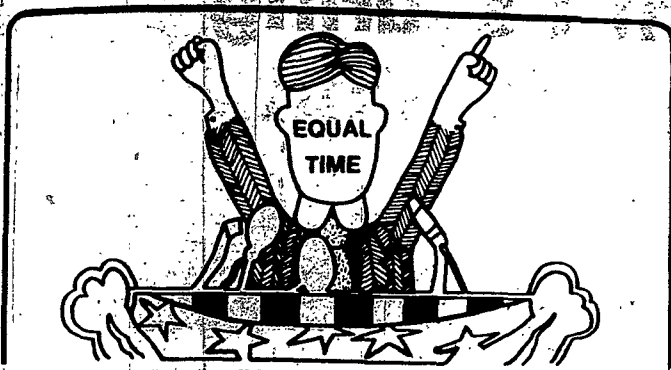


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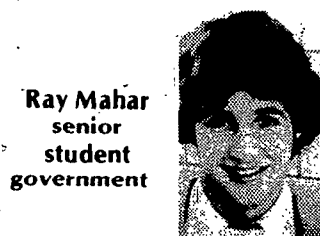
In view of the unusual number of allegedly bad calls made this season by pro football officials, do you feel their decisions should remain final?

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Pat Shannon senior Magis

"The referee is the authority, and his word should stand even if afterwards it shows on instant replay that it was a bad call — it is still after the game and you can't change the game. One remedy would be to put more referees on the field or a guy on top of the stadium who would watch an immediate replay and then call his decision down to the field."



Ray Mahar senior student government

"I think once the referee makes a call they (teams) should stick with it. There were more bad calls this season and I was upset with the call that cost Miami the playoffs. My remedy for bad calls would be to put more refs on the field at different vantage points. As a camera can be at a different angle just like the ref, more referees on the field would be more effective."



Dan Sprague freshman basketball

"The referee's word is final because I think in the last few years the players have made it rougher for the officials. If you have instant replay decisions the ref will lose his authority and then the teams will be asking for replays on every call they didn't like. I think there should be a technical foul called on those who question official calls — something like having to turn the football over to the other team."



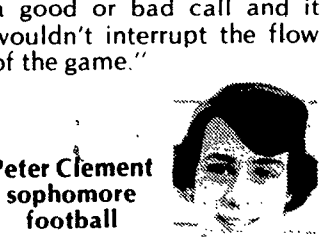
Steve Nally senior wrestling

"Once a call is made there should be no controversy. There have been some bad situations this year and there's been a lot of pressure and the refs haven't been in the right place to call plays right. A remedy against bad calls would be to put two or three people watching instant replays and have them call down to the field telling whether it was a bad call or not. They should decide right on the spot whether it's a good or bad call and it wouldn't interrupt the flow of the game."



Rob Sant senior golf

"Before the game you've accepted the referee as the authority and he's the one you have to go by. You can't go by the coaches or fans because they're partial so until the instant replays you have to go along with the ref. With the instant replays you get an objective view and can correct the call but it would have to be immediately. If they are efficient in their replay techniques it shouldn't disrupt the game's momentum."



Peter Clement sophomore football

"I think the officials' word is definite and the decision shouldn't go to instant replay. The refs should talk the situation over with each other on the field because they are all at different spots and have opinions. Remedies would be more cooperation between officials, not relying on one person's call and more officials on the field."



Bill Schneider sophomore swimming

"I think the idea of instant replay is good because you can see the bad calls. However, the instant replay should be on the field for the refs to view. If it was a bad call then the refs could revise their decision but their word would be final — no one should be able to override them."



Jim Betterton senior

"Without a doubt the ref has the final say even if it is a bad call — one call doesn't decide the whole game. The refs have a tough enough job as it is. The game has opened up more in recent years and the calls are just chance circumstances. Another referee on the field would cut down on the bad calls."

## Mercy Edges Out Mooney For Volleyball Championship

By JOHN DOSER

Mercy High won the Private-Parochial Girls' Varsity Volleyball League championship for the second year in a row, but runnerup Cardinal Mooney earned itself a piece of satisfaction.

The Cardinals pushed Mercy to the brink in their final league match of the season before succumbing, 15-11, 2-15, 15-13, and snapped Mercy's 29-game league victory streak during the regular season.

As a result, Mercy finished 9-1 in P-P league play while Mooney finished 8-2; both teams were eligible for the Section 5 Volleyball Tournament which opened last Saturday and ends this Saturday with the Class A championships at Nazareth College; Class B and C at Community College of the Finger Lakes; and Class D at Hornell High School.

Both Mooney and Mercy are Class A teams.

Mooney proved to be the big spoiler back on Dec. 17 when the Cardinals dumped Mercy twice, 15-7 and 16-14. Mooney's other loss was to Bishop Kearney during the league season — Kearney finished 5-5, and took third place.

Mercy ventured outside the P-P circuit on five occasions and lost all five, according to Coach Sister Cathy Pflagar.

Mercy lost to Athena, Hilton, and Fairport in non-league contests, but Sister Cathy points out she believes her teams are farther ahead by playing against the tougher competition.

