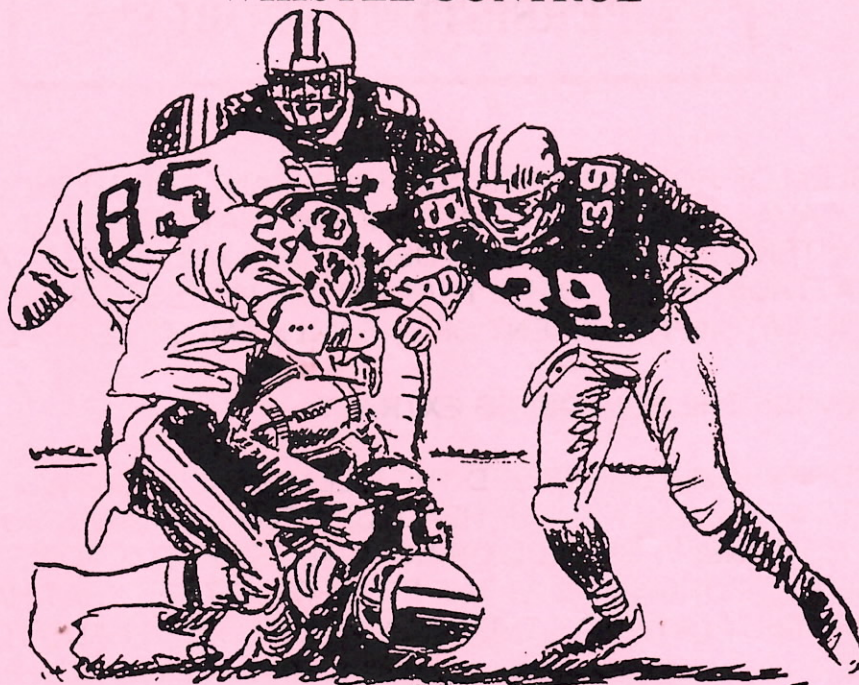


WHISTLE CONTROL



WANT TO HAVE A SURE WAY TO BE CENTER OF ATTENTION; HAVE LOTS OF FRIENDS; MAKE COACHES, PLAYERS AND FANS WONDER WHAT GAME YOU ARE IN? **BLOW YOUR WHISTLE AT THE WRONG TIME.** MOST OFFICIALS WORK HARD TO ELIMINATE THE INADVERTANT WHISTLE, BUT IT HAPPENS WITH THE CULPRIT BEING “**LACK OF CONCENTRATION**”. A QUICK REVIEW THAT MAY HELP REDUCE THIS COSTLY ERROR “**REMEMBER A LIVE BALL BECOMES DEAD WHEN AN OFFICIAL SOUNDS HIS WHISTLE**”.

- **TRY TO KEEP THE WHISTLE OUT OF YOUR MOUTH BETWEEN DOWNS AND WHILE PLAY DEVELOPS. IN MOST CASES, PLAYERS WILL STOP PLAY WITHOUT HEARING A WHISTLE**
- **DON'T BE QUICK TO “BLOW THE PLAY DEAD”. NO BACK-UP WHISTLES.**
- **THE LONGER YOU CAN OFFICIATE WITHOUT THE WHISTLE IN YOUR MOUTH, THE LESS CHANCE FOR ERROR.**
- **ALWAYS KNOW WHERE THE BALL IS LOCATED.**
- **BE ALERT FOR “SECOND SURGES” BY THE RUNNER.**
- **ENSURE INCOMPLETE PASSES STRIKE THE GROUND WITH NO OPPORTUNITY FOR A CATCH BY EITHER TEAM.**
- **SEE THE BALL!!! AT ALL TIMES – SEE THE BALL!!!**

IF YOU BLOW A QUICK WHISTLE, MAKE IT STICK.

OLD CHINESE PROBERB: “HE WHO CARRIES WHISTLE IN MOUTH MAY SOON CARRY WHISTLE IN BAG”.