



Craig Hammer, one of Aquinas's heavyweights, is in training for the Championship Boxing Bouts slated for March 26. With him is Leo Hand, boxing instructor.

Aquinas Readies Bouts

The Annual Aquinas Championship Boxing Bouts (formerly known as the Mission Bouts) have been set for Friday, March 26, in the Aquinas gymnasium at 7:30 p.m.

Aquinas is the only school in the state, and one of the few in the United States, which has a high school boxing program.

Fourteen bouts will feature 28 fighters paired in various weight classes, from flyweight to heavyweight. Elimination bouts will begin today at 3:30 p.m.

All bouts are three rounds with freshmen limited to 1½ minutes per round, and upper-classmen going 2 minutes.

In addition to the S. Rae Hickock Trophy, annually awarded to the outstanding fighter, another trophy honoring Abe Raff,

Rochester businessman, and forfeited to the two fighters making flyweight boxer, is preparing the best fight on the card. The Telecric Memorial Trophy will go to the outstanding Freshman fighter.

Frank "Hunk" Vardas, director of the bouts, pointed out that three of the divisions have outstanding fighters who should highlight this year's card.

In the light heavyweight class, Bernie Walik, Tom Tomasso and Al Broccuto will battle for honors. Middleweight finds Cal Bonaldi, Dom Arioli and Tom Oliver ready for action. In the heavyweight class, Craig Hamer and Mark Schmidt have to battle it out to see if one of them can win over Billy Cirelli who is looking for his third straight win.

CYO Basketball

Forty-eight teams from the Diocese of Rochester braved snow to travel to Rochester, Elmira and Auburn for the annual Bishops' tournaments.

The Archbishop Sheen Grammar School Tournament provided the game of the day as undefeated St. Bridget, Rochester, watched a 12 point lead fade to two points. With seconds remaining St. Michael, Newark, attempted a last second shot and missed and St. Bridget was the champion 48-46. Third place went to St. Mary, Auburn over Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira.

The Bishop Hogan Grammar School Tournament was won by St. Stephen, Geneva, in overtime 44-40 over St. Alphonsus, Auburn. All games were played in Rochester.

Elmira was the site for the Bishop McCafferty Grammar School Tournament and Rochester teams completely dominated the action. St. Thomas the Apost-

le took first 40-35 over Good Shepherd.

Consolation action went to St. Mary, Cananadigua.

The Bishop Hickey Tournament in Auburn: St. Patrick, Elmira won 39-29 over St. Francis, Geneva. St. Monica, Rochester took third.

All Bishop Kearney Tournament High School games were held in Rochester and divided into A and B Divisions.

In the A Division, Holy Cross, victor of three games in two days, lost their fourth game and the championship to an inspired St. Alphonsus, Auburn 69-61. Consolation went to St. Michael, Newark. Thus St. Alphonsus becomes Number One team in the diocese among parish high school teams.

B Division action was all St. Mary, Corning, 70-45 over Sacred Heart, Rochester. Injured St. Pius shot past Corpus Christi 69-66 to take the consolation.

Cheerleader Winners Announced

Irondequoit parishes had plenty to cheer about after the annual diocesan cheerleading championships last Saturday at the Catholic Youth Organization on Chestnut Street.

St. Margaret Mary and St. Thomas the Apostle of Irondequoit shared the high school title while Christ the King was co-winner in the elementary school division. St. Alphonsus of Auburn shared the elementary title.

The winners paced 62 teams from throughout the diocese and thus advance to the Western New York championships in which 1,300 cheerleaders from 100 public and parochial schools will compete April 3 at the CYO.

Little League Signup Set For March 20

All Rochester Area Little Leagues will accomplish a very significant milestone, Saturday, March 20, when, for the first time, more than 8,000 boys ages 8 through 15 will be given an opportunity to register on a single day.

This event was planned by Walt Seeley and Al Goodwin, district administrators of Little League Districts 4 and 30 and John Zabkar and V. J. Stanley, members of the Redwing Advisory Committee.

With the support and cooperation of 18 Little League Presidents in the Rochester area, parents will be urged to register their Little Leaguers on March 20.

Scholastic Notebook

How Crazy Was Rosy?

By John Doser



When Aquinas football coach Bob Rosmarino suggested last fall that his Irish and unbeaten Rush-Henrietta cancel their final games and square off against each other to determine which was truly No. 1, he was laughed right out of town because his suggestion was unprecedented, idiotic, unbelievable, etc., etc.

It's interesting to learn that Mt. Vernon High, Newburgh Free Academy and Rockville Center's St. Agnes High—New York State's top three school-boy basketball teams—have each dropped their last three games in order to compete in the Knights of Columbus Tournament in Washington, D.C. this month.

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association has apparently departed from its stuffy tradition and granted the two public schools the OK to participate.

Now how crazy was Rosy's suggestion?

It was sad to see Monroe High finish its basketball history by losing to City-Catholic champ Edison Tech, on the Redjackets' home court, before an empty house.

Monroe principal Ted DeSoto ordered the gym doors closed because of the violence at the school earlier in the week. Monroe becomes one of several junior high schools under the city school district's reorganization plan this fall.

The Rochester Press-Radio Club turned a record amount of money over to three Roches-

ter charities (including the School of the Holy Childhood) from its annual Hickok Pro Athlete of the Year Dinner last month. The P-R Club has provided more than \$120,000 to local charities since it began its annual charity dinner 22 years ago. This year's record

amount was in excess of \$11,000.

St. John Fisher wrapped up its best basketball season ever by whipping Hobart College 93-78 to finish 19-2. Coach Bob Wanzer, emerging soaked from the locker room showers, said the season was his "most pleasant experience."

BK track runners set three meet records, two UR Field House marks, in the 5th Annual Rochester Indoor Invitational, won by CBA of Syracuse. BK's Rick Eichner won the mile (4:31.6), BK's eight-lap medley relayers did it in 4:01.6 and BK's Tom Neary won the 1000-yard sprint in 2:21.7.

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