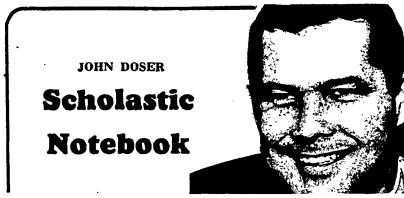


The first day of spring, March 20 brought McQuaid freshman Dan Schoenherr through Highland Park on a cross country run as he practiced for the track team. Blue skies and sun shone on remnants of winter snow.



More than a year ago we opened a Scholastic Notebook with these words: "No one can accuse Aquinas head football roach Bob Rosmarino of speaking out both sides of his mouth at the same time."

We'd guess old-time movie Indians would say Rosy never spoke with "forked tongue."

Last week the colorful and out-spoken football man resigned his spot at Aquinas to take a similar job at Methuen (Mass.) High School, a few miles from his hometown of Lawrence, Mass.

Rosy's departure means the end to an era of fiery, dominant football at the Dewey Avenue school. The era began when Father Cyril Carter, the late Aquinas athletic director, permitted the Irish to flex their football muscles (some admittedly were not true-blue Rochester born and bred muscles) against some of the nation's top high school and prep school teams in the late 1940's and early 50's.

Father Carter passed away last year but Rosmarino, who succeeded Joe Repko in 1965, maintained the spirit, if not the quality of opposition.

We're not saving that Aquinas will become a gridiron loser over night-but the Irish did suffer a gaping hole in the armor by losing last fall to Madison in a game which decided the City-Catholic championship.

same, so the two teams (both undefeated and fighting for No. 1 local poll spots) could square off once and for all

The offer triggered a roasting by one local sportswriter, the kind usually reserved for a pro-fessional coach before execution.

Rosmarino's suggestion was laughed out of town as ridiculous but the precedent was created only a few months later when several state public schools, in-cluding Mt. Vernon, canceled several last games of a basketball schedule to participate in an out-of-state, post-season basket-ball tournament. How crazy was Rosy, we asked?

Rosy consistently believed the Catholic League brand of football was superior 'to anything around and said so-until Madison pulled the cork with its great win last fall.

He shot from the hip: he didn't shift the blame, he always meant what he said. Aquinas is losing a really big man.

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followed by Holy Family seventh

In the Blue division, Holy Cross took first, followed by

took the consolation.

Jordan Named At McQuaid

McQuaid Jesuit High's new varsity basketball coach is Tim

Jordan, the school's director of athletics for the past four years.

Jordan succeeds Ed Markey,

who coached the Knights for five seasons, highlighted by a

Diocesan championship in 1970.

Jordan is a 26-year-old native of Mansfield, O. He starred in basketball in high school and with Wooster College, from

which he graduated in 1967. Jordan went to McQuaid in 1968 and has been athletic director,

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We think Aquinas may become more subdued in its future athletic ventures, perhaps more in line with what its public school cousins will find more palatable as the Irish and their Catholic school brethren continue the quest to become full-fledged ^a members of Section 5.

Rosmarino, a strict disiplinarian who had the image, welldeserved, of the toughest coach in town, won 42, lost 13 and tied one, in seven seasons. His teams won five Catholic League titles.

He was often accused "unofficially" of overt recruiting of talent from other schools but heatedly denied it—"Iswear that in my seven year's at Aquinas I have never once recruited a football player from another school. and anyone who says I did is an out and out liar," he told a reporter last week.

Rosmarino in fact stated that in some cases the reverse was true, that over the years Aquinas turned down "hot prospects," and he named Monroe's Willie Roberts and Bishop Kearney's Paul Adamo as examples.

Two years ago he offered to cancel Aquinas' final game if Rush-Henrietta would do the

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