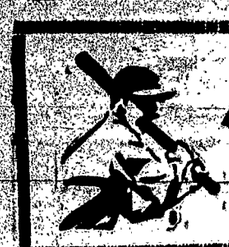

Along the Sports Horizon

By BILL LANG

It took a pair of Jacks to top the deck in Rochester's first major golfing event of the budding season.

And, if you must know, both Jacks—Tucker and McGrath—are numbered among that illustrious fraternity, known for business purposes, as the Alumni Association of Aquinas Institute.

Tucker copped the medal play tournament of the R.D.G.A. during the past week with a round of 78 and another of 71 for 149 while McGrath took low net 159—12 for a 147. McGrath's 159 gross was second only to Tucker's.

Jack Tucker needs no introduction to the faithful subjects of golfdom. This young Lochinvar of the links came out of the west less than a decade ago and, in a few short years, he has achieved the championship goal to which so many aspire during an entire lifetime but so few actually reach.

Right now Jack's sporting the district title and he also holds forth on the hills and dales of Locust Hill as the club champion with hardly a pretender to the throne in sight.

The case of Jack McGrath doesn't quite parallel the Tucker saga. Far be it from me to cast the stigma of suspicion on Mr. McGrath's activities at Aquinas Institute but one thing is certain. He never played golf, either officially or unofficially. In the first place the school had no links team during Jack's tenure of office. In the second place, Jack's been wedded to the golf courses for only about three years but in that time he's advanced with amazing rapidity until today he ranks as one of the town's best bets.

McGrath is a walking example of persistency and application. In the past few years he has utilized every spare moment improving his game and his original set of woods and irons, representing the bare necessities of life on the links has now blossomed forth into quite a sizeable outfit.

Tucker didn't just happen as a golfer either.

He came here from the Ohio wilds and enjoys the distinction of being the captain of the first golf team Aquinas ever had back in 1928. For some years golf had been looked upon with question by the majority of the Aquinas students to whom baseball and football was an entirely satisfying sports menu.

But under the sponsorship of the Rev. Edward K. Ball, now principal of Dolhales High in Geneva, a team was organized with Tucker at the helm. And the boys enjoyed a splendid season on the links, stroking down most of the opposition that came their way.

Like most of the scholastic sports, golf has languished during the past few years. Right now Aquinas is represented neither on the links nor the baseball diamond.

Let's hope for a revival of both sports in the not-too-distant future so that, before long, the old school will be turning out a few more Tuckers and McGraths.

Only a fortnight of victories separates St. Boniface and Holy Rosary from first half divisional championships in the Catholic Baseball League.

Each team has but two barriers to hurdle. St. Boniface must turn back Blessed Sacrament and St. Ambrose in the eastern division while Holy Rosary faces the task of eliminating Immaculate Conception and Cathedral.

To date the two leaders are at the top of their respective divisions by virtue of six straight victories. St. Boniface has breezed through in rather easy style, the closest call coming a week ago in the two-run decision over St. Andrew's.

Holy Rosary has had easy sailing in five of the six games. Only SS. Peter's and Paul's gave the champs any trouble, dropping an 8-7 decision after leading for more than half the game.

That Holy Rosary-Immaculate Conception tilt should be interesting. The interest lies in the fact that the Immaculate boys are going into that game at Edgerton Playground riding the crest of two impressive victories in which they scored a total of FORTY runs. A week ago they counted 22 times against Cathedral and Sunday rolled up 18 runs against SS. Peter's and Paul's. After floundering around in the league basement for nearly a month, the boys at last appear to have found themselves.

St. Boniface faces a similar problem in the case of St. Ambrose. Joe Draxl's lads lost four in a row and then sprung a ninth inning rally to nose out O.L.P.H. a week ago. Sunday they unleashed some hieherto unusual batting powe rto snow under a battling Blessed Sacrament combination at Cobb's Hill to the tune of 14-4.

Yes, no matter how you look at it, these David and Goliath battles always find a response from the sporting populace.

When the curtain rises on the league's second half in mid-June, you're bound to see some radical changes in the lineups of the competing teams.

Eight weeks of gruelling competition in the first half generally enable the managers to find out where their baseball machines need replacements.

Holy Family, for instance, is banking on Johnny Barnes and Joe Mason to flash the pitching performances of which they're capable. Barnes turned in one of his best efforts of the season Sunday when he won a 7-4 decision over Cathedral Sunday.

While on the pitching subject, it should be recorded here that Barney Agness isn't doing half bad at St. Andrew's. True he dropped the St. Boniface fray but no pitcher can win when his defense collapses and that's what happened to the Portland Avenue lads. Sunday Barney got away to a bad start against O. L. P. H. and was scored on four times in the first inning. But then he tightened up and allowed but one run the remainder of the route while his team mates piled up eight.

The first break in the all-star St. Boniface lineup came this week when Catcher Jimmy Terry, the Catholic League's most valuable player in 1933, suffered a broken finger. Jimmy will be out of the game for several weeks, and, take it from Manager Leo Sweet, he'll be missed.

