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**Scholastic
Notebook**



The request by Catholic schools to participate in Section 5 public school athletic tournaments is in deep trouble.

A recent Monroe County League "opinion" vote overwhelmingly rejected the request and authorized league president James Hatch, Gates-Chili high school principal, to vote No at the sectional level on the question of putting the Catholic schools' request to a referendum which would require a simple majority of member schools to either pass

or fail the Catholic's bid.

The Monroe County League vote reportedly was 16-2 against the Catholic bid which should have Catholic school personnel asking themselves who their suburban friends really are.

At the sectional level five league presidents voted against the referendum, three in favor, and one abstained. No reasons for the votes were given.

Leagues supporting the Cath-

olics were Rochester, Allegany, and Livingston. Leagues rejecting included Monroe, Lakes Region, Finger Lakes, Genesee-Orleans, Steuben and Wayne.

The referendum however will still be held because of the section constitution which permits sports chairmen to have a vote. Their support mustered a 19-8 vote to hold the referendum after all.

The referendum will be conducted by mail and results are expected in about a month.

If league sentiment reflects the opinions of member schools, the Catholic bid will not pass.

FATHER DANIEL BRENT, superintendent of schools for the Rochester Catholic Diocese, has offered assurance that Catholic schools wish to overcome any and all obstacles (recruitment, borders etc.) which might precipitate a No vote on the part of present public school members of the section.

In light of Father Brent's frankness and desire to abide

by all public school rules and regulations, the section's executive committee appointed a special committee to explore the problems and went on record as urging section members to approve the Catholics' bid which is for a two year experiment.

After tackling the recruiting issue and stating that "at the present time evidence tends to show that there is no more proselytizing in private and parochial schools than in the public schools," that "the schools requesting membership are well aware of this problem and are anxious to prevent its occurrence," and that "they are asking for an opportunity and agree to meet our standards," the special committee endorsed the request.

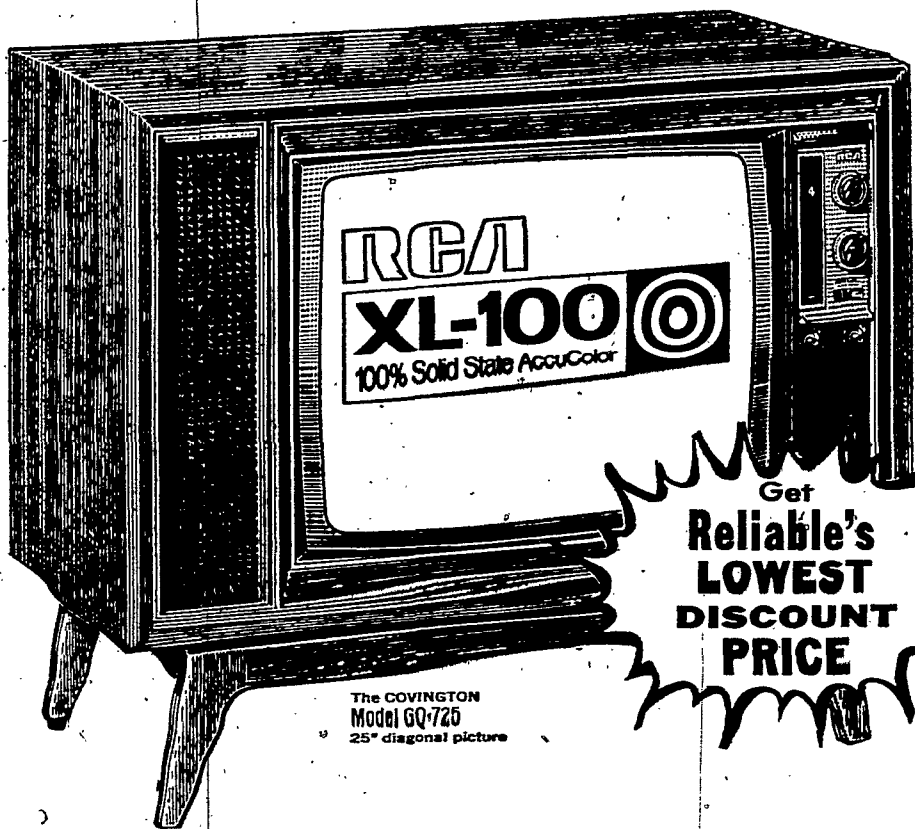
The special committee added: (It has) "studied this problem in light of these experiences with due thought to the problems and prejudices." It agrees "unanimously that all boys and girls regardless of where they attend school are entitled to

the right to participate in any program developed by the public schools, provided the school where they attend makes an honest effort to abide, in so far as possible, with the rules and regulations regarding athletics."

Doser's Top Ten

1. MADISON (6-0) d. Aquinas 38-18; F/Est. 1 p.m. Sat. at Madison.
 2. AQUINAS (6-1) l. Madison 18-38; U/Notre-Dame of Utica, 2 p.m. at Utica.
 3. E. ROCHESTER (6-0-1) d. East-ridge 22-6; F/Fairport, 1 p.m. Sat. at East Rochester.
 4. RUSH - HENRIETTA (6-1) d. Fairport 18-14; F/Brighton, 1 p.m. Sat. at Rush-Henrietta.
 5. CARDINAL MOONEY (5-2) d. Jefferson 20-0; F/Kearney, 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Aquinas Stadium.
 6. FAIRPORT (6-1) l. Rush-Henrietta 14-16; U/East Rochester, 1 p.m. Sat. at East Rochester.
 7. FRANKLIN (6-2) d. McQuaid 28-12; F/Edison, 1 p.m. Sat. at Franklin.
 8. BISHOP KEARNEY (4-3) d. Marshall 40-6; U/Cardinal Mooney, 1:30 p.m., Sunday at Aquinas Stadium.
 9. BATAVIA (6-1) d. Gates-Chili 24-8; F/Grecco Arcadia, 8 p.m. Friday, at Batavia.
 10. IRONDEQUOIT (3-2-2) t. Webster 7-7; F/Penfield, 1 p.m. Sat. at Penfield.
- Key: d - Defeated; l - lost to; t - tied; F - favored; U - underdog.
Season to date: 23 right, 7 wrong.

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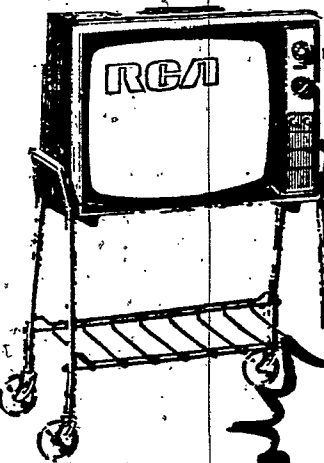


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