

Along the Sports Horizon

By BILL LANG

After blaring a perfect trail over a maze of broken records in the torrid weeks of a bitterly fought pennant campaign, Holy Rosary stands again on the threshold of the champions.

The one record which the critics declared would never be broken—Holy Family's streak of twelve straight victories in 1931—crumbled before Holy Rosary onslaught this week when the champions hung up their thirteenth consecutive victory by defeating St. Thomas at Edgerton Playground in a hard-fought encounter.

Gazing in retrospect at this now winning streak at which future generations of Catholic League teams will look, it seems almost impossible that this mark could be achieved in these days of strict competition and frequent upsets.

What's more this record was established against some of the best baseball teams in Rochester.

Even the rival managers in the Catholic League will concede that this year's edition of the Holy Rosary team represents one of the finest bits of baseball mechanism ever to be operated in the circuit.

Certainly the present aggregation is a marked improvement on the Holy Rosary teams of 1932 and 1933; nevertheless the two outfits of those years won the city crown against the best opposition the Catholic League had to offer.

The average baseball fan likes to watch a team operate as a unit but he is vitally more interested in the individual cogs in this unit—the players.

So this week, as we salute the champions on reaching another milestone in their pennant quest, let's draw aside the curtain and check up a bit on who's who in the lineup.

Tempery is a one-word description of the champion field captain—Thomas "Tuck" Mooney.

"Tuck" has been playing baseball for more years than he cares to recall but evidently Old Father Time hasn't caught up with him yet. He's a great man to have on a ball club for the simple reason that he doesn't know defeat when it looks him straight into the face.

Most of the pitchers will agree that he's a hard man to satisfy at the plate with the result that walks are quite numerous.

Joe Witzgman, that youngster with the healthy complexion and even healthier pitching arm, is reason No. 1 on the list of reasons for Holy Rosary's rush of success.

Any pitcher who can let down the Holy Family team with three hits in two games is something of a flinger and that's exactly what Joe has done. He hopes to make it three straight

Catholic Baseball League Teams

STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct.
St. Ambrose	4	1	.800
St. Boniface	4	1	.800
St. Thomas	3	2	.600
Immaculate Conception	2	3	.400
St. Andrew's	2	3	.400
O. L. P. H.	0	5	.000

WEST DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct.
Holy Rosary	6	0	1.000
Holy Family	4	2	.667
St. Joseph	3	3	.500
St. Vincent	1	5	.167
St. Ignace	1	5	.167

Schedule for Sunday, August 5th

East Division

O. L. P. H. vs. St. Boniface at Ashfield Field.

St. Ambrose vs. St. Thomas at Edgerton Playground.

Blessed Sacrament vs. St. Andrew's at Immaculate Conception Field.

West Division

Holy Rosary vs. Holy Family at Witzgman Field.

St. Ignace vs. St. Vincent at Ashfield Field.

St. Joseph vs. Immaculate Conception at West High Field.

When the two teams meet again Sunday.

The one flaw in his pitching armor is a tendency to be wild. It is expected however that experience will overcome that defect. Incidentally, I'll take any wild pitcher that can strike them out like Witzgman.

In the golden days of O. L. P. H.'s reign as a baseball team supreme, Samany Rebman, ruled the twirlers' room as the speed monarch of them all. Strike-out victims fell before his blinding speed like so many autumn leaves. The years haven't changed him much. The speed might be slackened up a bit but it's still plenty fast and our most distinguished batters much prefer curves to Rebman's speed.

The current backstop for the champions is George "Red" Nally, as able and talkative a receiver as you'll find in these parts. And he destroys a lot of catching traditions by being able to hit and hit hard.

Over a span of years, the Catholic League fans have hoped to see a duplication of the 1931 Holy Family infield combination of Young, Young, Blum and McKechnie.

This year they have their answer in the Holy Rosary infield of Castle, Krenzle, Gallagher and Pulvino. Of course, there are arguments pro and con on this infield situation but the fact remains that the champs' quartet is just about the best in sight at present.

Tommy Castle, imported from Holy Apostles, has given the infield the first base punch every team needs. At second is the one and only Hack Krenzle, probably the most dangerous pinch hitter in the league and a power on the defense.

Holding down the shortfield job is Leo Gallagher, who won the 1933 playoff almost single-handed with brilliant work afield and at bat which has continued right through this season. Ted Pulvino, moved from short to third, has clicked at the hot corner and if anybody ever gets enough courage to write a history of the Catholic League, Pulvino must go down as a tower of defensive strength.

Besides the aforementioned Mr. Mooney, who spends most of his time in centerfield, the outer works comprise Joe Farrell, Harvey Zellar and Tony Cluff. Farrell and Zellar always have been in the front ranks of the league's gardeners while Zellar, in addition, is an able backstop.

When Cluff was cast adrift with

Camp Stella Maris

Merit Awards for Encampment "B" at Camp Stella Maris were as follows: Craft—Lawrence Farrell, Dick Maher, and Don Hoeltke; Swim—Don Mulcahy and Douglas Klem; Diving—Wm. Harrington and Steve Pope; Track—Lawrence Farrell; Baseball—Jerry Lawn, Klem and Harrington showed the smoothest strokes in swimming, and Farrell the fleetest foot in track taking the fifty yards in 5.7.

