

GEORGE BEAHON
"In This Corner"



When Jimmy (The Greek) Snyder established Richard Milhous Nixon as a 13 to 5 pick to win the big one next November, he was shy of one important factor. The Greek released his figures before the president picked his all time all star team. You would be expected to name eight players, two pitchers (one left, one right) and maybe you'd throw in a manager. Total 11 names.

In his modest 2,800-word release, Mr. Nixon selected two catchers, five starting pitchers, one relief pitcher, four infielders, three outfielders and, get this, five additional infielders and outfielders.

Giving him an edge on rank alone, that should have covered an all time, all star bunch. Nope. No way.

Calling it "As difficult a task as a President or any other baseball fan could possibly undertake," Nixon promptly multiplied his 20-man super squad by four, thus presenting a lineup — totaling a modest 80 bodies.

Would it be hyper critical to suggest that Our Leader chose not to offend any fans, much less most of the best players still breathing?

Let any segment of the electorate feel slighted, Mr. Nixon mixed in a nice balance of everything, because he not only chose National League and American League squads, but puffed this even more by naming one each from pre-WW II and post WW II days. Twenty times four — 80 heroes. Enough to make all hands, and fans, happy.

The mixture was beautiful. Young and old, black and white, left and right, Latin and Irish, Catholic, Jewish, WASP and even a few of the notorious red-eyed after hours gang. You could complain that he blew a few in certain positions, but nobody's perfect. What he did, in an election year, was make almost everybody happy. (Some day he may rationalize naming Branch Rickey the pre-war all time, all star manager. Rickey's teams lost in St. Louis in two leagues — Browns and Cardinals — and it was only after Rickey had the rug snatched from under him that the Cardinals finally won.)

If The Greek had known he could multiply 80-

plus heroes by thousands and thousands of fans apiece, the November price might go off the board. And if Mr. Nixon should wind up needing a job next January — he has said he once wanted to be a sportswriter — he already has written himself out of that field. With only 2,800 words.

HOPSCOTCHING THE SPORTS BEAT — Financial note: The price of endorsement of Spalding baseballs by the major leagues is \$1 per dozen. That's what it costs Spalding, which sells the balls for \$22 a dozen, at a production cost of \$23. . . . The Yankees have retired more uniform numbers than any other ballclub. Gone from the locker room racks are pinstripes numbered 3, 4, 5 and 7. Whose were they? . . . How many athletes have told their employers to stuff a \$150,000 contract into the circular file? Bobby Hull, that's who, and the millionaire farmer-goatender for Winnipeg of the new World Hockey Assn. may never play a game for his new bosses. His new terms are \$250,000 a year for five years as player-coach (?) and another five years at \$100,000 as coach or G.M. Meanwhile, who wants stock in that Winnipeg franchise? It averaged 3,000 for minor league hockey, at \$2 a ducat, and will charge \$6 a seat for the new version of big league shinny. The International Baseball League dropped Winnipeg in a hurry. . . . Those retired Yankee uniforms belonged to Babe Ruth (No. 3); Lou Gehrig (No. 4); Joe DiMaggio (No. 5); and Mickey Mantle (No. 7). End of trivia.

JOHN DOSER
Scholastic Notebook



Miss Rose Pecoraro, a 1969 graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School and a member of the Cardinals' varsity cheerleaders for several years, died of cancer Monday, July 3.

While this space usually examines the youthful male aspects of diocesan school sports, one can not overlook the accomplishments of the late Miss Pecoraro in her relatively short life-time.

She easily earned the equivalent of an All-Scholastic, an All-County or an All-Catholic.

She was a member of the Mooney student council and the National Honor Society; she was selected from among 10,000 cheerleaders throughout the U.S. as a paid instructor for the National Cheerleading Association and traveled throughout the Northeastern states.

She won an oratorical contest sponsored by the Monroe County American Legion and another sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

She attended Nazareth College and was a member of the freshman welcoming committee and a contributor to the college's literary publication.

Miss Pecoraro was stricken with cancer of the lymph glands

'Funny Girl' At Kearney

The King's Players of Bishop Kearney High School have scheduled six performances of "Funny Girl" for the last weekend of July and the first weekend of August.

The theatrical company of students, parents and alumni of the school will stage the musical show at 8 p.m. July 28, 29 and 30; August 4, 5 and 6 in the school auditorium.

SWIM CLASSES

The CYO's Tiny Tot and Learn to Swim classes conducted at the CYO still have openings in the third, fourth and fifth sessions of the summer. Both programs are conducted by Red Cross instructors. For further information contact the CYO at (716) 454-2030.

two years ago but upon the advice of her physician, her parents didn't tell her the nature of her illness.

Her father, Anthony M. Pecoraro, said he knew she knew it was serious. "She was an inspiration to all who knew her," he said.

