Umpires

There's a line line a baseball player should walk when an umpire's call goes against him.

The first thing to understand is that the umpire is not going to change his call. The player can tell the ump what he thinks and then go on about his business. That should be the end of it.

Whenever I thought a bad pitch was called on me, I would carefully avoid showing up the umpire in front of 40,000 people. Instead, I would pick up some dirt, step back out of the batter's box until I was next to the umpire and say, 'I thought that pitch was low.' The ump would say, 'Well, I thought it was a strike.' And that would be all. Why dwell on it? The call is already made and he's not going to change it. Even if he wanted to change the call, he won't because it would make him look bad.

So what did my strategy accomplish? Nine times out of 10, when that same pitch was made in the seventh or eighth inning, the call would go in my favor. Some people might call it reverse psychology. All I was doing was treating the umpires like they're human beings. And, for that matter, as long as we have human beings doing anything, they are going to make mistakes.

It's easy to point a finger and use the umpire as an excuse for not getting the job done. Players say 'the umpire put me in a hole,' or 'the umpire took a pitch away from me.' I didn't believe in pointing fingers. It was up to me to take care of myself. If they called a bad strike on me, I always felt I had two more left. The only thing that really bothered me was if the bad call was on a third strike.

They sure didn't pay me to get thrown out of ball games arguing with an umpire. The closest I came was on a called third strike. The ump didn't like my protest and signaled me out of the game. What he forgot was that I was the last out of the game, and it's impossible to throw a player out after the game is over.

Now and then I'm asked about using instant replays on close calls. I am against it in baseball and have misgivings about it in football. If we had it in baseball, games would end up lasting five hours instead of two. In football, fans see a touchdown and have to wait 15 minutes before they know whether to cheer or not. As a fan myself, I'd rather see them add more football referees to catch the close plays and drop the long replay delays. **hl**

Hank Aaron is the top home run hitter of all time with 755 homers. A member of baseball's Hall of Fame, Hank is vice president of the Atlanta Braves.

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Eagles

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"We finally put two games back to back, but I was disappointed in somethings in the first half," said Jordan. West Craven fumbled twice early in the game, once four yards from the goal line and the second time from their own 29.

Jordan credited the offensive line.

"I thought we played better than we did against Pamlico," said Jordan about the West Craven defense. Led by three interceptions, the Eagles were able to stop the Patriots until the last series of downs. But it was the second-team defense the Patriots scored on. Kip Bryan, who caught three passes for 54 yards, also picked off a Homan pass. Joel Brown and Craig Coward also picked off errant Patriot passes. Coward's theft set up Becton's 54-yard scoring jaunt two plays later.

"I was real pleased with the secondary's work tonight, especially the three interceptions," said Jordan. The Eagles held the Patriots to just one first down in the first half. West Carteret picked up four first downs in its final, 73-yard, eight-play scoring drive. Mark Lewis led the Patriots with 114 yards, on nine carries, including a 45-yard run.

West Craven led 14-0 at the half, with Holzworth's two touchdown passes and Becton adding a two-point conversion. In the third period, Monte Brown went in from five yards out and Becton picked up his rushing score with 1:38 left in the third period.

On fourth-and-goal from the 1, Reggie Moore bulled over for the final West Craven score and Jay Gaskins added his second extra point for a 34-0 margin.

Team	WCT	WCR
First Downs	8	17
Rushes-Yards	25-176	50-372
Passing Yards	35	141
Pass-Comp-Int	12-8-3	10-5-0
Punts-Average	3-32	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	2-10	4-45
SCORE BY QUARTERS		
West Carteret	0 0 0 6 — 6	
West Craven	6 0 13 7 — 34	

W. CRAVEN — Bryan from Holzworth 21 pass (run failed) 5:01 1st.
W. CRAVEN — Becton from Holzworth 32 pass (Becton run) 7:50 2nd.
W. CRAVEN — Brown 5 run (kick failed) 5:41 3rd
W. CRAVEN — Becton 54 run (Gaskins kick) 1:38 3rd
W. CRAVEN — Moore 1 run (Gaskins kick) 2:24 4th.
W. CARTERET — Montayne 10 pass from Lassiter (no kick) 0:00 4th.

Holzworth

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coach Clay Jordan. Jordan was pleased with the block, but was not enthralled his signal caller threw it.

He was overheard telling Holzworth on the sideline to play like a quarterback and not like a linebacker.

Holzworth, not including Friday's performance, was fifth in passing yardage. He completed 10 of 34 attempts in four games for 174 yards. Adding Friday's figures, he has completed 15 of 44 attempts for 300 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions.

Congratulatons to Kevin Holzworth for being selected the winner of this week's Flying Eagle Award.

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The purposes of the Public Hearing are to: (1) provide an overview of the project's goals, objectives, and actual accomplishments; and (2) to receive citizen comments on the project. The public Hearing will be held at the Town of Vanceboro's Municipal Building at 7:30 PM on October 11, 1988. Written comments received by 5:00 PM on October 11, 1988 by the Town Clerk will be considered.
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Caprara

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sgiving — a practice day.

"The kids were not to excited about practicing on Thanksgiving," Jordan said. "Nancy got together with some other parents in the community. They fed our 50 kids and coaches Thanksgiving dinner. We had a feast. I'll never forget it. It was something special to the kids."

Jordan said the families of his coaching staff were all close.

"There is a competitive atmosphere here," Jordan said. "But, we're all real close.

"The kids think the world of him, he has a rapport with the kids and relates well. That's the main thing he means to the program — in addition to his coaching expertise."

Jordan says he turns the defense over to Caprara.

"I haven't called a defensive play in seven years," he said.

Jordan said Caprara volunteer originally to help out with the junior varsity team when his son began his football career.

"After a year, we saw a need to move him up," Jordan said.

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