Twenty-two boys passed the tests for the Beginners in the American Red Cross system. McKenna, Klem, Doug and Phil Woerner, Harrington, Brady, Heveron, Manion, Sweeney, Kunzer, H. Haubner, Forbes, Casby, Houston, Bob, Feldmeyer, Doyle, Kierney, Farrell, J. Donohue, Schiller, Dick Sullivan. Those obtaining Swimmers' buttons were: Leon Kunzer, Castellan, Maher, Eugene Cunningham, G. Lawn, Harry Crowley, J. Ronahan, John Collins, Bob Kanka, Douglas Klem, Lawrence Farrell, Dick Kloe and Jim Powers, Bob and Jack Ervin. Walter Ervin, seven years of age, after swimming his hundred yards, was unable to compete for the rest of his tests due to an injury. The Ervins are from Elmira.

The campers wish to thank the members of the Knights of Columbus who came down last Thursday evening and put on an entertainment. Magicians always please whether they mystify or not. Many of the Knights were accompanied by their wives and families.

Art Ratigan is Head-Counselor during the month of August. The "burial" of Walter Fischer took place last Friday night. He was deposited on the beach in a shallow grave; eulogies were pronounced over him by the chaplain and several of the campers; finally, all took a last glance at his "mortal remains." Then after Ratigan had been initiated into the Head-Counselorship, Fischer was resurrected amid much applause from the younger campers.

Because of popular demand of counselors and campers, the invocation "Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Pray for us," has been added to the night prayers. Joy is the sole aim of the Camp; and joy is something spiritual and close to Mary's heart. It is quite different from pleasure. As Francis of Assisi thrilled with joy as he wandered about through the country so the camper comes close to God when his heart bounds with joy at the beautiful days at Camp. To increase this joy, and to insure its being the genuine article, all have decided to pray for it from its great source, Mary.

Father Bode Jarret the great Dominican preacher who recently died in England had the honor of being the first chaplain to a Catholic Boy Scout Troop. That was in 1909. Besides being an expert swimmer we are told that he could tell wonderful ghost stories which the listeners never forgot.

Definite plans are being made for the Camp Social on September 1. The Committees are being chosen and notification will be sent out during the next week to ask co-operation and aid in many of the different departments.

That, in brief, is the Holy Rosary team of 1934.

Whether the boys win their divisional crown and the city title doesn't matter. What matters is that monumental winning streak which stamps the team as truly great.

Although it appears from the standings of the western division clubs that Holy Rosary has clinched the second half title beyond a mathematical doubt, the situation is still open because of an eligibility protest entered by Holy Family against the St. Thomas team which defeated the Dutchtowners two weeks ago.

If the protest is allowed, Holy Rosary must win Sunday's game to take the crown. A tie will result if the protest is allowed and Holy Family wins. Last Sunday the Dutchtowners took the measure of Immaculate in easy fashion with Joe Mason pitching—shutout ball reminiscent of those days of '31.

The east division race is in another snarl with St. Ambrose and St. Boniface in a dead heat for the crown.

Apparently sailing along smoothly toward the second half title, St. Boniface got a rude jolt Sunday when Johnny Bennett administered a 6-0 whitewash to give St. Ambrose the sweetest victory (for them) of the season.

This defeat puts a new complexion on the race especially when St. Boniface must face O. L. P. H. and St. Andrew's on consecutive Sundays. Although O. L. P. H. has had a season nothing short of disastrous, it wouldn't be the greatest surprise in the world for them to break out into a victory rash at the very end of the season.

WORKS PLACED ON INDEX

Vatican City—(N. C. W. C.)—The Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office announces that all the works of Prof. Giovanni Gensile and of Senatore Benedetto Croce have been placed on the Index of forbidden books, in accordance with Canon 1312 of the Code of Canon Law.

Sports On Program For K. of C. Choral Society Outing Aug. 4

Annual outing of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus Choral Society, will take place Saturday, August 4, at the Knights of St. John cottage, Point Pleasant, from 2 until 9 p. m. Members and friends of the society will attend.

An afternoon program of sports and prize contests will be followed by a buffet luncheon in the evening. Entertainment in the evening will include solo and group singing. Featuring the sports program will be a baseball game between the tenors and the basses, with James Martin in charge of the former and Charles Note as captain of the latter.

Complete committees as announced by President Eugene C. Dill, general chairman, are: sports: George Garney, chairman, Eugene

F. Bopp and Walter Harvey; lunch: Al Miller, chairman, Eugene F. Garvey, Leonard Hahn and Paul Predmore; prizes: Frederick Ritz, chairman, John Roettler and Jerome Sullivan.

New York—(NCWC)—Dr. Henry V. McNeil, of Flushing, L. I., has just received the agrégé en philosophie degree from Louvain University, a rare honor bestowed by the university only 16 times in its history.

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