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The Fans Speak Out

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The Mercury News sports department welcomes letters from its readers. Letters selected for publication must be signed and are subject to editing for brevity and clarity. Responses are written by sports editor Dan Hruby or executive sports editor Terry Galvin.

Official's error upsets 10-year-old

I am disgusted with the call Monday night, Dec. 10, against the Pittsburgh Steelers, who had the momentum going for them for the first time in the game (a 20-17 loss to Houston). The official who called the play should be fired. He knew it would be an onside kick, and was right on top of the play.

OK, the Steelers might not have scored, and tied or won the game. But that was the worst call I've ever seen. I'm glad it was on national TV because you'll get a lot more letters complaining.

Aaron Yelowitz, 10, Sunnyvale

Everybody makes mistakes once in a while. Check the next letter, for instance. — TG

Blackford High deserves some credit

We are writing in regard to your coverage of this year's Gunderson High School Basketball Tournament. Although we enjoyed reading about it, we found a major and disappointing error in one of your articles.

The Mercury stated that the defending champion was Santa Teresa High School. Well, Santa Teresa did get into the finals last year but the Blackford High School varsity basketball team won the championship handily, 71-62. We hope you will correct this obvious error and give Blackford High School the recognition it rightfully deserves.

The 1978-79 Blackford High Basketball Varsity

O-o-ops. And here I thought we'd make it through 1979 without making a mistake. Oh, well, that's our one for the year. We do apologize, of course. — TG