As a result of Terry's injury, the Bonifaces are now showing Clayt Gallagher at his old spot behind the plate with Dick Palmer back at first. Palmer had been playing second with Gallagher at first at the start of the season.

The tennis team from Genesee Wesleyan turned back the Aquinas net aggregation at Lima Saturday afternoon to the tune of 5-0. The Aquinas boys lost in straight sets with the exception of Whelehan who forced Klittord of Genesee Wesleyan to three sets by taking the second, 6-3.

CATHOLIC BASEBALL LEAGUE TEAMS

STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Boniface	6	0	1.000
St. Andrew's	5	1	.833
Blessed Sacrament	3	3	.500
St. Ambrose	2	4	.333
St. Teresa's	1	5	.167
O. L. P. H.	1	5	.167

WEST DIVISION

	W.	L.	Pct.
Holy Rosary	6	0	1.000
Holy Family	5	1	.833
Immaculate Concep.	2	4	.333
C. Y. M. A.	2	4	.333
St. Peter & Paul	2	4	.333
Cathedral	1	5	.167

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 3

East Division

Blessed Sacrament vs. St. Boniface at Athletic Field.

St. Andrew's vs. St. Ambrose at University Field.

St. Teresa's vs. O. L. P. H. at Benjamin Franklin Field

West Division

Immaculate Conception vs. Holy Rosary at Edgerton Playground.

C. Y. M. A. vs. Holy Family at Shuler's Field.

Cathedral vs. Ss. Peter & Paul at West High Field.

Catholic Evidence

(Editor's Note: Under this heading from time to time will appear short articles presenting Catholic Evidence as prepared by the Catholic Information Society of Narberth, Pa. The articles are addressed to those outside the fold and will be of use in discussing the Church with non-Catholic friends or they may be cut out and sent to friends interested in the Catholic Church).

"If I were a Catholic," a lady asked a priest, "Would I have to say the Rosary?" "No," was the reply, "but you would say it because you would want to."

If you were a Catholic dear Neighbor, you would not have to go to Mass on First Fridays or numerous feast days—you would not have to confess your sins, nor go to Holy Communion more than once a year—you would not have to pray to the saints nor for the souls in Purgatory—you would not have to light candles or kneel before statues and pictures.

But if you were a sincere, practical Catholic, you would do all these and many other uncommanded things, because you would understand them—you would approve of them — you would want to do them.

Judge not Catholics by what they do, unless you thoroughly understand what is back of it all. Judge not the Church by so-called Catholics who fail to follow their Faith. Judge not anything by information supplied by the enemies of that thing. As the Bible says: "Judge not, lest ye be judged."

CAN WE HELP IN ANY WAY?

If there is anything about Catholics—their religion, their practices which seems to you evil, superstitious, un-American, or just plain ridiculous, won't you, in all fairness, let us help to straighten you out. Write us frankly what is on your mind and you will find that in our reply we will put our cards face-up on the table.

Catholic Information Society of Narberth, Pa.

Victor C. De Prez Will Open Own Travel Agency

On June 1 the Central Trust Company will discontinue its Travel Department. This is in keeping with the trend of banks to confine their activities to straight banking. Victor C. De Prez, who has been manager of the Travel Dept., will continue the business of the Central Trust Company in his own travel bureau under the name of The Central Travel Bureau, located in the entrance of the Powers Bldg., 10 State St., Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. De Prez, who is a member of the St. John the Evangelist parish is well-known to thousands of Rochester travelers. For eight years he was the manager of the former Gilbert Steamship Agency prior to his connection with the Central Trust Company. In 1932 he organized the pilgrimage to the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin and in 1933, in cooperation with the Rev. Leo C. Mooney organized the first annual pilgrimage to Lourdes and Rome under the direction of the Catholic Travel League. This year he again is organizing the second annual pilgrimage in cooperation with Father Gerald C. Lambert. Mr. DePrez has always enjoyed the patronage of the clergy and laity of the diocese.

He: I've just come from a dog show.

She: Did you win a prize?

Life is a warfare, no matter how we regard it.—Scott.

BOYS Their Interests

School League Standings

Standings as of Tuesday, May 29, were as follows:

INTERNATIONAL	W	L	Pct.
Sacred Heart	4	0	1.000 (x)
St. Charles	3	0	1.000 (y)
Holy Apostles	2	2	.500 (z)
Holy Rosary	2	2	.500 (z)
St. Margaret's	1	2	.333 (z)
St Augustine's	0	3	.000
Cathedral	0	3	.000
NATIONAL			
St. Monica's	3	0	1.000
Corpus Christi	3	1	.750
St. John's	2	1	.666
St. Boniface	1	2	.333
St. Mary's	1	2	.333
Blessed Sacrament	1	3	.250
SS. Peter and Paul	1	3	.250
AMERICAN			
St. Stanislaus	4	0	1.000
St. Francis	2	1	.666
St. Ambrose	2	1	.666
O. L. P. H.	2	2	.500
St. Andrew's	1	3	.250
Holy Redeemer	0	4	.000

(x) Two wins are under protest.
(y) One win is under protest.
(z) One loss is under protest.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: St. Stanislaus is still in the lead with a perfect average after beating St. Ambrose last Friday. If the Polish boys beat St. Andrew's they have their Divisional Championship.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: St. Monica's is still in the lead, with St. John's and Corpus Christi trailing closely and hoping that someone beats them. But St. Monica's has only three more teams to play, St. Boniface, St. Peter's and St. Mary's Only the latter team seems to have a chance ot beat them.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE: St. Charles and Sacred Heart have unblemished records. But—St. Charles and Sacred Heart meet this week and one is bound to lose!

