



POLITICAL CORRECTNESS AGAIN BRINGS IDIOCY TO SPORTS

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Politically correct (PC), although I think it should stand for polluted crap, has, as it seems to do about every 10 years, again come to the forefront of college sports.

This time it is led by the prestigious Marquette University, a Jesuit college.

A fine academic institution, it is also known for its always competitive basketball program.

They won the NCAA title in 1977 under legendary coach Al McGuire, and current Miami Heat phenom and Marquette grad, Dwayne Wade, led them to the final four recently.

What sparked this current “warrior” mentality is that at last year’s graduation, two alumni offered to donate \$1 million each if the school would change their mascot name back to the original “Warriors.” Under political pressure, the school changed it to Golden Eagles in the 90’s.

Currently, the school is embroiled in a major controversy to find a new name. The word gold is mentioned several times. Fine, but the only connection I see with gold is the color of the beers brewed in Milwaukee.

Internet voting is now taking place by alumni, faculty and students, with the new name to be announced July 1. I’ll wait breathlessly for this headline.

To me, the most stupid example to date is when the renowned Stanford Indians were forced to become the Stanford Cardinal back in the 70’s. Blue Jays are still protesting.

Virtually all the problems stem from the numerous teams that have variations of Indian (whoa, pardon me, Native American) mascot/logos concerning their heritage.

According to the NCAA, there are 67 schools in all divisions of athletics that have some NA mascot theme.

Before I get into specifics, and before my ole buddy Rev. Jesse Jackson gets himself on TV to protest, saying he has some Indian blood in him (he does; he’s from the “Nevahworka” tribe, let’s look at some common sense stuff, an oxymoron where these brain-deads are concerned.

Many NA’s will openly state they are proud of their Indian heritage, and wish to keep same in the nation’s mindset. If so, why do so many scream foul when someone dresses up as a chief of the tribe at a football game? Hey, thousands don George Bush masks at protests and you don’t hear Republicans crying.

Many schools, including Florida State, have the permission of the tribe(s) in their area. And, at least 11 of the schools are named after the tribe itself that lived in that area.

North Carolina-Pembroke was formed over 80 years ago solely to educate the Indians from that region (banning whites and others?). Dean Zoe Lokclear, a Lumbee Tribe member, says “the feelings are strong here that we want to keep the (Indian) logo left as it is.”

Other individuals of questionable brain content, like Jody Potts, a resident of Marquette, asks, “Are we sub-human, inferior to whites?” No, NA’s are not, just you, girl.



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The only name I can agree may be demeaning is “Savages,” which three schools have, but likely will change shortly. Other than that, get a life!

Look, America was built on different cultures. The Indians PC name is NA, since they were here when the white man arrived, so they are proud to claim their NA nomenclature. Then why do they do so much screaming when a school runs out someone dressed as their ancestors did 200 years ago? It’s not like we dress them in beads and with a bottle of whiskey in their hands. The costumes are very authentic to how their proud leaders dressed back then.

The NA’s, like the African-Americans, seem to want to bury all discussion of their past history yet at the same time want it to be preserved when it suits them.

You can’t even say “Black” without being called racist. How many black living Americans actually came from Africa?

Virtually all white Americans trace their ancestry back to Europe, but we don’t refer to them as “white Americans” or European Americans.

And you can no longer call a person from Mexico a Mexican American. They are “Latinos,” but I can tell you from living in California, that Mexicans are proud people, as they should be, and do not want to be grouped with all other Latin cultures.

Hey, my mother’s family was from County Kerry Ireland and my great grandfather was from Munich, Germany, thus my name, and I don’t give a damn if you call me a “mick-krout American, or whatever, so what’s the fuss.

When Louisiana tried to hang a painting in the Capital depicting some aspect of the slave era, the outcry was huge, and the painting came down.

All these other minorities should take lessons from the Jewish people. They do everything in their power to keep the horrid memories of the Holocaust front and center in the public mind. Why? Because it reminds people of the horrors that they suffered, and then displays the grand history of how they persevered.

Michael Haney, the director of the National Coalition of Racism in Sports, - now there’s an organization in itself that reeks of PC (polluted crap) - even goes so far as to state that just by seeing these logos and mascots, “it’s enough to cause one in five of our youth to attempt suicide.” Right, and ole Rev Jackson gives a damn about you.

What’s next? PETA, the animal group? Yea, they can get of TV and tell how we demean in cruel and horrid ways, lions, tigers, eagles, et al. One in five cubs born to mama lion will attempt suicide. Then the Great White Hunters will protest because of the shortage of animals for them to kill.

What a world we live in.

We have wars, famine, AIDS, countries massacring their own people, UN Corruption and on and on, and we have a few idiots worried about a historical Indian namesake.

No wonder China and other countries are about to pass us up.