



LIBERTY FOOTBALL | Punter still gets his kicks



Changing focus

'You go out there to kick, and you're thinking, I hope I make it. I hope I don't miss. I hope I kick it right. I hope when I look up, the ball's going through. It's mentally and physically draining.'

Zac Kolegue



Staff photos by Chet White

TOP: Zac Kolegue prepares for a snap from Dan Pope during practice on Tuesday.

ABOVE: Kolegue can smile with his position solidly in place.

Zac Kolegue is thriving as a punter after struggling as a kicker

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Just when his career at Liberty seemed ready to completely unravel, Flames senior Zac Kolegue did something remarkable. He entirely re-invented himself as a football player.

Kolegue, you'll remember, was one of Liberty's scapegoat place kickers the last two seasons. He missed seven of his 12 field-goal attempts those years and never converted a field goal longer than 37 yards. Then he injured his knee during an early-morning workout last December, putting his kicking career in jeopardy.

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Vick indicted on state charges

The Associated Press

SUSSEX — Michael Vick and three co-defendants were indicted by a grand jury Tuesday on state charges related to a dogfighting ring operated on Vick's Virginia property.

Vick, who already pleaded guilty in federal court to a dogfighting conspiracy charge and is awaiting sentencing Dec. 10, was indicted on one count of beating or killing or causing dogs to fight other dogs and one count of engaging in or promoting dogfighting. Each count is a felony, punishable by up to five years in prison. The grand jury declined to indict the Atlanta Falcons quarterback and two co-defendants on eight counts of killing or causing to be killed a companion animal, which would have exposed them to as many as 40 years in prison if convicted.

Surry County Commonwealth's Attorney Gerald G. Poindexter asked that the four be arraigned Oct. 3 and requested that each be released on a \$50,000 personal recognizance bond. None of the defendants nor their lawyers were in court.

"We are disappointed that these charges were filed in Surry County since it is the same conduct covered by the federal indictment for which Mr. Vick has already accepted full responsibility" and pleaded guilty, Billy Martin, one of Vick's attorneys, said in a statement.

Martin said Vick's legal team would examine the charges "to ensure that he is not held accountable for the same conduct twice."

Laura Taylor with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia said the office would have no comment.

The charges are the first leveled against Vick in the county where he built a home on 15 acres that was the base of the dogfighting operation.

The grand jury — made up of two black men, two black women and two white women — met for more than three hours. "These are serious charges, and we can assure you that this grand jury was not driven by racial prejudice, their affection or lack of affection for professional athletes, or the influence of animal rights activists and the attendant publicity," Sheriff Harold Brown and Poindexter said in a joint statement.

Poindexter said he was not disappointed that the grand jury rejected eight additional charges of killing dogs.

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Vick

VES cannot stop Abass

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Prep Soccer Liberty Christian 3 Virginia Episcopal 1

Virginia Episcopal School's boys soccer team knew what Liberty Christian Academy forward Abass Ayembillah could do.

Five of the Bishops played on the same Lynchburg United Soccer club team as him and four other Bulldogs last spring, coached by VES assistant coach Pete Huryk.

"I've played with them before," said Ayembillah, one of LCA's two second-year starters from Ghana along with Richard Nyarko. "They've played with me and know how I do it."

But they still were unable to stop him

from finishing them off in Tuesday's Virginia Independent Conference clash at LCA, a 3-1 triumph for the Bulldogs (9-1, 2-0 VIC).

"We just couldn't control Richard and Abass," said VES senior midfielder Thomas Stoughton, who sat out a 20-minute stretch in the first half after suffering a deep thigh contusion on a collision with LCA's Matt Humphreys and Spencer Heath, who received a yellow card. "They took over and we couldn't keep up with

them."

"They put three people on me (but) I still got past them," Ayembillah added. "I used my speed."

Following a scoreless first half, Ayembillah struck quickly after halftime. He stole the ball from Stuart Carrington at the top of the Bishops' box and dribbled once to his left before using the angle to beat VES goalkeeper John Ladd with a low, left-footed shot into the right side of the net.

After Se Ho Choi boosted the Bulldogs' lead to 2-0 with a 20-yard direct kick around a VES wall, and Stoughton scored to trim the deficit to 2-1, Ayembillah essentially put the game away with a phenomenal goal in the final 20 minutes.

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Staff photo by Chet White

LCA's Abass Ayembillah (#10) heads the ball between two VES defenders.

INGE'S DAY
TUESDAY VS. TWINS
► 1-4, RBI, 2 strikeouts
IN 8-0 WIN

NEXT GAME:
► TODAY vs MINNESOTA

SEASON STATS
AVG. HR RBI
.239 14 69

*Detroit Tigers third baseman
Brandon Inge is a
Brookville High School graduate.*

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