

Along the Sports Horizon

By BILL LANG



Lo and behold, the unexpected is happening! Sport experts, notorious for their erroneous forecasts, seem to have hit it right at last.

Before the curtain was raised on the 1934 pennant chase in the Catholic League, the boys who pick autumn's winners in the spring gathered together in solemn colloquy and announced that the eastern division was bound to be between St. Boniface and St. Andrew's with Holy Rosary and Holy Family battling it out for the title in the western branch.

And that's just about what's happening at the present stage of a rather prosaic flag race which is bound to become hectic almost any minute.

Glancing at the league standings, we find the Bonifaces and St. Andrew's tied for the top in the eastern section with three wins apiece while Holy Family and Holy Rosary have similar records in the other division.

Don't think for a moment that these teams have had any easy sailing to the top of the rung. It's true that the champions from Holy Rosary haven't been pushed to any great extent but then consider that they still must face St. Peter and Paula and Holy Family—their two strongest rivals, before completing the first round.

Holy Family slugged out two impressive victories, and then came the battle with St. Peter and Paula's Sunday morning. The Dutch owners barely succeeding in edging out a two-run decision in their own backyard

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and they'll all admit it was quite a struggle to say the least.

St. Andrew's gave their followers plenty of heart quills in those first two games in which they pressed out one run decisions but the almost perpetual leaders east of the Genesee provided a "breather" Sunday when they stampeded over the lads from St. Teresa's, 17-1. The game marked Barney Agness' return to the well-known form and the old master served notice on the opposition that he's settled down for the summer's work. All of which may or may not be good news to the opposition. Probably not.

And then there's the case of St. Boniface. Manager Leo Sweet went star hunting in the baseball heavens before the season started and gathered an outfit which looked mighty powerful on paper. This outfit still is mighty powerful in those snappy new uniforms but the fact remains that all three victories were scored only after overcoming the hardest kind of opposition. Last Sunday, the St. Ambrose boys held the Bonifaces on even terms until Al Johnson, that up and coming alumna from Holy Apostles waved his magic willow and weaved a homerun with the bases well populated in the eighth stanza.

The case of Al Johnson brings to mind that of his outfield twin, Lou Race.

Both of these youngsters, two of the most promising players who ever broke into Catholic League company, started out with Holy Apostles last year under the guidance of Milt Fass, who at present is burdened with the financial and statistical data of the entire league.

Lou is playing with St. Peter and Paula's this year and started the season by producing a game winning double with two-out in the last of the ninth against Immaculate Conception. He continued his hitting against Cathedral and Sunday his big bat nearly shattered the pennant picture Holy Family is trying to paint.

They tell us that scholastic basketball is dying in the east. That may be the cause but the game is very much alive and kicking in the west.

For instance at Notre Dame University during the past season, the team played before a total audience of 103,800 to set a new all-time attendance record. Of the total, 53,000 saw the games played at home and 50,000 attended the games on the road.

Of course, the fact that Notre Dame won twenty games in twenty-four starts may have had a little to do with that record.

The colorful "Rabbit" Maranville, who plays baseball in the summer and speaks at smokers and socials in the winter, is irked, to use a mild expression, by an anonymous note he received at his home the other day where he is convalescing with a fractured leg suffered in spring training.

In more or less certain terms, the writer of the letter "suggests" that the "Rabbit" hang up his spikes once and for all. He even intimated that the "Rabbit" was through and didn't know it.

This incident certainly shouldn't

disturb Maranville's mental equilibrium unduly. Hasn't he been counted out before? And isn't he still up with the top notchers? Indeed, when the "Rabbit" discards those crutches, he'll again be a walking refutation of that time-honored axiom in sport:

"They never come back."

At least, that's our ardent hope.

The ability of Rochester's Catholic bowlers to present an united front in the pinning sport, once again has been demonstrated in the very successful second annual Holy Name tournament run off at the Columbus Civic Center under the auspices of the Catholic Bowling Association.

