



State champs. Yes indeed. This would be their year. Multiple times previously they had been state champs and this would be their year again. Last year they had narrowly lost the championship game – a true heartbreaker. A missed field goal in the final seconds proved to be their undoing. Their kicker was devastated. After the game he had the weight of the world on his shoulders.

However, Coach Cayhill was a wise coach – after 20 seasons of coaching he should be. He gathered the team together in the locker room after the loss and reminded them of

stored at the end of last season. When Coach Cayhill entered the storage area he noticed a strange odor. It was pungent. He also noticed moisture on the floor. A slow sickening feeling began to creep up through his insides. He grabbed a few jerseys to inspect them and saw what appeared to be mold all over them. No, this couldn't be – mold was everywhere. He discovered to his horror that mold had covered everything.

Absolutely every piece of football equipment was covered in mold: balls, helmets, kidney pads, shoulder pads, thigh pads, knee pads, pants, socks, jerseys – you name it, it was covered in mold. Over 1,000 pieces were infected. How could this happen? It appeared that water had seeped through the wall months ago to create a perfect breeding ground for mold. Practice started tomorrow and team pictures were at the end of the week. What could be done? Could it be cleaned or does it all need to be replaced?

“4th and Goal”

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the incredible season they'd had, congratulating them on the effort they had put out and the sacrifices they had made. He also challenged them to never be so conceited to think that the outcome of an entire game rests on any one individual's performance. Any loss is the result of multiple errors throughout the course of a game.

But all that was behind them now. This was a new day, a new season. Coach Cayhill had worked tirelessly in the off-season preparing for this moment. He had spent months with his coaching staff reviewing game DVDs, reworking plays, and recalibrating the offensive and defensive teams to take full advantage of the strengths of the players. He was giddy about this season. Football was what he loved. You could say it was his love. Hey, around these parts it's an obsession for many. He had been anticipating this moment for too long – the new season was now upon them.

The first practice of the season was tomorrow and it was time to get the equipment out of the basement storage area. All the gear had been inspected, cleaned, repaired and

Coach Cayhill had become aware of a local member of the Esporta Certified Operators of North America – the network of restoration contractors certified in the Esporta Wash System for restoring soft contents. He had heard of them through their work with the coaches association and their radio ads – he gave them a call. Is there any possibility that they could clean and disinfect this gear? He had to have full assurances that the gear would be disinfected and safe for the kids. The Esporta Certified Operator was confident that their Esporta Wash System would handle the job. They picked up the equipment on a Wednesday and had everything returned to Coach Cayhill by the following Monday. Their ATP testing proved that the gear was indeed safe. It had been disinfected to food grade clean by the Esporta system.

What a relief, the season would start as planned. Nothing would stop them from taking their shot at the state championships. Coach Cayhill was amazed and delighted. In a 4th and goal situation the Esporta Certified Operator and the Esporta Wash System were able to score big.

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