

FridayNightLive

Taking High Tech Football to the Next Level

by Brad Wright

Retired Sergeant Rich Corder is the head coach for San Clemente Freshman football team. Rich has been involved with that San Clemente High School football program for the past eighteen years.

Three years ago, he became the brain child of Friday Night Live, an internet broadcasting of each San Clemente Varsity Football game. Rich along with Ben Villa and Chris Davies, attend every home game of the broadcast and travel to every away game. This creates a variety of venues varying from high quality broadcasting booth, such as Mission Viejo, to the top of unsteady rooftops.

Rich does the play by play announcing and Ben Villa does the color commentating and Chris Davies is the computer guru of the group, who really makes the affects of this broadcasting team unique.

I recently had the opportunity and accepted the invitation from this trio to attend and observe the broadcast during the Mission Viejo-San Clemente game. The electricity in the standing room only arena made the experience exciting and intense.

To be honest with you, I was completely surprised at the teams professionalism. Rich Corder did a superb job on the play by play and Ben's knowledge of the players profile and overall knowledge of the offenses and defenses was superb. Although Chris Davies does not speak during the broadcast, it would not be possible without his knowledge of technology. The team received numerous emails from throughout the country, via live email during the game. The range of responses of emails was impressive, including but not limited to, past players, alumni, parents and grandparents of current players.



The broadcast team allowed me to bring my two sons into the booth during the fourth quarter of this exhilarating high school football rivalry. My boys, Colby 15 and Tanner McCall 9, were obviously excited with the opportunity to witness this broadcast experience. My son Colby, actually starts at left cornerback for coach Corder on the freshman football team at San Clemente High School. So, Colby thought it was pretty cool to be able to watch his coach in a different aspect of football. I would like to extend a special thank you to Ben for allowing my younger son, Tanner McCall to sit front row on Ben's stool in the booth.

The Friday Night Live team is excited about adding live video broadcasting in the near future.

Publishers Note: The final score of the game was 27-17. The Tritons had two major breakdowns on defense and two costly turnovers in the end zone, one interception and a phantom fumble on the one-inch line with both of Josh Ferrells' knees on the ground and the ball clearly past the goal line. Other than that, I feel San Clemente pushed them all over the field. In fact, with a couple of additions to our roster of players from Colorado, Oregon or the inner city, we may just dominate this series.

