

The Taste of Championship

Chapter 2

Too Close

The next week, the 'Dozers coach told the team the game plan, and it was to run. When the ref did the coin toss, the Tornados won. The 'Dozers kicked it off 2 yards into the end zone, and the Tornados returned it 18 yards to the 16. On the first play from scrimmage, the Tornados passed it for a gain of 21. 1st & 10 at the 37, another pass; this time for a gain of 16. *Man*, thought the 'Dozers coach, *our Corner Backs need to wake up!!* Yet another pass the next play! The 'Dozers called a time out. "Come on guys," said the coach. "Put pressure on the Quarterback! Now get out there and play some defense!!"

The Tornados were at the 20. Just as the Quarterback released the ball, the 'Dozers Line Backer, Sid, tipped the pass and . . . intercepted it at the 23! Sid was running as fast as he could. He was at the 50. . .the 40 . . . the 30 - he could go all the way!! The fastest Tornado receiver was hot on his tail and began to drag Sid down at the 5. But Sid kept on going and stumbled into the end zone. The ref signaled...TOUCHDOWN! The 'Dozers couldn't believe it, the crowd couldn't believe it and Sid didn't even know if he believed it!

