

## SCANDAL CREATES DILEMMA FOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Right now, it is the season in which college football players along with their coaches receive notable awards and honors for their accomplishments during the football season. This is a time where colleges show their true pride for the coaches and football players who have had such success with the season and deserve the acknowledgment. However, at a time where college football should be recognized for all of the accomplishments and all of the great players and coaches, the entire scandal with Jerry Sandusky has definitely created an overcast amongst football players and coaches all over. Sandusky, who was once the defensive coordinator for Penn State, is currently dealing with some serious allegations. These allegations are claims that Sandusky molested various children over a span of more than a decade. Sandusky, however, is not the only person involved with college football who is under investigation. A former Miami booster, Nevin Shapiro, has made some claims that says he helped a number of Miami athletes within a span of eight years by providing them with money and cars, jewelry, and even sex parties. With these scandals at bay, it can be hard to have great feelings about the 2011 college football season, that is for sure. The fact of the matter, football has not been much of a topic. Instead, the scandal has been widespread and the actual football games have been put to the side in light of all of these crazy scandals. Even ESPN college football analyst, David Pollack, believes that there has been so much talk about the scandals, that the actual game of football itself has rarely made news. It is definitely quite sad for those players and coaches who have nothing to do with the current scandals. David Pollack says, "I wish we could put a muzzle on it during the season. It takes away from the game." He also says, "That's something that shouldn't happen and shouldn't be necessary. If we're going to have conference expansion talks, they need to be after the season or during the summer." Pollack has also said, "People can't keep their mouths shut. They're going to talk about it," and finished by saying, "As the business of college football grows... it's the natural evolution of what's going to happen." Of course, it is very unfortunate that the 2011 football season has been overshadowed by scandals that have taken place off of the field. While it is important that people know of these scandals, and the scandals and allegations themselves are quite serious, it definitely should not overshadow the actual game of football that is played by hundreds of hardworking men and their coaches who have done nothing wrong and have nothing to do with such allegations and scandals.

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