November 11, 2014

Dear Mr. Porter-Principal, Dear Mr. Woodward-HFC,

I was fortunate to accompany Liberty Union to the playoff game at Wheelersburg. I scouted for Liberty Union this year as I retired at the beginning of this school year. I would like to congratulate the Pirates on the victory that I saw Friday, last.

I was able to watch the game from the top of the press box. It is a great place for a former head football coach to watch a game. I had a field pass and was able to see the warm up during pre-game.

I must compliment you on all phases of my experience. The site was well kept and game ready. The locker rooms, the parking, and the game field were top notch. In addition, as I commented to some of the assistant coaches, the Pirates are a very well coached football team and the players played with pride and class. They were very aggressive, but did not let emotions take them out of their game. The band was well prepared and performed in a manner that all could be proud. The cheerleaders were active and into the game. The fans were great and supported the team with passion and vigor. You have much to be proud of.

In addition, I saw a number of things I appreciated as a football coach. The use of the unbalanced line, the power formations and plays, the robust formation, and the spread look was something that I personally appreciated. If I may say, it was like part of my playbook.

Even though I came as a guest of the Liberty Union squad, I felt it important to let all of you know that I feel this is exactly what high school football and interscholastic sports is supposed to exemplify. As a teacher, a head football and baseball coach, high school and elementary principal and district administrator, I know I comment as someone who has lived this perspective. In fact, I plan to return as an educator and coach in the next school year.

Please feel free to share this with any and all concerned; and Go Pirates!

Sincerely,

Michael Yonnotti