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Catholic Mascotology Day 2

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Competition for day two of Catholic Mascotology is underway, and in addition to some surprising upsets, there is also controversy.

In the upset category, Georgetown's Bulldog fell to the St. Louis Billiken and the Seton Hall Pirate fell to the Holy Cross Crusader.

In an apparent oversight in vetting their Catholic teams, BustedHalo.com has let a non-Catholic college slip in. Marist, which was founded 1929 by the Marist Brothers, transferred its Catholic affiliation in 1969 to become an ecumenical institution.

Marist is not alone in its former Catholic affiliation: A number of schools that were once Catholic have changed their association over time to lay boards or private ownership. Marist is, however, the only one to slip through the vetting process and contend for the top Catholic mascot.

The Red Fox remains a viable contender in the competition after eliminating Sacred Heart in Monday's round. With this scandal now exposed, whether the Red Fox will remain a favorite among voters remains to be seen.

For those of us whose schools were not represented in the original round of 32, maybe this is an opportunity to let our voices be heard and demand a new competition.

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