She says it's the only way to improve — to compete against top competition — and go looking for it.

Mercy had several good chances to win the Fairport

tournament, but found itself in a replay of a year ago when it blew similar title chances.

"I can't give a good reason for it, other than volleyball is such a psyche game," Sister Cathy explains.

"You can win one game by 15-zip and lose the next game zip-15," she says.

Mercy is competitive with area public schools girls' volleyball teams, Sister Cathy agrees, a tribute to her program which only began four or five years ago.

She had to tackle the "psyche" head on after the Mooney loss which sent her team into a slump of sorts.

"We couldn't do anything right; we were our own worst enemy. It's terribly hard convincing people that they can do things — especially in volleyball. It's a tough sport."

"There's no way you can work off your nervousness like running up and down pounding a basketball. You're there on the court, you have to keep moving, you have to keep your psyche up; it's a tough game for kids to play."

It isn't easy to get your team psyched and Sister Cathy says if she ever comes up with a foolproof method, she intends to write a book.

She tries to convince her girls she has faith in them, which really is about all she can do, she says.

She tries to keep her own psyche up, even when her team is losing to teams which in her opinion they should be defeating.

Mercy went to Mooney to beat the Cardinals on their home court and found about 100 loud Mooney fans watching in the stands — an unusually large crowd for a girls' volleyball game.



MARGIE MEATH

Margie Meath, a four-year veteran senior, sparked Mercy to its title win with some outstanding spiking despite having only recently recovered from a sprained ankle.

She missed two weeks of play during the holidays and her hitting and setting were also missed, although Sister Cathy in no way suggested Mercy's slump was the result of her absence.

Meath and Linda Kelly, another senior, are team co-captains. Kelly is also an excellent setter for Mercy's 6-2 offense.

Kelly is the team's unofficial coach once the game gets underway because of the game's rules which now prohibit any verbal or hand-signal coaching from the sidelines by team coaches.

"She was the sparkplug in the Mooney game for us. I could hear her from the sidelines telling her teammates to get low for the serves, get your feet moving, and just hang in there."

Coaches are allowed two 30-second time outs during a game, but the general philosophy of the game



MICHELE MILLER

today is that the coaching should have taken place (in practice) before the game gets underway.

Another senior, Louise Kuipers, a junior Michelle Miller, and two sophomores, Claire McKay and Becky Kaltenbach, make up the rest of Mercy's starting six.

Kuipers scored six points in Mercy's first game win over Mooney, including points 12, 13 and 14, and Kaltenbach scored four points in the title game.

The title game was close all the way and kept Sister Cathy on the edge of her seat, she says.

The game was tied at 2-2, 3-3, 4-4 — Mercy scored three in a row for points 8, 9 and 10 (on Kuipers' serves), Kaltenbach recorded points 11 and 12, surviving a Mooney time out call in between; and Kelly scored points 13 and 14.

The game-winning point came from freshman Sandy Tomko who subbed for Claire McKay.

"We had to play good volleyball to beat them, they held us — we didn't run away with it at all," Sister Cathy says.

## Nazareth Notes

Dec. 22 was the day Nazareth Academy's class of '79 received their school rings. Carolyn Pierce, class president, welcomed the girls to the ceremony the theme of which was friendship. Mass was celebrated by the school's chaplain, Father Brian Murphy. Virginia Spinosa, Kathy Schultz and Theresa Frazer served as lectors. Sister Mary Jean, principal, gave the homily and class moderators Sister Kathleen Clary and Miss Patricia Perzik assisted as Eucharistic ministers while junior Cathy Amesbury provided the guitar accompaniment for the hymns.

Nazareth seniors taking the theology elective, Suffering, Evil, and Death, participated in an all-day workshop on Dec. 16 which was arranged by their teacher, Mrs. Linda Fox. The

day's agenda, included a lecture by Joseph Capuano, funeral director, discussions headed by Mrs. Kearney, a nurse, and films offering insights into senility and death. The day concluded with a liturgy celebrated by Father Dennis Shaw.

On Dec. 14, several students participated in an exchange student program developed jointly by the Student Councils from the area's Catholic high schools.

Roxanne Streb, Dawn Schatzlein, Patricia Brunett, Cheryl Malolepszy, Marguerite Oconiewicz, Maria Barbarito and Joanne Giambronne spent the day at Bishop Kearney at Nazareth. Karen McCloskey, Mary Boehm, Elaine Siwicki, Karen Brunett, Cory Schultz and Mary Leister served as hostesses for the six students from Kearney.

## Riding Club

The very mention of horses is enough to light up Sister Ann Xavier's eyes. According to Nazareth Academy sources her enthusiasm for riding led her to form a riding club for students who love horses, want to learn about them and enjoy riding.

The girls take lessons at Old Ridge Stables in Williamson on Saturdays. Lessons include instruction

in the care and grooming of horses as well as actual riding experience. Currently, lessons are given in an indoor ring but when the weather is better the girls will trail ride.

Recently they visited the stables and watched a demonstration of jumping. Karen Klimbach, a horse owner, showed her classmates what she needs to do each day to care for her horse. Wise