

Along the Sports Horizon

By BILL LANG

Shrouded by a ten-week batting eclipse, the Catholic League pitchers finally have emerged from the Valley of Forgotten Men.

While the swarms have held the upper hand, clubbing the offerings of the circuit's finest hurlers to the four corners of the lot.

Batting averages and scoring totals mounted like a 1929 stock market report and pitchers, once regarded as invincible, became mere throwers with the possible exception of young Joe Witzgman, Holy Rosary ace, who proved to be the one bright spot on an ebullient hurling horizon.

It was simply a case of hitters not to be denied their swatting toll and everything fell before the onslaught.

But now everything is different.

For the past few weeks, sudden flashes of pitching brilliance have shot out from here and there. These flashes proved to be warning signals for the batsmen's day of reckoning.

And that day arrived with a bang this Sunday.

One, two and three hit twirling performances were being up by veterans and rookies alike.

A veritable torrent of strikeouts poured out of pitchers' wings swinging to and fro under the friendly rays of a smiling July sun.

The rest of the batting guns finally was muffled by the return of the moundmen to the throne.

It's rather difficult to single out an individual performance for special mention but laurels must be handed out to Johnny Paprocki, who hurled St. Boniface to an 8-0 shutout victory over St. Andrew's.

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Catholic Baseball League Teams STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct.
St. Ambrose	2	0	1.000
St. Boniface	2	0	1.000
St. Theresa	1	1	.500
Blessed Sacrament	1	1	.500
O. L. P. H.	0	2	.000
St. Andrew's	0	2	.000

WEST DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct.
Holy Rosary	3	0	1.000
Holy Family	2	1	.667
Immaculate	2	1	.667
C. V. M. A.	1	2	.333
St. Thomas	0	3	.000

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JULY 15

East Division

Immaculate vs. Holy Rosary at Edgerton Playground.

Cathedral vs. St. Thomas at White City.

Holy Family vs. C. V. M. A. at Arpeggio Field.

West Division

Blessed Sacrament vs. St. Ambrose at University.

St. Theresa vs. St. Boniface at Athletic Field.

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

Young Frankie Masuzza, who gave some pretty definite indications of real ability in his debut with O. L. P. H. last year, did his best hurling in many months when he set back O.L.P.H. with two hits to give St. Ambrose a 7-2 decision at Ben Franklin Field Sunday.

The boys from St. Ambrose say that Frankie deserved a shutout victory, the two O.L.P.H. hits coming to produce as many O.L.P.H. runs after Marky Chafel bobbled a grounder with two away in the fifth frame.

Down at Edgerton Playground Watty Pleuch and Wally Kuhn hooked up in a brilliant hurling duel with the former emerging victorious to enable St. Theresa's to take a 4-3 victory over Blessed Sacrament. Watty not only confined the Blessed Sacrament hits to two innings but helped himself to a homer and double to lead his team's attack.

Incidentally, young Mr. Kuhn seems destined to reach some lofty pitching heights before he's through. He made his bow with a victory over St. Andrew's and, although defeated in the St. Theresa's contest, he should prove a potent factor in keeping Blessed Sacrament in the running right through to the end of the season.

In the run of laudatory comment on that renowned speed ball artist, Sammy Johnson, should not be overlooked, Samz just missed handling C. V. M. A. a shutout as he limited the boys to three hits and sent Holy Rosary home with a 10-1 victory at Arpeggio Field.

That victory was the third straight of the half for the champs and their tenth successive of the year. It also gave Holy Rosary undisputed possession of first place. Also it placed the champions within two games of tying the league winning streak record of twelve in a row established by Holy Family in 1931.

For sheer thrills, the ten innings tilt between Holy Family and Cathedral at Edgerton Park took the proverbial cake.

Going into the sixth inning, the Cathedral boys enjoyed a 6-2 lead behind the steady hurling of Joe Cordaro. Then the Dutchtowners began pecking away getting two runs in the seventh, one in the eighth, and the trying counter in the ninth and the winning run in the tenth.

Dick McKeehan blasted out a pair of homers, one in the fifth and another in the eighth but it remained for the venerable "Spike" Young to stage a two-man hero act by singling with one down in the tenth to win the ball game.

The defeat was the first of this half for Cathedral and the victory put Holy Family back in the running after last week's reversal at the hands of Holy Rosary.

Darry Eggleston, Catholic League umpire emeritus, is back in town for a few weeks after a whirl in the New England League.

The circuit found itself in rather rocky financial shape and inasmuch as Harry was one of the last additions to the staff, naturally he was among the first to go. But he's not down-hearted. His work will be remembered throughout the league and he's confident of landing another berth in short order.

During the past week, athletic authorities at Holy Cross College announced that the school will be back on the basketball may next season.

