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I know that you are aware how much we suffer and agonize after we make mistakes as officials. We are out there because we care about the kids. Making an error that possibly impacts the game is our worst nightmare.

Having said that, we have an official who after reflecting on a particular call in a boys soccer game involving Branham, is distraught about a mis-application of a rule he made that he fears may have had an impact on the final outcome of the game. However, the manner in which the situation was managed by the Branham coach and players speaks volumes about sportsmanship and all the good things being done by the Branham administration. It is obvious to me that this did not happen by mistake. The Branham players were taught properly and were prepared for adversity.

Peninsula Sports tips their hat to the entire Branham school and student body. If there is some way you could acknowledge Branham it would be great.

Respectfully, Mark Risley

No one is perfect. It is important to remember that players, coaches and officials are humans, still learning and do make mistakes during competitions. When we can admit our mistakes and give each other the grace to be human without always attaching malicious intent to innocent, human mistakes, we all win. Way to go Branham! The boys soccer program truly reflects the spirit of working together to not just win soccer games, but to be better citizens and gracious young people.

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