

Dear Editor:

I am writing concerning an incident that occurred at the recent football game against Chase County. If you were in the stands or were aware at all you know what I am talking about. If you missed it, here's what happened:

A certain fan in particular (who will go unnamed) and probably other fans, too, had been heckling Coach Kay most of the game about the way the defense was lined up and was playing. Coach Kay, fed up with it, yelled at this fan from the sideline that he didn't know what he was talking about, and to shut up, which I, for one, agree with.

The fan then yelled back, telling Coach Kay to go back to Ogallala. While I believe that this was a bad case of sportsmanship on both ends, I tend to side with Coach Kay.

I don't think any of us really know how stressful it must be to coach three phases of a football game (against our biggest rival). This, along with having fans trying to tell you how to do your job, would be very frustrating. While I think that Coach Kay could have handled it in a better way, he did what I, too, wanted to do the whole game—yell at the fan to shut up.

For the whole game, the defense only gave up 12 points, which was one of the better efforts they had the whole season, so they must have been doing something right, right? They also forced several turnovers, which set up the offense for chances to score. So, obviously the defense wasn't playing too bad.

While I am not writing this letter to attack this fan or any other fans that were constantly in coach Kay's ear on Friday night, I would like to tell them to put up or shut up.

I, for a fact, know that this particular fan, or any of the other ones have never coached a high school football game. So they have no room to tell Coach Kay how to do something they have never done. They have nowhere near the knowledge of the game that he has. They don't know the very intricate details of the game either. Unless you know what you are talking about, put up (coach a high school football team) or shut up.

The comment this fan made about Coach Kay needing to go back to Ogallala was extremely ignorant and foolish. We here at Perkins County are extremely fortunate and privileged to have Coach Kay as our head football coach and athletic director.

We are very fortunate to have gotten him to come to Perkins County, because I am sure other schools besides our pursued him. We are also fortunate to have a man of such great character to lead the students at Perkins County.

The important thing is that the football team is 5-3, and going to the playoffs, the goal of every high school football team. The loss to Chase County was heartbreaking, but the season is not over. We have just as good a chance as anybody in the playoffs. The team will play very hard as they always do, and hopefully make some noise in the playoffs.

I realize that this letter may not be published in the paper because I am not going to sign it with my particular name. I am not doing this because I am scared or whatever you may think, but I believe I speak on behalf of many people in writing this letter.

So please be supportive fans and realize how blessed we are to have Coach Kay here in Perkins County.

When it is all said and done, I have no doubt he will be one among the greatest coaches to have ever coached here. So for what it is worth, we, the students, support Coach Kay, and wish he and his team the best of luck in the playoffs. God bless.

Sincerely,  
One Perkins County High School student  
on behalf of many students and fans