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Johnie H. Meisner, a former athlete and assistant coach, originally published the “BlueBook” in the late 1970’s. You can still read Johnie’s afterword at the end of this book, in which he gives his reasons for its creation.

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