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roundacks Areas respectively) have voted NO.

If and when Section 5 votes YES, what will happen? Will City-Catholic champ meet Central Western Conference (Monroe County champ)? We doubt it. The best reason the CWC will offer for not playing is the fact that its three divisions will each have a champion and it only makes sense, to find its No. 1 team by using the ninth game.

The D&C and T-U will have to settle the issue with their polls — those loosely run devices which all coaches dislike but like everybody else like to read.

THE OTHER big deal is the anticipated acceptance by Section 5 of the Catholic schools' bid to join it. Again, voting takes place this month and if public school athletic directors and principals are favorable, schools will be brought in on a trial basis.

Section 5 would become the first section in the state to permit Catholic schools to compete in post-season tournaments. The Executive Committee of the section submitted a request to the NYSPHSAA during the summer asking for the necessary permission.

The state approved the idea for a two-year experiment and the motion will be brought back to the sections next executive committee meeting for the final count.

The tentative starting date would be for the 1972 fall sports season. Catholic schools affected include Aquinas, Bishop Kearney, Cardinal Mooney, DeSales of Geneva and McQuaid.

Of course the question of enrollment always crops up and the unfair advantage Catholic schools have by drawing from much larger geographical areas than the public school neighbors. Catholic schools have been

guilty of "recruitment" in the past. No one argues this any more.

The City-Catholic League has been relatively successful since its merger several years ago. The two leagues meet in football for the first time this season.

The Catholic schools, who've wanted in the public school leagues and tournaments for so long they can't remember, are well aware of the hostilities their recruitment fostered and we doubt any member would dampen the spirit of the movement by permitting it to happen again.

The Catholic schools are asking for the chance to join and we've no doubt the results of their membership will be a good thing for all schools involved.

If the Catholic schools blow it by not meeting public school standards and rules etc., they should be kicked out forever.

High school football goes into its second week of action this weekend with Bishop Kearney traveling to Rome Academy Friday night; Cardinal Mooney playing Notre Dame of Utica away, 2 p.m., Saturday; and McQuaid squaring off against Aquinas, 2 p.m., Sunday at Aquinas Stadium.

Two items loom on the Greater Rochester high school sports horizon which could make this

coming school year by far and away the most exciting and important ever.

One — Section 5 votes this month to play a ninth football game. It and Section 7 (Plattsburgh-Champlain Area) haven't yet voted while Sections 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 11 have already voted YES on the ninth game. Sections 2 and 10 (Albany-Schenectady and Northern Adi-

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