Good morning!

Well, it happened. Not checking both books before the game bit a crew.

At some point when two visiting players check in, the home book says "The two players who just checked in are not in the book." The official checks the book and they are not there. The visiting coach is told they will be assessed a technical foul and the coach goes NUTS. He tells them "They ARE in my book, they are listed in numerical order and they are NOT the last two names listed. We don't have any erasure marks and they WERE there before the game." Now the officials are wondering. The coach is still pleading his case. The officials decide to take the technical foul away and add the players to the official (home) book. Pretty much a cluster!

So seriously, *how hard is it to put both books beside each other and make sure they have:*

- The same total number of players for each team
- The same numbers for each player for each team
- The same starters for each team

Seriously, if his had been done, the situation that occurred never would have. Once we put our marks in it to indicate the last player in the list on each side of the scorebook, it is easy to see if something was altered!

With playoffs coming, we better be prepared to check each team book and the official book at neutral site games. THESE games are where errors occur since MANY times the official book is given some roster to copy the team from. So **PLEASE** check to make sure both (or all three) books MATCH!

Wednesday extra: When checking the books, do something under the last player in the list so that no more can be added without the R knowing – whether it is a couple slash marks, the number of players circled or a 'squiggly' line from the last name to the bottom, DO THAT to make sure the book cannot be altered without the R knowing! PRINT your names in the books – both of them – as well!

Have a great game tonight!

Tim