

## Scholastic Notebook

# Aquinas Coach Stirs Comment

By John Doser



No one can accuse Aquinas head football coach Bob Rosmarino of speaking out both sides of his mouth at the same time.

Maybe speaking too much or too loud, but never of speaking with a "forked tongue."

Rosmarino challenged Rush-Henrietta coach Paul McKee to a championship game to determine which team, Aquinas (No. 1 in Times-Union poll) or Rush-Henrietta (No. 1 in Democrat and Chronicle poll) really is No. 1.

The hassle's been going on all season but won't be settled on the field this year or ever, if public school personnel are getting genuinely distraught over Rosy's remarks.

Rosmarino suggested that both schools cancel their final games and square off for the championship of whatever anybody wanted to call it.

The next day Rosy was the subject of a blistering sports editorial as we've ever seen in the Times-Union by sports-writer Bruno Snyder.

Snyder made it clear that whatever behind-the-scenes negotiations might be taking place between Catholic and public school athletic directors, Rosy's caustic comments did little for public relations.

Rosmarino's extraordinary suggestion for squaring off resulted from quotes by R-H players indicating they were frustrated to be undefeated while still No. 2 (to Aquinas) in the T-U poll.

Rosy wanted to give the Comets the opportunity to become "unfrustrated" and settle the No. 1 situation once and for all, since both teams are limited by state rules to eight games.

Catholic League president Marty LaFica, who made it clear that Rosmarino spoke only for Rosmarino, not the league, said the AQ coaches' words pushed the "movement" back 15 years. We doubt it.

Perhaps Rush-Henrietta is taking too much of the rap for not being able to play Aquinas.

A high R-H source disclosed last week that the Comets wanted to join the Central Western Conference's eastern division this season and were unanimously rejected by the CWC East. The source also said that the CWC completely threw out an R-H recommendation last year that the CWC divide into three divisions to permit some non-league scheduling, which presumably would include Catholic opponents.

R-H coach McKee has criticized the open Catholic school boundaries and Catholic school

summer conditioning camps as the two chief obstacles to regular competition.

Since the Catholic schools cannot by the nature of their educational system do anything about boundaries, we think that the summer camps should be scrapped — if that is the real reason the two leagues don't compete regularly in football.

But is it really a question of summer camps? Many public school officials still picture Catholic athletic programs the same way they did when there was only one Catholic high school in town. In those days the whole program was football.

That was 20 years ago. Things have changed. There are now four Catholic high schools instead of one.

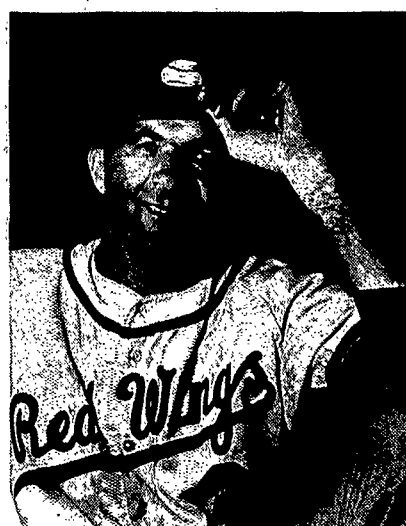
## Aquinas Club To Hear Joe Altobelli

Joe Altobelli, newly-appointed Rochester Red Wing manager, will be the guest speaker at the Aquinas Athletic Booster November meeting tonight, Nov. 18, beginning with cocktails at 6:30 p.m.

Altobelli who for the past two seasons has handled the managing chores of Dallas in the Texas League, for the Baltimore Orioles is also an all-time favorite with the Red Wings. For the past five years he has made his home in the Gates-Chili area.

Football Coach Bob Rosmarino will show film highlights of the latest Aquinas football games, following the buffet dinner.

Persons interested in attending may contact the school at 254-2020.



JOE ALTOBELLI

### ALTOBELLI DINNER

Pete Richert, star left-hand reliefer for the 1970 World Champion Baltimore Orioles, will be one of the guests at the Joe Altobelli Dinner at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, at the Mapledale Party House.

Chuck Stevens of WHEC will be master of ceremonies.

Tickets can be reserved by calling Carl C. Steinfeldt at 467-3000 or Frank Formicola at 254-4420.

## CYO Coaches Meet Slated

The CYO announces dates for its pre-season coaches meetings, which are mandatory for all basketball and cheerleading coaches.

Elementary School Basketball Coaches, Thursday, Nov. 19, at 6:30 p.m. High School Basketball Coaches, Thursday, Nov. 19, at 8:00 p.m.

