

# Along the Sports Horizon

By BILL LANG

We're knee deep in June and that ancient and honorable game of college football is probably quite remote from the minds of a great number of our readers.

But the pigskin sport isn't measured by seasons and that's why group conversation the other evening turned to the probability of staging another college game for the Nazareth College building fund.

Too early for such speculation? Not on your life. Without exception, all of the major colleges and most of the minor ones have completed this fall's schedule and some have booked games as far in advance as three and four years. That's why Nazareth College officials should act NOW to insure a real attraction for the building fund if such a game is contemplated.

It is not unreasonable to expect help from members of the various college alumni among our Catholic laymen. Some of these men have valuable contacts with the men supervising the athletic departments of their alma maters and they probably would be more than willing to lend a hand in so worthy a cause.

Nazareth College staged the Bonaventure-Notre Dame B game last fall at Red Wing Stadium and realized a fairly handsome sum.

Unfortunately the B team from South Bend performed several grades lower than its alphabetic station and the Bonaventure outfit had a rather easy time disposing of the green-shirted warriors.

If there is another game this fall, care should be taken to eliminate the use of college secondary teams. Rochester has been suffering from a college football famine only too long and the city certainly would support an attraction showing first class teams from some of the major colleges throughout the country.

The tendency of Rochesterians to sport critics were unanimous in deploring the lack of interest in sports of all sorts is not dormant here. It's simply stifled under a barrage of mediocre and sub-par offerings.

The spotlight, swinging around the star-studded lineup of the undefeated Holy Rosary team invariably comes to rest on one Joseph Witsigman, who has hurled the champs to six of their seven victories.

With the exception of last Sunday, Joe was credited with winning the rest of the games for the leaders.

In piling up that record, Joe has hurled 99 2-3 innings, striking out 67 batsmen and walking 31. Only ten hits and nine runs were scored off his deliveries in that time. Joe is credited with two wins over C. Y. and his biggest single strikeout record—21 in 9 innings—also was huzup at the expense of C. Y. in the season's opener.

As far as the hitting economy goes, Witsigman practiced it best against Holy Family allowing but one safety in nine innings. He was wildcat against C. Y., passing eleven batsmen in the first meeting between the teams.

The Knights of Columbus have turned knights of the links for a day, scheduling a tournament for this afternoon at Genesee Valley Park. Leo Fleming handled the arrangements for the occasion.

Receipt of some letters, telephone calls and verbal messages within the past week proves that this pillar's readers are divided into two classes. One class wants the major portion of the column devoted to the Catholic Baseball League since it represents the biggest and only sports movement in Catholic circles during the summer months. Others want a general review and comment on sports of all sorts without concentrating on any in particular. Which stand do you prefer? I'll certainly be guided by your decision.

It often takes a split second to decide a horse race or basketball game. But now we have a split finger—two of them, to be exact—which may change the course of the Catholic Baseball League's first half pennant chase in the Eastern division.

The split fingers are the unfortunate positions of Jimmy Terry and Clay Gallagher, two first string catchers for St. Boniface. Jimmy suffered his injury about a week ago and Gallagher followed several days later. All of which leaves Manager Leo Sweet without a catcher at one of the most critical stages of the pennant chase.

The Bonnies lost their first game of the season Sunday by a 9-8 score with their arch rivals from Blessed Sacrament turning the trick after six straight victories. Sweet was forced to use Fox behind the bat and that gentleman's error in the eighth inning accompanied by a pass and single accounted for the runs which sent the St. Boniface boys to their initial defeat.

Now Fox doesn't pretend to be a first-rate backstop. He's an outfielder and was drafted into the backstop position when Terry and Gallagher were forced from the game.

Meanwhile St. Andrew's buried the St. Ambrose team under a twenty-three hit attack to notch an 18-9 verdict and tie St. Boniface for the Eastern division lead. Next Sunday is the final of the first half and victories

for both teams will necessitate a single game playoff.

Like Alfred Lord Tennyson's much-publicized brook, the Holy Rosary boys seem to go on winning forever with the result that now only one game separates them from the first half title in the Western division.

But it remained for that fighting Immaculate Conception team of determined youngsters to throw a real scare into the champs at Edgerton Playground Sunday morning. Before a large crowd, the Immaculate lads actually outbatted and outfielded the Holy Rosary outfit but dropped a 5-2 verdict because they couldn't bunch their blows against Sammy Reisman.

Young Waldeck, who roves in center field for Immaculate is one of the best looking members of this year's outfield crop. Sammy's speed shots meant nothing to him as he rapped out a triple and single. Holy Rosary left Joe Farrell carry the batting burden.

