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"In This Corner"

Hopscotching The Sports Beat
 Best kept secret in sports: Riva Ridge is not the only great 3-year-old in the 1972 United States crop. The other big boss is a colt bred and owned by John Galbreath, and when you recall that Galbreath owns the Pittsburgh Pirates, you'll easily understand how he arrived at naming the horse Roberto, after his great rightfielder. Now the big whisper is that Roberto and Riva Ridge will hook up in a match race. The proposal is to put Roberto, winner of the English Darby (like the Belmont a test of 1½ miles), against RR at Aqueduct in the Fall. A match race of this stature would give racing a big shot in the arm.

Pardon that expression, and scallions to the wire services and network TV editors who gave all that time and ink to that phoney race track hustler who claimed to have fixed races up and down the Atlantic Coast, with the use of tranquilizers for stopping horses. There may have been a 3 per cent element of truth in his wild ravings. But there are at least three reasons for his being far out of line. 1 — He wasn't admitted to half the tracks he mentioned, being on the TRPB's "Most Wanted" list. 2 — Nobody, but nobody, walks around well policed stable areas planting needles in horses' hides almost at will. 3 — No two horses tranquilize the same. Any racing-knowledgeable vet will tell you the same

dosage might not bother one horse, but might put the other nag sound asleep in the paddock.

Quote and Unquote: Joe Altobelli, manager of 1971's greatest minor league baseball array, the Rochester Red Wings, who swept every honor available — International League pennant; playoffs; junior series: "I'm supposed, primarily, to develop players for the big club (Baltimore), but with me, winning still comes first. Because your players don't develop so easily if you're not winning."

Don Baylor, one of the sensational young players sent up by Altobelli off last year's club, and a sensation with the O's this season: "I've read Ted Williams' book, 'The Science of Hitting,' several times, and I'm constantly referring to it. He gets you thinking right. You read it, and you can't help concentrating on the strike zone."

Comedian Don Rickles, putting down the All American boy image of Jack Nicklaus: "His idea of fun is to sit home on a Saturday night with a hot chocolate and sing Ohio State fight songs." Incidentally, Nicklaus says the odds against his completing a slam, by adding the British Open and PGA to his Masters and U.S. Open, range from 50 to 1 to as high as 100 to 1. A walk-around oddsmaker we know says a realistic price now would be only 20 to 1. Still a big order to fill.

Odds Without Ends . . . West Point coach Tom Cahill tried to recruit Cornell's record smashing ball carrier Ed Marinaro. "I sat in the family living room in New Jersey," recalls Cahill. "I spent 50 minutes listening to Marinaro's father extolling the merits and benefits of West

Point. Then he told me that regardless, Ed would be going to Cornell. I told Mr. Marinaro, 'you're typical of what's happening in America today. You know what your boy ought to do, but you aren't telling him what he should do.'"

Hockey Item: Cleveland man to put up \$250,000 for franchise in fledgling WHA. (And Chicago's super star Bobby Hull is headed for another WHA club, on a contract for \$2 million!) . . . Jackie Kemp has a sure fire vote getter in his campaign for reelection as a Congressman from the Buffalo area. He tells the people that if they don't reelect him, he'll come back to town as a quarterback for the Bills . . . Aquinas Institute in Rochester has been famous for having had outstanding football coaches. It says here that the recently resigned Bob Rosmarino was as good as any of the name guys who preceded him . . . Did you hear about the letter written by the 14-year-old golfer to the PGA Golfer Magazine? "I guess, by now," he penned, "all the jobs are taken so I think maybe I'll just be a professional golfer until I can make enough money to loaf. Please send me a set of clubs and enough balls to last for about six months, and who do I report to when I go to the tournament?" . . . I liked Dick Young's admittedly-sick line about the aforementioned WHA trying to dig up bodies for the new hockey league. The word was that Boston's super star Bobby Orr passed away in surgery (the knee operation was successful) and a WHA club drafted the body . . . Next time you hear someone complain about how tough it is to keep his or her weight down, ask why you've never heard of anyone planting the bathroom scales in front of the refrigerator?

JOHN DOSER

Scholastic Notebook



East High won the Carter-Smith Trophy for best overall finish in City-Catholic Inter-scholastic League sports for the second year in a row.

The Orientals took only one championship, in track, but finished among the highs in the other sports to accumulate 68.5 points to 61 for runnerup Cardinal Mooney and Edison Tech.

The final standings, which included how schools finished in soccer, cross country, swimming, wrestling, basketball, bowling, baseball and track, went like this:

1 — East 68.5 points; 2 — Cardinal Mooney 61, Edison Tech 61 (tie); 4 — Aquinas 55.5; 5 — McQuaid 54.5; 6 — Bishop Kearney 48; 7 — Franklin 38.5; 8 — Marshall 37.5; 9 — Jefferson 36; 10 — Madison 30.5.

Football, golf, hockey and lacrosse aren't counted in the Carter-Smith standings because the City-Catholic schools do not compete in these sports on a league basis.

The Orientals strangely enough, didn't pick up a runner-up distinction in a single other sport. East finished third in soccer, fourth in cross country, fifth in swimming, fourth in wrestling, fourth (tie with Franklin) in basketball, fourth in bowling, fifth in baseball and first in track.

NICK ZONA, City School District Chief Consultant for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, said he was pleased with the result.

He said the cooperation among principals, athletic directors and coaches of the City and Catholic schools has been outstanding. "I let them run it (the league), I try to stay out of it," Zona said.

Nick was particularly pleased

with city champion Madison's resounding football win over Aquinas last fall because it proved once and for all that city schools could compete on an equal basis with Catholic schools in what's considered the king of the sports.

One of the early supporters for a county-wide athletic league which would include Monroe County, city and Catholic schools, Nick still hasn't lost enthusiasm for it.

"Twenty years ago when I was Section 5 president I tried to get members to think in terms of a county-wide league. I still think it will come about when the County has reached its maximum growth in all its districts," Nick said.

Efforts must be made to equalize athletic schedules of the small schools like Charlotte and Marshall in the city and Honeye Falls-Lime and Wheatland-Chili in the County, Nick said.

Roger Bunce, the city's assistant H&PE consultant until September when he joins the Irondequoit school system, said Monroe and Charlotte, which return to senior high status this fall, will compete on a league basis in all C-C sports except football.

"We hope to give them representative football schedules," Bunce said. He said Charlotte has a game scheduled with Brighton although Section 5 president Carl Palumbo stated last week that only a few teams from the Rochester area have "legally" scheduled a ninth football game.

Bunce said there will be some dilution of city school strength next year because of the re-organization. East High received a lot of track strength from Monroe this season and several of the Orientals' races may be on the Redjacket roster again next year.

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