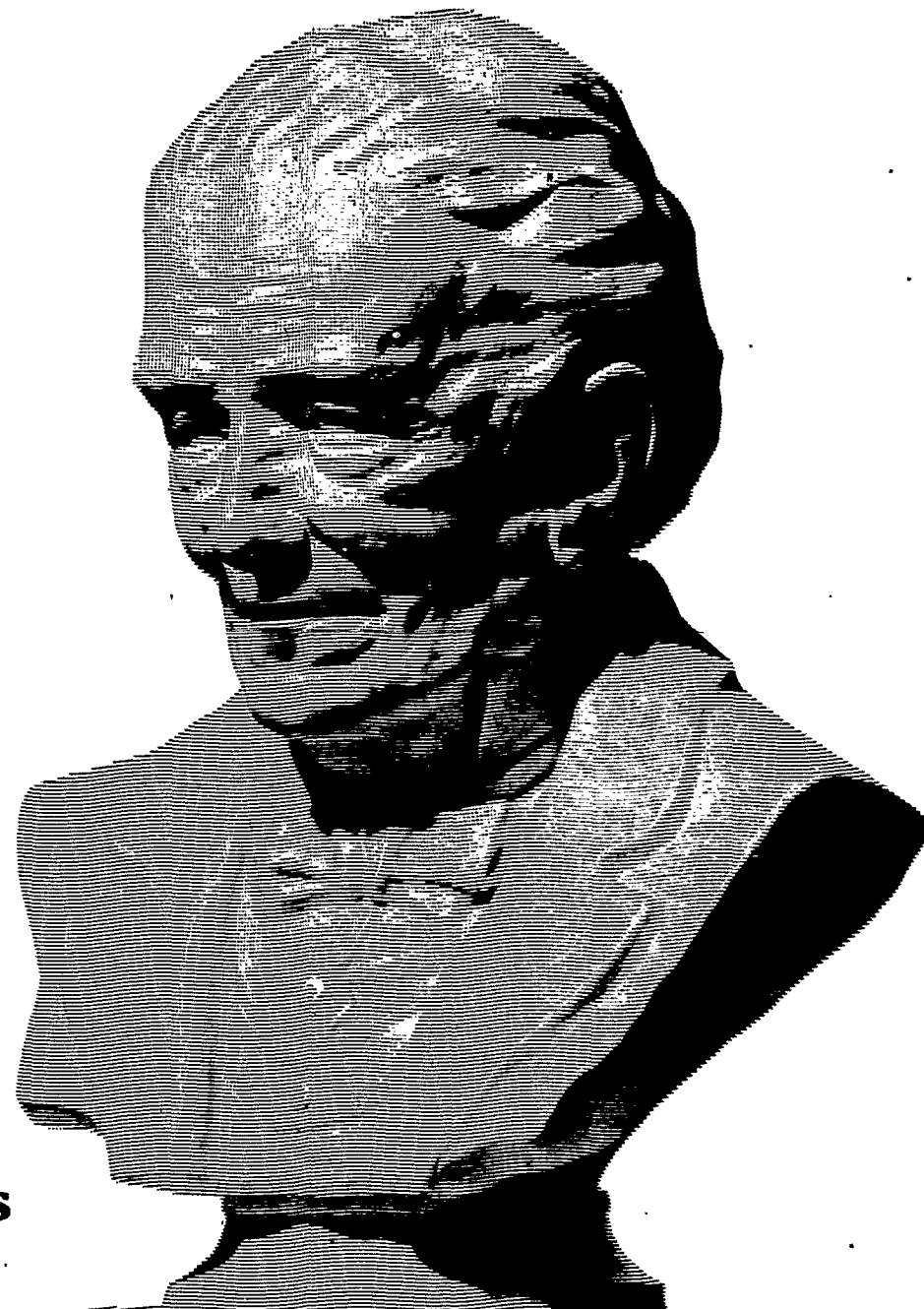
All Cheerleading Coaches on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 10:30 a.m.

All meetings will take place in the CYO Boardroom on the third floor of the Columbus Civic Center, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester.

The CYO adult basketball league is accepting entries for the '70-'71 season. There are a limited number of openings in each division.

Divisions A and B are distinguished by team ability. Interested parties should phone Mike Ordway at the CYO, 454-2030, for information. Entries close Nov. 30.

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### SUNDAY'S HOCKEY GAME CYSTIC FIBROSIS BENEFIT

Area hockey fans can watch the Rochester Amerks play the Montreal Voyageurs Nov. 22 and benefit the National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation at the same time.

The game will begin at 7:15 p.m. in the Rochester War Memorial. Proceeds will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, whose local chapter has tickets at its office in the Moose Home, 441 East Avenue.

### FORTY HOURS

Forty Hours devotions will begin Nov. 22 at Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira; St. Francis, Geneva, and in East Bloomfield, East Rochester and Horseheads.

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