

Testimony of Aaron Frederickson – Supplemental Materials

- **000001-000002:** October 8, 2024 Match Report
- **000003-000004:** October 17, 2023 Match Report. The offending coach from October 8, 2024 was upset about his dismissal nearly a year before. The result was him assaulting me.
- **000005:** October 13, 2024 Match Report
- **000006:** October 14, 2024 email correspondence from Troy Cohrs, Minnesota State Referee Committee, State Referee Administrator. In his email, Mr. Cohrs incorrectly states, “we can do nothing about it.” This statement is not consistent with United States Soccer Federation policy.

MSHSL Contest Report Submission

From: MSHSL (website@mshsl.org)

To: apfrederickson@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 09:56 PM CDT

Submitted on Tue, 10/08/2024 - 9:56 PM

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Mark those that apply

Referee assault by Coach

Date of Event

Tue, 10/08/2024 - 00:00

Name of Coach, Athlete or Fan Being Reported

Adi Bilani

Position of Reported Person

Head Coach

Reported School (This will autofill after you enter a few letters of the name of the school)

[Maranatha Christian Academy](#)

Activity (This will autofill after you enter a few letters of the activity)

[Soccer, Boys](#)

Names of other schools in the event or contest

Metro Schools College Prep

Name of school where incident occurred

Nobles Sports Park

Report of Circumstances

In pre-match, I was physically assaulted by Maranatha Boys Soccer Coach Adi Bilani (Metro Schools College Prep @ Maranatha/Nobles Sports Park). This assault was witnessed by (center referee Anthony Boogren). The assault took place at roughly 4:10-15 pm at Nobles Sports Complex (main field). The unwelcomed and forceful contact initiated by Coach Bilani was located inside what would be classified as the "Officials Area" per page 10 (soccer field diagram) of the NFHS Soccer Rules (west side of the field).

Coach Bilani made repeated and unwelcome physical contact with me in an aggressive and threatening manner. He was upset about an RC/dismissal from last season's Section 5A final vs. Cristo Rey on October 17, 2023, at Fridley High School. This assault was unprovoked.

I arrived at Nobles Soccer Complex at approximately 3:55 pm as the match was scheduled to kick off at 4:30 pm. I parked my car in the west parking lot. I walked to the match field and observed Coach Bilani on the field with his team. I left my bag in the Officials Area and inspected the field as I was the first official arrived. While inspecting the field, I ensured I did not interact with Coach Bilani.

At approximately 4:05 pm, I was done inspecting the field. Anthony Boogren had arrived and was sitting in the Officials Area to get ready for the match. I walked over to Anthony Boogren and started to make a general conversation. Shortly after that, Coach Bilani approached us. He introduced himself to Anthony Boogren. He then approached me and said, "You look familiar. What is your name?" I replied, "My name is Aaron." He then said, "I remember you from last year. What you do not understand is you did not treat me well, and I did not deserve to get kicked out of the game." (He was referring to last season's Section 5A final vs. Cristo Rey on October 17, 2023, at Fridley High School).

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I replied, "I am not talking to you. Please leave this area. This area is for the officials. Please go back to your Technical Area."

I then started to turn to the right, in the opposite direction of Coach Bilani. Coach Bilani then pushed and tried to get me to face him directly. He continued telling me in an elevated voice that I did not make the correct decision and should have given a player a yellow card in the October 17, 2023, match. He then grabbed my right bicep area and used his other arm like a crowbar to push/pull me. This unwelcome touching surprised me and made me fearful for my safety. He was also using excessive force when grabbing me, hurt my arm, and made me afraid. I told him in a stern voice, "Stop touching me. You are hurting me." I repeated this several times. Anthony Boogren was standing next to me and did nothing to assist.

