

Scholastic Notebook

Drums Beat For Tom Snyder

By John Doser



The drum beat at Bishop Kearney High sounds this tune: Tom Snyder, All-American . . . Tom Snyder, All-American.

Snyder is the BK halfback who does everything. He runs, blocks, tackles, punts, kicks off, catches passes and scores touchdowns. And he does them all well.

BK coach Dan Coughlin thinks he has genuine High School All-America timber in the 5-foot-10, 185-pounder, but isn't sure how to go about promoting the idea.

Actually selling Snyder to the fans or to the people who make up those All-America things should only be as difficult as finding their addresses to send them the latest stats.

Snyder does it all. He's the complete ballplayer, according to Coughlin.

"We haven't been pushing this kid. But some of these guys who are getting pushed don't even play a whole game. Snyder plays 40 of 48 minutes every game and then some," Coughlin said.

Snyder has been All-Catholic for the past two years. Coughlin is convinced he's the best all-around player in the area. Most other coaches agree.

The crashing, blasting halfback led Catholic League teams in scoring through the first four games. He also calls the defensive signals from his middle linebacker post. He's also a BK captain.

He ran the ball 17 times for 100 yards including the game winning touchdown against Rome Free Academy. As a sophomore, making his first varsity start, he raced 65 yards with 35 seconds left to play to give the Kings a 12-6 win over Watertown. Last year his third period TD was the margin of victory over Aquinas — in a game where he made 17 tackles and out-performed Aquinas' Rich Russo.

BK opened the '70 season

with a 6-6 tie with Proctor of Utica. Snyder averaged six yards per carry, made a dozen solo tackles and assisted on seven others. He also broke up five passes.

Against Brighton a few weeks ago Snyder piled up 184 yards in 24 carries including a 60-yard sprint in the second period. Against Webster Snyder ran only for 54 yards, grabbed four Paul Adamo passes for another 52, set up one BK touchdown besides scoring another. And on defense he registered nine solo tackles, assisted on five others, and intercepted one pass.

Coughlin, although impressed and delighted with Snyder's offensive ability ("he just wrecks 'em"), believes Snyder's forte is his defense.

"He's an outstanding linebacker. He's got quick reaction; he reads the ball well, he moves to it, he's got good speed and he hits hard."

Coughlin said he doesn't believe the opposition has managed to throw a complete block at him yet. "A guy might get a piece of him once in a while, but very seldom is he taken out of a play," Coughlin said.

"And he's an outspoken kid," Coughlin said. "I'm sure he answered all your questions," the hard-nosed coach added. He did. Read on.

TOM SNYDER, called out of running drills to talk with the reporter, described his coach, considered by many to be tougher than Aquinas' Bob Rosmarino.

"Mr. Coughlin is one of a kind," Snyder said. "He makes you want to play football. He's a winner and he makes kids who play for him winners."

"He's played with the best of them, he tells us. He tells us we're as good as we think we are. He says size doesn't matter; we have some linemen who

weigh only 160 pounds. He puts the guts in you and if you haven't got it, you don't play. But if you have it, no matter what size you are, you'll play for him."

Snyder said he had heard about Mr. Coughlin before he transferred from Avon to BK (his parents moved to Rochester). What he heard wasn't necessarily complimentary. He heard kids didn't like Coughlin. Nor did parents.

"But he's got to be tough," Snyder said. "You don't have to like him; but he's your coach. You respect him. It takes a guy like him to be tough. If he goes easy on kids they'll take it that much easier. I know as well as anybody and so he knows he's got to be that little extra tougher just to get what he wants out of kids."

Snyder wants to go to college, one which plays good ball and where he'll get a chance to play. His grades are above average — in the 80s.

He'd prefer to visit campuses before deciding on one. "I'd like to coach on the side, but I'm not interested in physical education."

Winning this season is an upward turn for the Kings who have suffered two losing seasons in a row. "We just got tired of losing. I think it's just everybody pulling together and saying, the heck with this, let's knock it off and start winning," said Snyder.

Asked about prayer and its influence on winning Snyder doubted it really had anything to do with it but wasn't about to rap it.

"Vince Lombardi said prayers and it always seemed to work for him. Everybody says prayers once in a while. We say prayers before every game. At halftime we have a priest bless us. It's worked so far this year." That was a direct quote from Bishop Kearney's Tom Snyder—All-American!

For Cross Country Runner Great Sport, Little Glory

By WHIT JOHNSON

When you think of it, it is surprising that the sport of cross country is among the least known of high school sports. The sport is easy to follow, requires no elaborate facilities and almost no equipment. It is a sport for nearly everybody; size and strength are not crucial. It provides good exercise among lovely autumn surroundings, and is one of the world's oldest sports.

Yet, long-distance running, a popular sport among the early Greeks and the American Indians, receives little attention from the American public.

In the sport of varsity cross country, seven men from one school race against seven men from another school (or group of schools) over a two-mile, rock-strewn, up-and-down woodland trail. Points are awarded according to each man's place of finish — the winner gets one point, the tenth-place man gets 10 points. The team with the lowest score wins the meet.

The cross country team at Aquinas Institute, a perennial power-house, is enjoying one of its best seasons. Coached by Father Donald McCarthy, C.S.B., the Irish harriers have made outstanding showings in statewide meets in recent seasons.

Many of the Little Irish runners will argue that cross country is one of the most gruelling sports in high school athletics, including football.

Said one runner, "The football team practices for less than three months, but to be good in cross country you need year-round workouts. Also, there's lots of glory from the spectators and newspapers in football, but none in cross country."

Father McCarthy believes that no sport requires such self-punishment as cross country. He says that the young man who wins is the one who can push himself the hardest, the fellow who has the sternest self-discipline and the most unrelenting will.

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