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The following is the result of the George Mason University protest of their 1:00 pm game against Onondaga Community College on October 12th, 2013.

Game protested by George Mason for an In-Game Known Roster Violation.

Requested action - Forfeit game.

Protest:

George Mason has protested their 1:00 pm, 10/12/13 game against Onondaga, requesting a forfeit victory because Onondaga has zero players on their eligible roster as per section 5.02.2 of the NCFA Rule Book.

5.02.2 Any team found playing any **NCFA Sanctioned Football Game** with ZERO players on their eligible roster will AUTOMATICALLY be forced to forfeit any victories achieved while having no eligible roster.

George Mason Club Football Representative Scott Hoffman stated, “Based upon an email sent to us [from OCC] and the fact that the NCFA placed OCC on probation prior to the game, we have reason to believe players used in the game were not eligible to compete as per NCFA Rules.”

Defense:

Onondaga Director of Student Activities Monty Flynn chose not to defend the protest stating, “I don’t think we have anything to refute regarding this protest.”

Investigation:

This type of protest is considered an “On Field Protest” for an “In Game Known Roster Violation” meaning that it requires the protesting team notify the officials at the time of the incident that they are playing the game under protest. It is also required that the protesting team file a formal protest form with the NCFA no later than midnight on Tuesday following the game. Since George Mason did inform the Referee at the game that they were playing this game under protest and they submitted their formal protest form to the NCFA on Tuesday at 8:24pm, it has been decided that this is a valid protest. NCFA Rule 5.02.2 dictates that this protest result in the issue of an automatic forfeit.

Ruling: Protest Granted –. The score of this game will be updated to reflect a 2 to 0 victory for George Mason and all player statistics should be disallowed for each team as per rule 5.02.2.2. Additionally, as per rule 5.02.2.1, Onondaga is automatically placed on probation.

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5.02.2.2 Player statistics for both teams of a game forfeited due to a participating team having no eligible roster DO NOT count.

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