Coach Bilani continued to argue about a call made the prior season at the October 17, 2023, Section final. I repeatedly told him to leave the immediate area. He then grabbed me by my right shoulder area and continued to repeat his protests. This unwelcome touching was in a provocative manner that made me fearful for my safety. Coach Bilani then engaged Anthony Boogren and Dan Klundt about my decision in a match. This lasted several more moments until Coach Bilani returned to his team's Technical Area.

The contact by Coach Bilani was unwelcome and not provoked. The contact was also forceful and made me afraid for my safety. The unwelcome contact occurred in the Officials Area and continued after he was instructed to leave.

I had no further contact with Coach Bilani for the remainder of the match. I left the field at the conclusion of the match as I had a 7:00pm match at Spring Lake Park High School.

Reporting Official Name

Aaron Frederickson

Reporting Official City and State

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Reporting Official Phone Number

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Other Officials

Anthony Boogren - Center

Dan Klundt - AR1

Official's Email (Confirmation of submission of this form will be sent to this email address)

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Head Coach : MSHSL Ejection Report Submission

From: MSHSL (website@mshsl.org)

To: apfrederickson@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 09:15 PM CDT

Submitted on Tue, 10/17/2023 - 9:15 PM

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Date of Event

Tue, 10/17/2023 - 00:00

Name of Reported Person

Adi Bilani

Position of Reported Person

Head Coach

Reported School (This will autofill after you enter a few letters of the name of the school)

[Maranatha Christian Academy](#)

Activity (This will autofill after you enter a few letters of the activity)

[Soccer, Boys](#)

Names of other schools in the event or contest

Cristo Rey

Name of school where incident occurred

Fridley HS

Report of Incident

YC/2YC(RC) - 70th minute Coach Bilani was given a YC for Dissent and 2YC/RC for leaving technical area/entering field of play to continue Dissent.

Coach Bilani had previously been warned about leaving the technical area and also entering field of play to dissent decisions in a loud and public manner.

At the 70th minute there was a play stoppage. Coach Bilani was standing near the mid-line (outside his technical area) and inside the field of play. He was using a loud and public voice to express dissent. I approached him to have him move back to his technical area. He refused. He continue to yell disagreement with a prior decision. Coach Bilani was instructed to return to his technical area for a second time. He refused and continued to dissent in a loud and public manner.

Coach Bilani was shown YC for Dissent. Coach Bilani was instructed to return to his technical area, but he refused and continued to dissent in a loud and public manner. **Coach Bilani was shown 2YC/RC for entering field of play/leaving technical area. When he was shown 2YC/RC.**

At that point Coach Bilani made repeated vulgar and offensive comments that were directed to me. These statements were made in a manner to be overheard by players from both teams in the technical areas and on the field. The statements made by **Coach Bilani included, "You have been shit all night," "You are a fucking joke," "this is all bullshit," "you are fucking embarrassing."**

Coach Bilani refused to leave the technical areas/stadium after being shown RC. I needed the assistance of site admin to remove Coach Bilani from the technical area/stadium.

NOTE: Video of incidnet: <https://youtu.be/X8T2GdEqZvs> 000003

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Referee Assault - TCSL Soccer match

From: Aaron Frederickson (apfrederickson@yahoo.com)

To: troycohers@gmail.com

Cc: apfrederickson@yahoo.com

Date: Sunday, October 13, 2024 at 08:09 PM CDT

Troy, I was assaulted by a coach at a TCSL match today. I filed a report on your website. I also reported the match to Matt Tiano on my match card. Tyler Dalsin witnessed the incident. I am skeptical if anything happens to the coach. I love making \$50 so a coach can call me a motherfucker and push me around. Sure made for a great day.

52nd minutes – CFC Coach Jose Martinez Cabrera was shown a Red Card for Violent Conduct/Referee Assault. Coach Cabrera refused to leave the field of play following the RC and needed to be escorted from the field of play. During the incident, Coach Cabrera used offensive, insulting, or abusive language directed toward the referee in the presence of youth soccer players.