## Catholic Baseball League Teams

### STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION		
Team	W.	L.
St. Andrew's	5	1
St. Boniface	4	2
Blessed Sacrament	3	3
St. John's	2	4
St. Ambrose	2	4
O. L. P. M.	1	5

WEST DIVISION		
Team	W.	L.
Holy Rosary	7	0
Holy Family	6	1
Immaculate Conception	5	2
Cathedral	4	3
O. Y. M. A.	3	4
St. Joseph	2	5
St. Michael's	1	6

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 10

**EAST DIVISION**  
St. Theresa's vs. St. Andrew's at Bon-Jamin Franklin Field.  
St. Boniface vs. St. Ambrose at University Field.  
O. L. P. M. vs. Blessed Sacrament at Cob's Hill.

**WEST DIVISION**  
Cathedral vs. Holy Rosary at Edgerton Playgrounds.  
Holy Family vs. St. Peter & Paul at West High Field.  
Immaculate Conception vs. C. Y. M. A. at Arsenault Field (Maple Street).

## BOYS Their Interests

### School League Standings

Standings in the Parochial League as of Monday, June 4

NATIONAL		
Team	W.	L.
Sacred Heart	4	0
St. Charles	3	1
Holy Rosary	2	1
Holy Apostles	2	2
St. Margaret's	2	2
St. Augustine	1	3
Cathedral	0	4

AMERICAN		
Team	W.	L.
St. Stanislaus	4	0
St. Francis	3	1
St. Ambrose	2	2
St. John's	2	2
St. Peter & Paul	2	2
St. Mary's	1	3
Blessed Sacrament	1	3
St. Boniface	0	4

League directors announce that all protested and postponed games must be played on or before Sunday, June 17. All teams please note.

NOTES: St. Andrew's will make a desperate attempt to defeat St. Stanislaus Friday. If they do not, St. Stanislaus will be champs of the American League. — St. Monica's have St. Peter's and St. Mary's to play. Both teams have improved considerably during the last two weeks and the leaders had better play careful ball. — Sacred Heart has two protested games to play over. They are not afraid, however, for since Coughlin has been pitching regularly, their team is much improved. — But, in the International League, both Holy Apostles and St. Margaret's have a chance to win if the leaders, Sacred Heart, stumble.

WHO WILL WIN? To make a guess we would say the team with the best pitcher. That looks like Sacred Heart. But St. Stanislaus have the best fielding team. And then again St. Monica's have the best hitters. So there you are!

TEAMS: St. Monica's: The best looking ball player on the team, and perhaps in the National League, is Graham on third base. He fields well, hits well, and never loses his head.

HOLY APOSTLES: Bunce in center field covers a lot of territory and plays a steady, consistent game. Simmons on first and Paris in left, can both hit hard and often. Jiffee ranks with Coughlin of Sacred Heart for ability to field those hot ones down the third base line.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S: Shieler, catcher, and Norris at second, are the balance wheels of the team. The team with a little coaching would threaten the leaders.

HOLY ROSARY: The team is well balanced. Masterson in center plays a fine game, always steady and reliable. Benson and Forbes are the hitters, frequently hitting for extra bases.

Columbian Squires are breaking into the Mury League. The company is a little fast for them, but if they want to learn baseball, they will have to play good teams. They made their debut Sunday and were so nervous that they fell all over themselves on easy plays. Flashes, however, of ability gave good promise for the future.

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Kane and Berardi, the battery, functioned smoothly. Wegman played a good game in the field.

CAMP STELLA MARIS: Registrations are ahead of any previous year. It will certainly be a big year. Many are hanging back to see when their friends are going; or, perhaps waiting to show Dad and Mother that old report card after the exams. Oh, Oh! — The Catholic Courier is offering a week at Camp to their newsboys who bring in ten new subscriptions to this paper. Fifteen have already earned a week. — Two educated swallows have built a nest in the Bug-House. They read the sign and built their nest. That's co-operation! — through several prominent Knights of Columbus, headed by City Court Judge Frederick J. Mix, a great quantity of trees, evergreen and shade, have been donated to the Camp. Many have been planted around the ball field to give shade to hot and weary ball players. To the boys' thanks we add our own appreciation for such a splendid gift! — The ball diamond is the "cats." Smooth and green; new markers for the foul lines; new bases-hot dog! batting averages! regular instructions! a well balanced league! — The new sign has been installed. Very classy! — The water is fine. Already warm enough for a snappy swim. And then this hot weather—register early, boys!

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