Last year the Jesuit school confined its basketball activities to inter-mural games and boasted only of a freshman team. But the frosh won such wide acclaim that a decision was reached to renege the sport this fall on a varsity basis.

From a financial standpoint, basketball is a rather risky business in the sports curriculum. It is almost imperative to have a winning team to make good at the box office. A fine example of that is the team from Notre Dame which drew record crowds last winter. Here's hoping that success crowns the latest Holy Cross venture.

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The higher our thoughts and the deeper our feelings, the more susceptible we are of joy and pain.

St. Cecilia Team Wins In Elmira Holy Name League

Elmira—St. Cecilia's won the first round of Holy Name Society Softball League with a record of 6 wins against one defeat. St. Peter & Paul's and St. Patrick's were tied for the runner-up position.

Standings of the clubs:

St. Cecilia's	6	1	.857
St. Peter & Paul's	5	2	.714
St. Patrick's	5	2	.714
St. Casimir's	4	3	.571
St. Mary's	4	3	.571
St. John's	2	4	.333
St. Anthony's	1	5	.167
St. Charles	0	6	.000

The second round of this league opens Friday, July 13, with the following games scheduled: St. Peter & Paul's vs. St. Patrick's at Washington Park; St. Mary's vs. St. Cecilia's at Brand Park; St. Anthony's vs. St. John's at Athletic Field; St. Casimir's vs. St. Charles at St. Casimir's.

BOYS

Their Interests

St. Monica's Team Wins Championship

EXTRA! ST. MONICA'S ARE PAROCHIAL CHAMPIONS! By defeating Sacred Heart in a thrilling game, Friday, in which the last batter had a chance to drive out a single and win the game, score 6 to 5, and the championship, St. Monica's successfully ended their season without a single loss. Their average was perfect—1.000.

Much of the credit goes to the coach, Lloyd Berardi, who practiced faithfully with his charges every week, instructing them in the finer points of playing the grand old American game. The St. Monica's team owe him a debt of gratitude.

St. Monica's won on no fluke. They hit better and more timely than their rivals - and they had a better battery. Falbo deserves a great bit of credit for the fine game he pitched.

The closing moments of the game were very tense. Up to the second last inning Sacred Heart was retired almost in order. Suddenly they came to life. Amid wild excitement they came within two runs of tying their rivals. In the last inning with two away and two on base the batter hit a weak grounder to the first baseman to end the game. However, Sacred Heart was not beaten until the last man was out. They fought bitterly and gallantly, never losing heart.

Sacred Heart has been in the finals three times, have lost to St. Monica's twice, and each time by one run. They have been in the running more often than any team in the League.

The champions are going to Camp Stella Maris from the 17 to 25 of August. Sacred Heart team announces that they will also be there during that week. Also word comes that many of the Columbian Squires are coming during the same period. There ought to be some ball games that week!

Champs of the National Division, Pitcher—Falbo of St. Monica's, and Pelligrini of Corpus Christi are on even terms; catcher—Ryan of St. Monica's; 3rd base—Drager of St. John's and Graham of St. Monica's; 2nd—Paganio of St. Boniface; ss.—Petronio of St. Mary's; 1st—Spies of St. John; l. f.—Gates of St. Boniface; c. f.—Blaster of St. John; r. f.—Yeatman of Blessed Sacrament.

Camp Stella Maris Boys Will Take Up Horseback Riding

Equestrianism is the new vogue at Camp Stella Maris.

Through the kindness of one of the campers, the Catholic boys' camp at Conesus Lake will have the use of a pony for the rest of the summer.

Opening of Encampment B will take place Sunday, July 15, when eighty boys will replace those in the first encampment. Encampment C beginning July 20, is full, according to the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, director.

There is still room for a few more registrations in Encampment D, beginning August 12, Father Lambert stated. Boys between the ages of seven and 17 are eligible.

Physical Director Presents Rules For Learning To Swim

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801 Students In China Catholic Institutions of Higher Education

Peking (NCWC-Fides) — Statistics prepared by the Rev. Joseph Murphy, S.V.D., Rector of the Catholic University of Peking, and published in the university's magazine, reveal that of the 74,167 students pursuing higher learning in China, 801 are in the three Catholic institutions which enjoy the official recognition of the Government, that is the Catholic University of Peking, the Aurora University of Shanghai, and the Hautes Etudes College of Tientsin. In Protestant institutions of higher education there are 4,320 students.

As compared with the three institutions directed by Catholics, there are 18 such financed and controlled by Protestants, representing an original outlay of millions and a yearly expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

BEQUESTS, \$184,000

Hamilton, Ont. (NCWC) — Catholic institutions benefit to the extent of \$184,000 under the will of William Carroll, chair-store operator of western Ontario. Mr. Carroll who left an estate of about \$1,000,000 bequeathed \$100,000 to the Sisters of St. Joseph for the building of a home or orphanage in or near Hamilton.

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