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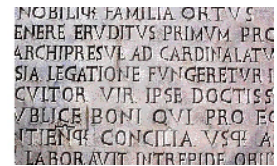
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# BRONCOS REFUSE TO WIN ANOTHER GAME UNTIL ACADEMY REACHES 2,500 TICKET SALES



## Press Conference

In an impromptu press conference yesterday, Denver Broncos coach, Vance Joseph, released startling information explaining why the NFL team has shown a recent losing streak. “It’s simple really. It’s Siemian. He’s stuck on this campaign to help an obscure little school. He thinks he’s doing something noble by going on strike until they meet their fundraising goal.”

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Vance Joseph is referring to a recent fundraising initiative by a small Catholic school on the western slope of Colorado, Pope John Paul II Academy, which has been selling raffle tickets to win four seats to the Broncos-Bengals game on November 19. The school has been struggling to meet its goal to sell 2,500 tickets by November 9. Sales began this past summer, and while the school has accomplished about 50% of its goal, the drawing date is quickly approaching.

The coach, visibly distressed added, “It’s ridiculous. I got so mad when I heard Siemian’s reasoning, that I’ve decided to pull him back to our second string.” This decision was startling although not entirely unexpected with Siemian’s recent decline in performance.

## Siemian Interview

Press officials quickly followed up with young quarterback, Trevor Siemian, to confirm Coach

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Joseph’s allegations. Siemian was quick to support the story. “It started last month when I was surfing the web and found this school doing a

Broncos raffle. While our team has decided not to involve ourselves in the recent anthem protests, I felt like this was a cause that really

touched my heart, something I could really get behind.” The quarterback, appearing emotional, continued, “I didn’t know what I could do to support them, but then it hit me. If I refused to play, this would certainly get the needed press attention. Everyone was getting a bit too used to us winning. I knew I needed to shake things up and get people asking questions. I decided that if Pope John Paul II Academy doesn’t win, neither will we.”

Siemian addressed the skepticism surrounding his dedication to this cause which could be the death of his newfound professional football career. “I think it’s just natural in my position. The celebrity status I’ve received has left me feeling really empty inside and has made me start searching for something deeper. My buddy, Brock Osweiler, is truly dedicated to his Catholic faith, and he’s been an inspiration to me. He said that Catholic education played a big role in his own life, and I thought, what am I doing to make a difference in this world? Really, throwing a football for my own glory isn’t what I’m destined to do.”

Siemian explained that after he heard a radio interview about the raffle campaign he reached out to Principal Patrick Gordon at Pope John Paul II Academy. Principal Gordon was astounded and honored that the NFL quarterback would recognize their fundraiser, but Siemian made clear that his intention to help could not be divulged at that time. Siemian stated “I really liked what Principal Gordon told me this school was doing, and I knew I was making the right decision. Everything about it felt right.”



*Trevor Siemian at yesterday’s press conference confirming his decision to go on strike for a small Catholic academy.*

Principal Gordon had questioned Siemian's intended strategy, but the quarterback remained firm in his resolve. "I knew that people already believed I was an exceptionally talented quarterback. I was sure that the season start in whipping the Cowboys was sufficient evidence for that. Winning more wouldn't help this school. I needed to make a protest move. Protests garner media attention, not more wins. Unfortunately, in today's world, 99% of the press attention is given to the negative, so I knew I needed to monopolize on this for a worthy cause."

Questioned why Siemian didn't simply buy raffle tickets, the quarterback responded. "I didn't want to just throw money their way, especially knowing that my job security is always at risk. In the end, I knew that bringing national attention to this small school was a better solution."

The quarterback made obvious connections to the NFL protests involving many athletes kneeling during the national anthem as a way to draw attention to racial inequality and injustice. While the Denver Broncos had decided to distance themselves from this controversial movement, Siemian followed suit in his own manner.

The quarterback continued to respond to flabbergasted reporters stating, "I'm honestly surprised this is a shock to anyone. I mean, did you see the Chiefs game? My turnovers were so obviously intentional, I don't know how anyone could have missed it."



*The Broncos suffered a definitive loss against the Kansas City Chiefs on Monday.*

Asked whether supporting a religious school was a conflict of interest for an NFL player, Siemian stated firmly, "Oh please. Stop acting so high and mighty. The Broncos have always had obvious religious connections. First, hasn't anyone seen a sunset? Science proves that God is a Broncos fan. Then we had Tebow. Enough said."

In a final statement, Siemian responded to Vance Joseph's decision to remove him as starting quarterback. "Sure, I'm bummed by the decision. I wish Coach Joe would have just bought a few hundred raffle tickets as a simpler solution. Honestly though, I was anticipating this, and I know Osweiler has my back."

The latter comment left reporters puzzled as to what was meant by Osweiler supporting Siemian. The confusion was compounded by Siemian walking off the podium after making a noticeable albeit brief wink. It is feared that this may signify more Broncos will join the quarterback's protest unless the Pope John Paul II Academy reaches its fundraiser goal by November 9.

While reporters made overtures to Osweiler inquiring into his potential support for the protest, his only statement was that he could neither confirm nor deny these allegations. Broncos fans are waiting in anxious anticipation for the Eagles-Broncos game this Sunday. For those wishing to end the protests, raffle tickets can be purchased online from the Pope John Paul II Academy [here](#).

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