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Radford Ejection Summary

The following is a summary of the incident surrounding the ejection of #33 Dominique During and #62 Riley Anderson from Radford's game during week 9 against George Mason.

The Referee for the game was Scott Keister who through email informed the NCFA that "early in the first quarter the crew had to separate Radford players (including #33) and #55 from GMU due to a late hit by Radford player #33. Both Radford #33 and GMU #55 were flagged for Unsportsmanlike conduct. In the middle of the second quarter a GMU running back was tackled and injured after a long gain. The GMU players indicated that the running back had his eyes gouged at the bottom of the pile, but none of the officials were able to confirm this allegation. At this point, I called a time out and spoke to Radford's player/coach #4 about what had been reported and that he needed to get his teams under control. The player/coach did speak to his team. However just before the end of the second quarter Radford player #33 hit GMU player #55 in the back well after the play had ended. The flagrant personal foul by Radford player #33 resulted in his disqualification from the game.

Upon the disqualification of Radford player #33, Radford player #62 starting taunting the GMU players by stating from mid field "He hoped the GMU player had broken his leg" The officials on the Radford sideline directed Radford player #62 to go to the sideline, but he refused and started to make comments towards the integrity of the officials. Shortly after this comment, Radford player #62 directed the "N" word towards the GMU players on the field and the officials. At this point I disqualified Radford player #62.

During Radford player #33 and #62's departure from the field, the officials and GMU coaches had to stand between the end zone and the team box as both #33 and #62 used abusive language towards the GMU team and the fans in the stands. Radford's player/coach #4 assisted the officials and ensured both #33 and #62 left the field. At this point security was requested by the GMU coaching staff.

I did not have any further issues with the Radford team the remainder of the game. Additionally, at the end of the game, Radford player #33 or #62 in regular clothes approached the officials walking off the field and at the direction of an older man apologized for their conduct during the game."

Neither player has previously been ejected from an NCFA Sanctioned Football Game, thus the NCFA has issued both Riley Anderson and Dominique During a 1 game suspension which means they won't be eligible to play in the season finale against UMES. These suspensions were issued not because of the ejections themselves but because of the failure of both players to leave the field peacefully following their ejections and the disgusting manner in which they represented themselves, their team, and the NCFA through use of racial and abusive language during their departure from the field of play. Neither Mr. During nor Mr. Anderson can be on the sideline or on the field during the UMES game while serving their suspension. They may continue to practice with the Radford team if the team so desires.

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