

JOHN DOSE

Scholastic Notebook



It isn't a matter of always saying the right thing, which incidentally Cardinal Mooney Coach Ed Nietopski does, it's having the support to back up what is said.

For example, if you had asked Nietopski last month about his Mooney ball team he would have answered, "Not bad; we have good pitching, we're strong up the middle, we have a few boys with potential, and they're hungry—they want to play."

When the ex-Red Wing shortstop and Mooney athletic director makes these statements he's believable.

Nietopski, who's on a diet to get back down to playing weight (190 lbs.), doesn't think Mooney will win all 24 games this year but if they don't it won't be because they didn't try.

(As of this writing Mooney had won its first eight games and faced three toughies, Rush-Henrietta, McQuaid and Aquinas, all in the next four days.)

MOONEY'S GOOD pitching this season comes from four starters including No. 1 ace Kevin Benedict, a lefty, and righthanders Scott Delgatti, Bill Lasky and Dan Baker.

One of four seniors on the team, Benedict throws a tough curve, didn't lose a game last year and doesn't plan to change his strategy this season.

He struck out 16 on a one-hitter against East Rochester, got 11 more in a no-hitter against arch-rival Bishop Kearney and allowed only one hit through his first 14 innings of pitching.

Delgatti is next in line but the Big N feels his place really is third base.

From the mound, however,

Delgatti two-hit Greece Athena, fanned 11, walked none and hit a triple and two singles. At third base he led Mooney over Madison with a triple, single and two runs-batted-in.

Last week he whiffed 11 more and knocked in two runs as Mooney beat Greece Arcadia.

Third in Mooney's chucking rotation is junior Bill Lasky who struck out nine in his debut and fourth is another junior, Dan Baker, who fanned an equal number in his first start.

Behind the plate is Mr. Stopper himself, 5-11, 175-lb. senior Jim Volkmar who Nietopski says has the best chance to make it as a pro.

Volkmar's been contacted by the Reds, Orioles and Phillies and has watched scouts from the Mets, Yanks and Cardinals watch him.

SOPHOMORE Jim Mitchell patrols shortstop like a young Nietopski dreamed about doing 20 years ago.

"I've never seen a kid in one of my infields like this; he's real pro stuff with good range, good hands, good bat (.350). He made three big league plays against Madison and saved our win over Kearney by starting a double play in the sixth when Kearney had two men on," Nietopski said.

CYO to Operate 7 Day Camps

The Catholic Youth Organization will operate seven day camps this summer, covering 32 parishes in Monroe County.

Paul B. Schmidt, CYO director, reported 1,585 boys and girls between the ages of six and 13 attended camp last year.

The camps will be located at 50 Chestnut Street, St. Ambrose, Good Shepherd, Mother of Sorrows, Holy Ghost and St. Michael's. There will be also an inner-city camp at Clifford and Clinton.

All campers will be transported in CYO buses from 32 pickup stations. The program will include instructional swimming, sports, arts and crafts, lifesaving, physical fitness, field trips, fishing and other special activities under the supervision of professionally trained instructors. Registration forms may be obtained at the parishes or at the CYO, 50 Chestnut, 454-2030. The camp fee will remain the same as last year—\$10 per week per child, with special rates for large families.

CYO Needs Outdoor Pools

The CYO is seeking to expand its Outdoor Swim Program this summer in Gates, Greece, Chili, Spencerport, Penfield, Pittsford and Webster.

Anyone interested in offering the use of private pools on a twice-a-week basis for 90-minute periods should contact Paul B. Schmidt, CYO director at 454-2030.

The pool should be in-ground type and large enough to accommodate 10 to 12 children. Swimming instructions are handled by qualified CYO instructors and a swimming certificate is offered on completion of an 8-week course.

The program is made available to elementary age children from 5 to 14. The fee is \$12 for the complete course. The program will begin June 28, with registration now being taken at the CYO, 50 Chestnut St. Pool locations are presently available in Rochester, Brighton, Gates, Greece, Irondequoit and Webster.

Aquinas Relays Set for May 22

The eighth annual Aquinas Relays will be held Saturday, May 22, at University of Rochester Fauver Stadium. Aquinas will be host to runners from 20 schools, including last year's champion, McQuaid.

Other schools are Cardinal Mooney, Bishop Kearney, Brighton, Gates-Chili, St. Joseph of Buffalo, Bishop Timon of Buffalo, Hilton, Pittsford, Penfield.

Also, Madison, Monroe, Charlotte, Wayne Central, Warsaw Central, Irondequoit, Edison, Franklin and West.

Cochairmen are Basilian Fathers Mike Wesley and Tom Bales of Aquinas.

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