For nine days some 700 men not only from the city alone but from distant towns of the diocese kept up a steady barrage against the maples. It was a grand demonstration of what can and should be accomplished in Catholic circles not only as far as bowling is concerned but in every other line of sporting endeavor.

When the first tournament was completed about a year ago, I advocated the formation of a permanent Catholic bowling body to function throughout the entire year.

This spring I appeared before the Executive Committee of the bowling association and explained my ideas along that line at some length. The members of the committee admitted that the proposition was sound but pointed out that they were organized for the sole purpose of conducting the annual tournament.

This tournament now has a record of two very successful sessions and it is my sincere belief that the time has come to encompass other lines of activity in the pinning game.

This central body should be active not only at tournament time but throughout the year, acting as a clearing house for all Catholic bowling circuits and aiming to solidify the present disjointed ranks in the sport. The annual tournament could be extended to embrace singles and doubles. Sweepstakes could be conducted at various intervals throughout the season and matches arranged between the championship teams of the different leagues.

Probably this line of future planning may seem to be tinged with a Utopian touch. Nevertheless such a plan has been worked out in other cities and since concrete performance is the best evidence one can offer, there seems to be no reason why a try-out in this city should not meet with the same success as that which crowned the bowling tournaments.

C. D. A. Again Votes For Scholarship at Nazareth College

Canandaigua.—The Father Dougherty scholarship at Nazareth College Rochester, inaugurated eight years ago in memory of the late pastor of St. Mary's Church who died in 1921, will be continued as a result of a vote taken by Canandaigua Court, Catholic Daughters of America on Monday.

This is a four year scholarship awarded to the Academy Senior Class girl holding the highest average in her studies throughout her course. Miss Dorothy Abraham of 1930 class who now holds the scholarship will be graduated from the college in Rochester, in June.

The Court held its meeting in temporary headquarters in St. Mary's Hall at which plans were made for the annual mother and daughter banquet at Wenna Kenas tea room; a benefit card party in Memorial Hospital Nurses' Home; and a reception to new members on June 17.

CATHOLIC BASEBALL LEAGUE TEAMS STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION				
Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Runs
St. Andrew's	3	0	1.000	13
St. Boniface	3	0	1.000	13
Blessed Sacrament	2	1	.667	11
St. Peter & Paul	1	2	.333	5
St. Ambrose	0	3	.000	0
St. Teresa's	0	3	.000	0

WEST DIVISION				
Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Runs
Holy Rosary	3	0	1.000	13
Holy Family	3	0	1.000	13
St. Peter & Paula	2	1	.667	11
St. Mary's	1	2	.333	5
Immaculate Concep.	0	3	.000	0
Cathedral	0	3	.000	0

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

East Division	West Division
St. Andrew's vs. St. Ambrose at University Field	St. Peter & Paula vs. Holy Rosary at St. Agnes' Playground
St. Boniface vs. O. L. P. H. at Brannan Franklin Field	Cathedral vs. C. Y. M. A. at Shuler's Field
West Division	
St. Peter and Paul vs. Holy Rosary at St. Agnes' Playground	
Cathedral vs. C. Y. M. A. at Shuler's Field	
Holy Family vs. Immaculate Conception at West High Field	



BOYS Their Interests

With Monsignor Schellhorn's official pitch last Friday, the Parochial League got under way. While many managers were experimenting with pitchers, we got a very good impression of the teams. The first games show a looseness of play that will disappear in a week or two. The average stand as follows:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Monica's	1	0	1.000
Blessed Sacrament	1	0	1.000
St. Peter & Paul	0	1	.000
St. Mary's	0	1	.000
St. Boniface	0	1	.000
Corpus Christi	0	1	.000

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Holy Rosary	1	0	1.000
Sacred Heart Cathedral	1	0	1.000
St. Charles	0	1	.000
St. Margarets	0	1	.000
Holy Apostles	0	1	.000

