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Compromised Positions

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Summary:

Words and sports often make strange bedfellows. This can even be evident when those in the game

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Article Body:

There is no denying that the sports business these days is awash in bright lights ...

Quite often, though, the same can't be said for the people or practices involved.

The passage of time, the fading of origins and the constant superseding of slang can combine to

To start, have you ever really thought about how pedantic the word 'quarterback' is? When the

It only figures that such a mathematically correct --- but verbally clumsy --- location of a p

On the other hand, the venerable game of cricket doesn't even think the word 'silly' sounds si

Certain topics just weren't discussed in public a century ago. So, a gridiron position like 't

There are times when even the sports media should think deeper about their choice of words. Sp

"Panel to Look at Claims Against Skeleton Coach."

While it might have been tempting to muse if the story was about some incident after a play wa

Given the apparent discord between sports terminology and the perception of those same words a

In the late 1960s, two former gridiron football stars-turned-broadcasters --- New York Giants

During the course of the game, a kickoff came to a relatively unknown Redskin named Herb Mul-K

However, he clearly didn't know anything about Herb Mul-Key. All he could do was look for some

"I see," he announced, "that Mul-Key went to No-Knee College. I've never heard of that school.

Summerall's pause was extended. Finally, with subtle exasperation, he finally made the correct

"I believe the word is 'None,' Tom."

Brookshire was truly a man trapped in sports. I guess that meant, to him, the cue card had som

It was a tight head prop.

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