Teams: St. Charles has a finely balanced team. They play the game together. In hitting and running the bases they are very smooth and efficient. Most of the credit goes to Father Sheridan, their coach, who once played in the Big Leagues.

St. Stanislaus' victory was due to their good fielding. St. Ambrose hit the ball hard but there was always someone there to catch the ball. Adamski was strong in throwing out runners trying to steal the bases. Don't steal on this catcher unless you are awfully fast! Basset, and Rickard of St. Ambrose played well for their side. Basset pitches too strong for his catcher. Rickard is dangerous with the stick.

St. Peter's: Philipps on second base is a fine fielder and strong with the club. He never gets excited or loses his head.

Sacred Heart: The big noise in their victory over Cathedral was Coughlin. He pitched very well and knocked out a homer and a triple just to show that he is also a third baseman.

St. John's: The pitcher was the master of the game with Blessed Sacrament. So good that the coach put in many of the reserves during a third of the game. The team shows evidence of being well coached. (Nice work, Father Maloney!)

The International League is the most difficult to forecast. Sacred Heart must play their game over again with Holy Rosary, and it looks as though they must also play St. Margaret's again. Both of these protests were the results of faulty decisions by the same umpire. (He has been dropped.) Then, this Friday Sacred Heart and St. Charles will meet at St. Charles to decide this tie. So anything might happen!

SCOUTS: Crusaders of St. Boniface took the Highland Division Scout Rally the other night. They captured eight of the nine events. They have two legs on the Trophy now. One more is needed to make it theirs. Catholic Scouting is coming to the fore!

CAMP STELLA MARIS: John Merklinger, ("Merk") has again obtained his Examiners Degree in the Red Cross Life Saving Corps with a very high standing. He will be in charge of the Beach and Water Front. He has invented several new water sports and games which are a load of fun—"Nan" Vogt will again teach diving, including fancy stunts. (This includes known and unknown varieties!)—Dick Burns will teach the beginners. ('Belly-whackers' a specialty!) "Chuck" Dodge of Aquinas, a Camp-trained product, will assist Merklinger in the Junior Red Cross work. "Tony" Adams, of St. Andrew's Seminary is in charge of the 'crib.'

Annual Field Mass Celebrated May 30 At Elmira Cemetery

Elmira.—Annual Memorial Field Mass of Elmira Catholic churches was celebrated here at 10:30 a. m., May 30, in SS. Peter and Paul's Cemetery. Altar for the Mass was erected at the Crucifixion Circle in the cemetery.

Officers of the Mass were: Celebrant, the Rev. William J. Brien; deacon, the Rev. Irvin C. Sullivan; subdeacon, the Rev. Daniel A. McCarthy; master of ceremonies, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Lee, V.F. Choir drawn from various Catholic choirs of the city was directed by Mrs. Irene Cherry Lutz.

Immediately prior to the Mass, the Holy Rosary was recited; special prayers for the dead, followed by the blessing of the graves closed the ceremonies. Columbian Squires and Boy Scouts were in charge of traffic in the cemetery before and after the services.

Grand Knights Meet; Confer First Degree

Auburn.—District Deputy John J. Leo presided at a meeting of all the grand knights of various Knights of Columbus councils in his district held Thursday evening at the K. of C. Home in Genesee Street. High Knights of Columbus officials from Auburn, Seneca Falls, Waterloo, Geneva, Canandaigua and Penn Yan attended the session.

Following the meeting, the grand knights were welcomed by Grand Knight Raymond J. Wall of the local council at the installation of a large class of first degree candidates. The degree was conferred by the Auburn degree team.

Parents Urged To Have Children Learn To Swim

Wilbur E. Quinn, Physical Director of the Columbus Civic Center, issues a warning, this week, to mothers and fathers urging them to make sure their children know how to swim.

Mr. Quinn points out that summer is on the way and with summer comes camping and outdoor sports, including swimming. He declares that swimming is a means not only of keeping one's self fit for service, but frequently of being able to save lives.

Swimming instructions are available at the Columbus Civic Center not only for those who cannot swim but for those who want to perfect their swimming.

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CHINESE PRIEST ROBBED

Tatungfu, China—(N. C. W. C.—Fides)—Father Mary Ly was robbed of his Mass kit and other objects of value when brigands attacked him while en route to a Christian village in the Vicariate of Tsining, North China, where he was to preach a mission. Father Ly, a Chinese priest, is Director of a Catholic College in Tsining.

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