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Dear Editor/Producer:

With the stunning revelations over Pete Rose's alleged sports gambling, America is finally ready to face the truth about this little-known, and highly illegal side of the country's favorite of pasttimes. While the nation's headlines are dominated by rampant gambling in baseball, a startling new book offers explosive (and verified) proof that numerous professional football games may have been fixed between 1951 and 1979, some of which were targets of federal investigations. INTERFERENCE: How Organized Crime Influences Professional Football by Dan E. Moldea, investigative journalist and expert on mob activities in America, is an authoritative expose about illegal gambling in the NFL which the author estimates takes in over \$25 billion annually. So compelling and newsworthy are the contents, that the new ABC-TV network news program with Diane Sawyer and Sam Donaldson, will devote a segment to INTERFERENCE on its premiere show Thursday, August 3rd. Here are just a few of the startling claims made in INTERFERENCE:

- \*An exclusive interview with a convicted sports gambler who says he has been personally involved in the fixing of many professional football games.
- \*Twenty-six past and present NFL team owners have had ties to members of the legal and illegal gambling communities and/or the organized crime syndicate.
- \*Over fifty legitimate cases of organized crime's penetration of the NFL have resulted in collapsed, suppressed, or killed investigations by federal enforcement agencies and NFL Security, the league's internal police force.
- \*Former Mafia boss, Jimmy Fratianno admitted to having been involved in attempts to fix three Los Angeles Rams games, two of which were successful.
- \*A 1961 game between the Chicago Bears and the Los Angeles Rams, and two 1962 games between the Chicago Bears and San Francisco 49ers and the Green Bay Packers vs. the Detroit Lions were alleged to have been fixed. Investigations of all three games were dropped after NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle disciplined several players for gambling, after which, he created NFL Security.

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\*Nineteen professional football games played in 1966 may have been fixed by Gilbert Lee Beckley, who at the time was the Mafia's top layoff bookmaker in the country. Several associates of Beckley, who disappeared and was presumed murdered in 1970, confirmed to Moldea that Beckley was fixing games--while secretly working as an informant for NFL Security.

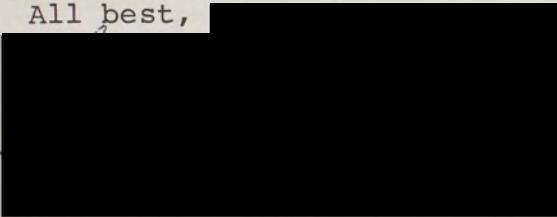
\*The NFL continues to insist that there have only been two attempts to fix games in the entire history of the league's existence.

Dan Moldea has spent his entire professional career investigating the Mafia resulting in three previous books including The Hoffa Wars, Teamsters, Rebels, Politicians and the Mob; The Hunting of Cain: A True Story of Money, Greed and Fratricide; and Dark Victory: Ronald Reagan, MCA and the Mob. Mr. Moldea will undertake a national publicity tour for INTERFERENCE in August.

Published one month before the start of the 89/90 NFL season, INTERFERENCE is a ticking bomb that will rip off the "protected" facade of sports gambling in America and the Mafia's involvement, exposing the most outrageous dirty little secrets in the history of the NFL.

For a copy of INTERFERENCE and information on booking an interview with Mr. Moldea, please contact me in the Morrow Publicity Department.

All best,



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# NEWS FROM MORROW

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## Interference

How Organized Crime  
Influences Professional Football

Dan E. Moldea



Dan Moldea, a specialist in organized crime investigations since 1974, tackles the Mob again -- this time, behind the lines of the National Football League. INTERFERENCE: How Organized Crime Influences Professional Football (to be published by William Morrow on August 18, 1989) is a hard-hitting look at the insidious influence of the Mob on America's favorite sport, sacking the heroes who play the game and the front office people who own it, and throwing the whole league for a huge loss of public confidence.

A multi-billion dollar business, gambling on professional football is considered by law enforcement officials to be the Mob's greatest source of gambling revenues. With narrative power and passion, Moldea weaves a well-documented portrait of how the Mob works its way into the locker rooms and boardrooms of professional football to gain inside information on games and, wherever possible, to influence the outcome.

The author of four books detailing mafia influences in America, Moldea provides a fascinating and authoritative inside look at the organized crime syndicate's role in bookmaking and the national "layoff" networks. He details how the "outlaw line" became an integral part of the game and portrays the key oddsmakers who created it and eventually made it an institution as popular as the game itself.

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Naming names, and giving dates, times and places, Dan Moldea shatters the illusion of integrity and sportsmanship created by the National Football League, proving beyond a doubt that:

\*Since the NFL was founded in 1929, numerous past and present owners, coaches, and players of professional football teams have had documented personal and business relationships with members of organized crime's gambling and drug dealing communities.

\*Although the NFL claims that there have only been two attempts, both unsuccessful, to fix games since the league was formed, new evidence shows that over 70 games may have been tampered with.

\*Dozens of government investigations related to gambling and drugs in the NFL have been conducted and were either killed or suppressed.

INTERFERENCE traces the evolution of football as a gambler's sport from the good old days with the good old guys right up to the present, where bookies use computers, walkie-talkies, and beepers to gather and dispatch the vital information necessary to make a betting line.

"It's like the stock market. The real money isn't being made by guys who are trying to pick stocks that are going up so much. It's being made by guys who can arbitrage, who can buy and sell at a profit, immediately," says Las Vegas oddsmaker, Michael Roxborough, in Moldea's book.

Player's injuries, financial problems, and marital woes are all part of the odds on a game. To get that kind of information, the Mob needs to get inside a player's head, and the best way to do that today is through his nose -- cocaine. Moldea documents the devastating invasion of drugs into the NFL and the ultimate triumph of organized crime over America's would-be heroes.

#### About the Author:

Dan E. Moldea has specialized in organized-crime investigations since 1974. He has written for numerous publications and is also the author of The Hoffa Wars, The Hunting of Cain, and Dark Victory: Ronald Reagan, MCA and the Mob. Mr. Moldea lives in Washington, D.C.

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