

Protest Decision

OFFICIATING TEAM

Referee: Joe Russo
Judge: Tom Siar
Mat Chairman Leroy Evans

June 24, 2000

Greco Roman Competition

76 KG

R.R. #3

Bout #244

Matt Lindland Sunkist Kids

vs

Keith Sieracki Army

PROTEST BASIS:

Since this was the final placement for the Olympic Competition all protests were accepted.

Protest Committee Review.

Army Coach Statement:

The lift is a judgment decision by the officiating team and cannot be protested.

Lindland bit Sieracki's ear during the competition.

Sunkist Coach Statement:

The body lift by Matt Lindland was defended by Sieracki's legs blocking illegally.

The Protest Committee's Review of situations indicated on the Lindland Protest Form:

1. Allegation Defensive legs on Lindland's lift.

From between the legs, Keith Sieracki bent and defended with his leg.

Committee's Question:

Explain the action as you saw it.

Joe Russo:

I scored the action. After the action the Officiating team was called to Mat side Review.

rescored 1 1/2

The Officiating Team could see no defensive leg action by Sieracki.

2. Allegation On the lift - Lindland had Sieracki up and threw Sieracki directly to danger.

Question: Was Sieracki thrown to danger?

Joe Russo: As a result of the action Sieracki went hand to hand on the rotation. The Officiating Team was called for mat side review and the television review process. The Team agreed that the action was 1 Point Lindland and 2 Points for Sieracki.

Question: Were there other Mat side Reviews

Joe Russo: Yes.

Allegation Passivity was inconsistent compared to the stated rules.

Each official was asked if they confirmed a passivity request, and their answer was no. All three officials were consistent in their response to this question:

4. Allegation A confirmed passivity was not seen by the officials in the overtime.

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5. Allegation A fleeing of the hold occurred in the overtime period when Matt had an under hook.

Each official was asked if they felt there was a fleeing of the hold in the overtime, and their answer was no.

Tom Siar: Was asked this Question: Was Sieracki thrown to danger?

Tom Siar Response was: No Sieracki was not thrown, his rotation was hand to hand and his hand never left the mat.

The Officiating Team was called to review the scoring situation.

After the Video Review the team determined that 1 point was scored by Lindland and 2 points were scored by Sieracki.

Question: Were there other Mat side Reviews

Tom Siar: Yes.

Leroy Evans was asked the same questions as the other two officials and his response was the same as theirs.

Question: Were there other Mat side Reviews. Leroy Evans response was yes

There were no further questions from the committee, but there was discussion about the second mat e review.

The Protest Committee determined that the situations were judgment decisions which are unprotestable according to the FILA Rules as they appear in the FILA Rule Book, Article 63, Page 57 and in the USA Wrestling Rule Book on Pages 47 and 48, Article 63 with the USA Wrestling Modifications. A protest may not be accepted nor examined when: it concerns officials' judgment.