my role seriously. So, if you have any concerns or questions, etc., please don't wait until the start of the season. The Board meets “year-around” so email me NOW and the Board might be able to act on it. Feel free to contact me anytime.” - Lane Baker

New High School Football Rules for 2008:

In the next several issues of **STARS IN STRIPES** we will get into detailed discussions on the more important rule changes for the 2008 season. In the meantime, here is a list of the “2008 Points of Emphasis”:

1. MRSA and Communicable Skin Conditions
2. Purpose of a Football Helmet
3. Altering Legal Football Equipment
4. Sideline Management and Control
5. False Starts, Shifts and Motion

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