

Letter to the Editor - Heilig

Written by Our Viewers

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DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing in response to the person that attacked the character of Delphos St. John's fans based on "Hear say" — if you didn't attend the games, how can you have an opinion??

In the many games that I attended in person over the years, I've seen the newspaper reading act used by the student cheering section many times. As a matter of fact during big tournament games in the late 1970's at Ottawa-Glandorf, we pulled out newspapers on more than one occasion. Delphos St. John's game with New Bremen for first place in the M.A.C. certainly qualified as a big game. It's not being rude as you stated, but good clean fun between opposing schools.

Your second put down of St. John's was the removal of "clothing" from the Ottoville fans before the match up with the Lady Jays. Our school didn't allow the fans to bring in boxing gloves inside the gym for obvious reasons. If you actually attend an Ottoville girls game along the tournament trail, the O.H.S.A.A. also says you can not bring in signs, banners, or noise makers to the game.

Also, wanted to give high marks to Ottoville's Coach Kleman. He silenced the Ottoville student cheering section during pregame warmups when they were harassing a certain Lady Jays player. He then again told them to stop the chant "double digits" in the 3rd period when DSJ finally got its 10th point. Coach Kleman is a class act and showed the real meaning of sportsmanship. Good Luck to the Big Green for a deep run in the tournaments.

Delphos St. John's fans are not rude — they simply support their high school athletes just like any other community would support their team.

Thank You

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