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Lacey, WA—Following an extensive, three-phase application process, the office of the Commissioner has announced a decision has been made regarding the Dick Artillery's possible ownership vacancy. The first announcement is that Commissioner O'Neill has decided to remove the word "possible" regarding the ownership vacancy. Indeed, the league has mutually agreed with Eric Secrist to move in another direction.

"I cannot say enough about Eric. He has been a valuable asset to our league for years and it hurts to say goodbye to him," Commissioner O'Neill told the ROFA Tribune on Sunday, "It is the best move for ROFA, and it's the best move for Eric's long term fantasy career and medical career. Most of all, however, it's the best move for his fiancé, as I would not envy her first year of marriage with Eric juggling medical school, ROFA, and then her, with whatever time is leftover."

Ten candidates applied to own the Dick Artillery, who are coming off a 6-7 campaign that ended in a first round playoff loss to the Darien Devils. After the original viewing of the applications, the pool was cut down to five candidates. According to the Commissioner, all five of these applicants were qualified for the position. "I knew we had a good group of guys, but I was blown away by their competitiveness and their willingness to do what it takes to earn this spot." In the end, however, it was clear that one candidate set himself apart from the others. "It is with great pleasure that I announce Andrew Matty as the new owner of the Dick Artillery," the Commissioner said. "He mastered all phases of the process and really impressed all of us in his interview. I feel very confident that he will make an immediate, positive impact on the Dick Artillery franchise and ROFA as a whole. What really separated him, though, was we felt he was the best long-term solution for the league."

Matty, 29, was enthused to accept the position. "I have wanted to join ROFA for 3-4 years now, and it feels so great to finally be in. I cannot wait to take Dick to new heights." *Pause.* Matty did indicate he plans on relocating the Dick Artillery and changing the team name. We were unable to reach city or county legislators, but Michigan governor Rick Snyder did have this to say regarding the possible relocation: "Wait, there's a city called Dick in Michigan?"

To the other applicants, the Commissioner wished to express his utmost gratitude for their interest and commitment to the process and also said he would be more than willing to answer any questions they have. "I'm so pleased with how this process turned out. We have a great guy coming in, and I know we have several others who will be a great option for us in the future," O'Neill said.

The Commissioner concluded with these thoughts. "I'd like to thank the members of the RACC-Richard, Paul, and Travis- for their help in this process. Also I'd like to thank Andy Lyon for being such a good sport. If there were four spots in the RACC, you would so be in there."