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Players' Hands Pricked During Post-Game Hand Shake

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GREENFIELD, Ohio -- A southwest Ohio high school football player faces charges after an incident that can be described as extreme bad sportsmanship.

The 16-year-old Washington Senior High School student is accused of puncturing the hands of members of the McClain High School football team with a tack that he had hidden in his glove.



The incident took place as the two teams -- McClain is in Greenfield in Highland County; Washington is in Washington Courthouse in Fayette County -- were shaking hands at the conclusion of the game, which Washington won 26-0.

"It was a small, sharp object," Greenfield Police Chief Tim Hester told the [Times Gazette](#). "We think it was probably a tack, but we haven't recovered it, so we can't say for sure."

Some of the students had puncture wounds and scratches on their hands.

"I think it's stupid and very silly, and I don't have any idea why anyone would have any incentive to do that because we lost anyway," said player Michael Aeh.

Representatives of the Highland County Health Department attended a meeting Monday with members of the McClain team and administered tetanus shots to the affected players. Other testing would be made available to the players that were injured.

No charges had been filed. The case has been handed over to the Highland County Prosecutor for review.

"There is an awful lot of information and it's probably going to take her a couple days at least to get through it," Hester told the Times-Gazette.

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