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Corning Hawks Varsity Football Opener Location Changed to Owego by Section IV

CORNING, NY – The highly anticipated opening game for the Corning Hawks Varsity Football season, originally slated for Friday, September 3rd at 7:00 p.m. as a home game, has now been changed to an away location, at Owego. Despite originally being scheduled by Section IV as Corning's home opener, Section officials informed the C-PP District Tuesday, August 31st, that a complaint was filed by the Owego School District stating their desire to have the game location changed to Owego and that a decision was made to change the game to Owego.

Per Section IV protocol, the Corning District immediately requested an appeal to the decision. An appeal meeting, held this afternoon at Ithaca High School, was attended by C-PP Superintendent Michael Ginalski and Athletic Director Tim Decker.

The Section IV Appeals Committee voted to have the game at the same date and time, but in Owego. The game will now be played at 7:00 p.m. Friday, September 3rd, at Owego Free Academy. The decision was announced by Ben Nelson, Section IV Executive Director, at the conclusion of the meeting.

Superintendent Michael Ginalski said, "We are obviously disappointed as we realize the excitement that was building this week in the community in anticipation of Friday's game being at home. Tim Decker and I did everything possible to present Corning's case, including the obvious inequity in our schedule of home versus away games. With this decision, our first home game will now be Friday, September 24th, against Binghamton." Superintendent Ginalski said, "Despite the change, I know the Corning Hawks coaches and players are looking forward to this Friday's game and whether it was going to be at home or away, the Hawks will usher in this new era in Corning sports with pride."

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