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Stanislaus	1	0	1.000
St. Ambrose	1	0	1.000
St. Francis	1	0	1.000
Holy Redeemer	0	1	.000
St. Andrews	0	1	.000
O. L. P. H.	0	1	.000

In the spotlight—St. Monica's triple play—from Ryan to Graham to Gallagher. The latter noted, the catcher threw to third catching the runner from second; then the throw to second catching the runner from first. This is real mid-season form! Nice work, boys! —Yvetteau of Blessed Sacrament had what comes once in a lifetime—to hit a homerun with the bases loaded.—Sunday of Holy Redeemer is a stick of dynamite in the pitcher's box. He has good control and curves. —Florence of St. Francis hit a terrific homerun almost the length of the Aljo Park. —With Bassett in the box, St. Ambrose is a real threat in the American League. He has speed and weight. —Bob Kehoe is managing the St. Ambrose team. —Pellegrini of Corpus Christi is hitting the ball as hard as ever. —Paganone of St. Boniface, though no higher than the bat he swings, hit a triple and a double. Atta boy, Goose! —St. Stanislaus is playing in mid-season form. —O'Connell, Blessed Sacrament pitcher is steady and has fine control.

Don't forget the Track Meet Saturday morning, May 12, at the old University Field. Come and watch the fun. We are going to clock the sprinters and keep a record of their time for future runners to break. The meet begins at 10 o'clock sharp. The pennant and medals will be given away on the field.

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Nocturnal Adoration Society Members Praised For Faithfulness In Devotions At Annual Communion and Breakfast

Fidelity of members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society of Rochester was lauded by speakers at the annual Communion Breakfast held in Columbus Civic Center dining room last Sunday. President James P. B. Duffy, K. S. G., K. M., who presided, characterized their custom of sacrificing one hour each month in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, as Catholic Action of the highest type.

More than 600 members received Holy Communion in a body at St. Patrick's Cathedral at the 7:30 o'clock Mass, celebrated by the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, who spoke to the men at the close of the Mass.

Communion Breakfast followed with over 400 in attendance. Speakers included: Archbishop Mooney, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay, pastor of the Cathedral and spiritual advisor of the Society; the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, spiritual director, Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Men and B. Edward Shlesinger, president, Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union, principal lay speaker.

Secretary Wynn Commended High tribute was paid to Secretary William G. Wynn, whose efforts, resulting in much of the progress of the Society, were recognized by various speakers.

Secretary Wynn, in reading his report, recalled the founding of the Society in Rochester in 1929 with 179 charter members. The Society has added 871 members to the roll, has spent 66 nights in adoration with 444 hours and 23,777 individual hours. Societies have also been established. Mr. Wynn reported, in other dioceses of the diocese, and now exist in Elmira, Auburn, Seneca Falls, Corning, Geneva and Ithaca and recently through the efforts of Charles A. Tucker of the Rochester Branch, a society was formed in Batavia in the Buffalo diocese.

Archbishop Mooney assured the gathering of his desire to forward the Nocturnal Adoration Society. Fidelity in the organization is of extreme importance, Archbishop Mooney said and he urged a careful keeping of the records of the Society, so that the chronicles of the Society may be an inspiration for future generations. The Archbishop declared that he was greatly impressed with the men's recitation of the office of the Blessed Sacrament and urged that they study its historical significance and the circumstances under which it was written in order to have a better understanding of the prayers recited.

Monsignor Shay, in addressing the men, stated that the greatest teaching force in promoting Catholicism is the good lives of faithful Catholic men. "With the changing conditions as found in the world today, may I appeal that in your thoughts, words and deeds you try to measure up to the One before whom you adore. If you do this, success in your religious, civic and family life will be yours." Monsignor Shay also impressed upon the men the importance of not allowing their devotion to the society to interfere with parish duties.

Father Mooney commended the men for their courage in entering into the practice of public prayer and urged perseverance in the laudable undertaking.

The history of the Nocturnal Adoration was briefly outlined by Mr. Shlesinger, who stated that the so-

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