In the 52nd minute, a CFC player was injured during the course of play. Play was stopped, and a CFC coach was permitted to enter the field of play to care for the player. Once treatment was completed, the player would not leave the field of play. I instructed Coach Cabrera to have the player leave as play was stopped for an injury that required treatment. Coach Cabrera left his Technical Area, approached the center line area, and disputed that the player needed to be substituted. After explaining the required procedure several times to Coach Cabrera, he started dissenting loudly, publicly, and persistently. He stated that I did not “know the rules.”

Coach Cabrera was given a YC for dissent. Coach Cabrera then entered the field of play near the center line, where I stood about 10 feet from the touchline. He pushed me in a violent and threatening manner. Coach Cabrera was shown at RC for Violent Conduct/Referee Assault. Coach Cabrera then called me a “motherfucker,” a “piece of shit,” and that I had “no fucking clue about any of the rules.” He also said, “this is why people hate you.” He made these statements very loudly and aggressively in the presence of several youth players from both teams.

Tyler Dalsin, who was serving as a competition official, ran to the location of the incident and removed Coach Cabrera from the field area. While Coach Cabrera was being removed, he continued to yell at me can called me a “motherfucker.”

Play resumed once Coach Cabrera was removed from the area.

--Aaron Frederickson
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----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Troy Cohrs <troycohrrs@gmail.com>
To: Aaron Frederickson <apfrederickson@yahoo.com>
Cc: Matt Tiano <matt@matassigning.com>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 at 09:50:28 AM CDT
Subject: Re: Referee Assault - TCSL Soccer match

Good morning Aaron, thank you for your email. I'm really sorry this happened to you but I'm glad you were able to keep your cool in the moment and file the proper incident report so we can deal with this coach. In the future, going forward, please just send your incident report on to the individual leagues in which they occur.

The state referee committee is really not taking incident reports anymore as we can do nothing about it and the individual leagues and the assigners involved are much more equipped to handle incident reports. I was glad to see you filed it with the TCSL. I'm confident Matt will take care of it and while I know you indicated that you didn't think anything would happen to the coach I do not believe that will not be the case. I have witnessed Matt and the TCSL in cooperation with us club soccer deal with several individuals in incident reports and have to face sanctions that were handed down.

I have copied Matt. Matt can you make sure to let us both know what sanctions will be handed down to this coach. I understand you still have to investigate this completely before you can do anything. I appreciate the fact that you always move through these incidents methodically.

Troy

Unusual Incident Report - Forge v. CFC - Sunday January 26

From: Aaron Frederickson (apfrederickson@yahoo.com)

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Date: Monday, January 27, 2025 at 08:58 AM CST

Tim, following up on your conversation yesterday at the USYF North Regional.

I wanted to follow-up with you regarding the 8am match on Sunday, January 26 at the USYF North Regional at Shakopee HS. Following the above match in the Main gym, a CFC spectator approached me in the common area of the HS and said, "There is the baby referee, who cannot take a little push."

After the match I left the Main as I had a match at a different court. I forgot a water bottle at the scorer's table and went back into the Main gym to get it. As I was walking out of the Main gym this unknown spectator approached me and made the comment. I continued walking and did not respond. I did not have further interaction with the unknown spectator for the remainder of the day.

The CFC team playing had some players from a match this past fall on October 13, where I was assaulted by the head coach of the team. This coach had filed a complaint against me with the MN State Referee Committee. I have never received a full copy of the complaint from the referee committee notwithstanding my many requests. From what I gather about the complaint alleges I falsified a match report and no assault took place. The Committee did not pursue the allegation as they did not have jurisdiction.

The unknown spectator in question was wearing CFC attire. I have never seen this spectator before, but it was clear based on the circumstances this person had knowledge of the October 13 incident. The incident yesterday was upsetting to me as I was accused of submitting a false match report and further confirms I did not file a false report and the Complaint made against me was without merit.

I consider the issue resolved, but wanted to document it in writing. I would have sent you this email earlier, but I did not get home last night until late.

--Aaron Frederickson
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