



## The Dream Crew

Photos From a mid 1980's high school game in Miami, Florida with future stars in stripes.

# The Pre-Game “Chat”




# Umpire (with hair) John Walters



Umpire John Walters moved to Tampa and became a moving force in football officiating from youth league to the Southern States Football League, which he serves as Supervisor of Officials. John presently manages a Ramada Inn in Tampa.

Riveron  
Called Me  
"Gordo".  
Players  
Thought It  
Was A  
Code Or  
Something  
During Our  
Games.

# The Big Star Al Riveron



Line Judge Al Riveron worked his way up the officiating ladder from high school to collegiate ranks and became a Referee with SICOA, Big East, and Conference USA.

Riveron entered the NFL as a Side Judge in 2004 and worked on crews led by Referees Ed Hochuli and Gerald Austin before being given his own crew in 2008.

We Knew  
He Would  
Make It Big.  
We Just  
Thought It  
Would Be  
At The Big  
Easy. (Just  
Kidding  
Alberto)!

# The “Lawyer” Randy Merrill



Randy Was  
The Calm One  
In Our Games.  
But He Sure  
Flapped His  
Gums At  
Mikeys Place  
After Our  
Friday Night  
Games.

# “Mr. Quiet” Mike Woods



We Thought Mike Was Deaf Until The 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Year. He Would Try & Communicate From The Back Judge Position But We Never Heard Him.

# And The Rest

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Tom Winston is living & working in Miami at the Boys and Girls Clubs. He has retired from the field but serves as training director for the Broward County Football Officials Association.

Mike Kyle became a follower of the 60's group "The Monkeys" and eventually became a roadie. In the 90's, he was spotted driving a Ford Pinto in Tijuana Mexico while enjoying spring break. Most recently, he offered to give his heart to former vice president Dick Cheney but was rejected since it was proven Mike had no heart.

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# In Closing

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The 1980's were a great time to officiate. It was actually fun. If this crew ever got together for just one game, we bet they would fuck it up on purpose just to see what would happen. They say that brothers in officiating never fall. They just slow down. Not this group. Premier pupils of the training and experience with the Greater Miami Athletic Conference and South Florida Football Officials Association. One person we all thank is Joe Tatol. He was our boss. Our mentor. We all hated him on meeting nights. We all loved him on game days. Rest peacefully Joe. We never would have made it without you!

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# In Memory Of “Mister Tatol”

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Joseph Tatol  
1922-2001

Executive Secretary, GMAC 1955-1991  
FHSAA Hall of Fame Member

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