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Budget Defeat Has Athletes in Quandary

By JOHN DOSER

The defeat of the Greece Central School District's 1975-76 school budget, not once, but twice, has many Greece athletes talking to themselves.

Some are saying they will transfer to other schools if (1) the district doesn't restore the funds as the result of another vote, or (2) if booster efforts fail to provide enough funds to cover the cost of interscholastic athletics at Greece Olympia, Arcadia and Athena high schools.

Some Greece athletes are saying they will transfer to other schools in order to play sports, and some are making Cardinal Mooney school officials a little nervous.

Mooney has in the past been accused of "recruiting" athletic talent, whether by overt or covert methods, by various public school athletic officials.

All Rochester area Catholic high schools, including Mooney, have violently objected to such charges, usually made by innuendo, always short of names, dates and places.

Now, however, Mooney athletic director Ed Nietopski finds that several Greece athletes have already inquired about the possibility of transferring to Mooney, although he hasn't personally met or talked with them.

He hasn't changed his position on the matter.

He says he has never recruited an athlete in his life, but suddenly his school's athletic program is more appealing than ever, especially when neighboring Greece athletes consider their unhappy alternatives.

Mooney's reaction, Nietopski says, would be negative toward any possible transfers getting into the Maiden Lane school.

About the only official way, even under the present circumstances, would be a genuine change of address — from within the town boundaries to the Charlotte area, for example.

It's unlikely Mooney, or any other Rochester Catholic high school, would accept any senior transfers anyway. Most Catholic schools' transfer policies do not accept transferring seniors, except in cases of discipline or change of address — and none would particularly want to become involved in a hassle over the transfer of an athlete for strictly sports purposes only.

Nietopski says he would personally discourage any Greece athletes from transferring from their own school to another, just for sports.

He says he would consider any such transfer as a breach of loyalty to an athlete's former school and a kind of awkward thing for long-time Mooney athletes.

Nietopski, not known for rushing blindly into predicaments, believes when the residents of the town cool off, they will vote to restore funds to both the athletic and transportation budgets.

A Greece resident, Nietopski says the big point about athletics is that it is an education in itself.

"There are many, many lessons to be learned from athletics. To take that experience from a great number of kids is not very wise or just," he says.

The situation is also frustrating to Greece coaches, naturally, but especially so to new Athena head football coach Don Hagreen.

He says if the district eliminated sports, he would leave the district. Sports is important to him, not to mention the extra pay (about \$2,000 per year).

Mooney has a stake in what the district residents do too, and in what the boosters do, too, for that matter.

For the first time ever, the Cardinals are scheduled to meet both Greece Arcadia and Greece Athena in football, under lights, this fall at Hollister Stadium.



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