FORMER McQUAID athletic director and head basketball coach Ken Jones is back this summer with his 8th annual basketball day camp at Allendale School.

Profits may be down in the camp business but that doesn't reduce the enthusiasm of the former Brockport State cager-soccer player. "I still have that old spark," Ken insists.

Instructors don't work for glory anymore (did they ever?).

Jones shells out a minimum of \$100 for guest college coaches and a minimum of \$200 for professional personnel.

He's now Dr. Jones—he earned his E.E.D. recently at the University of Buffalo and he now works in student teaching administration for the Buffalo City School District.

He'd still take another crack at coaching the dribble game if the right offer came by, he said, probably at the college level.

"We really work our camp kids," Kenny explained, and we believe him — nobody ever accused Jones of dogging it when he was a player.

His basic staff includes Fred Lawrence, Gene Monge, Bill O'Rourke, Tony Alvaro, Bob Allman and Jack Guinan among others, all top high school coaches.

FOOTNOTES — It's just too ironic that Aquinas' Bob Rosmarino and Rush-Henrietta's Paul McKee, two of the top high school grid coaches in the area, have both resigned. . . . Rosy to take another job in Massachusetts, and McKee to more fully develop RH's physical education program. . . .

While the Rochester Press-Radio Club is recovering from the Big G copout, Lee Trevino told sportswriter Jean Giambone he knew before he arrived at the January PR-Charity dinner here the Hickok Belt would no longer be presented in Rochester.

Mass Celebrated At AOH Hall

Auburn — About 125 persons attended the first Mass to be celebrated at the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall, Van Anden Street, Saturday, July 8.

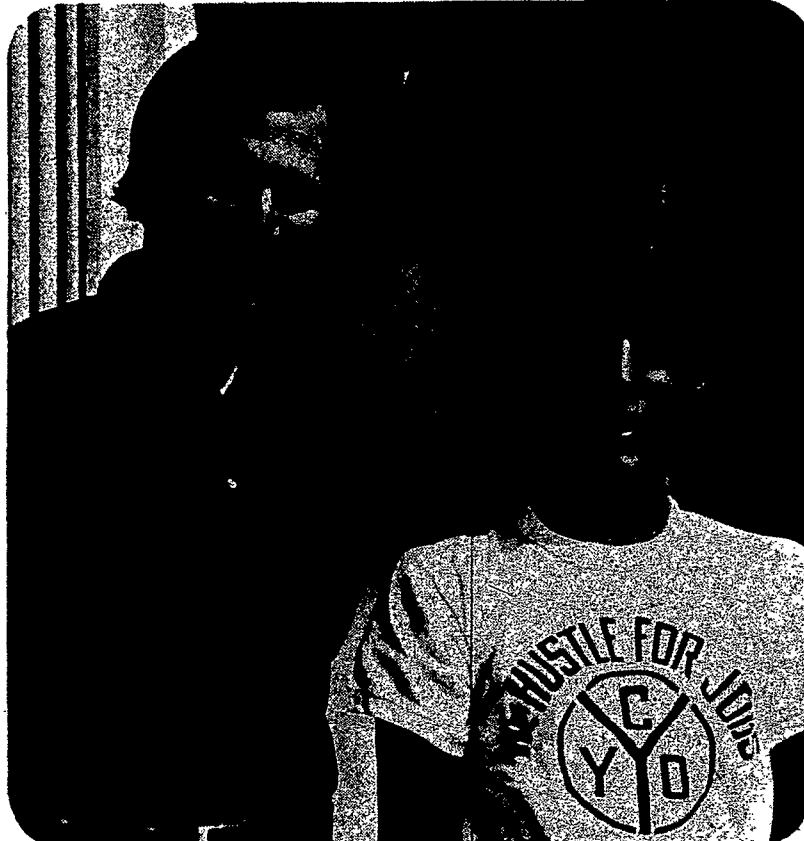
The Mass, celebrated by Father Edward A. Shamon, pastor of St. Aloysius and chaplain of the AOH, was in accordance with directives received from the national headquarters to participate in the national effort to raise money for the "Northern Ireland Relief Fund."

Lectors were Joseph Rice, president of the John F. Kennedy Chapter, and new state vice president, Thomas McNabb.

Heading auxiliary Division One was its president, Miss Elizabeth Russell; Division Two, president Mrs. Edna McConnell. The chairman of this project on the local level was Mrs. Peter Ward Jr. The Legion of Mary Praesidium at St. Aloysius under its president, Miss Norma Dickson, was in charge of preparations.

MONASTERY PLEA

The Carmelite Monastery of Rochester has a standing need for fresh fruits and vegetables. Persons wishing to donate such goods should deliver them to the monastery at 1931 West Jefferson Road, Pittsford.



Hustle for Jobs

Greg Smith, left, is one of a platoon of youngsters from St. Andrew's Parish, out "Hustling for Jobs" this summer under the direction of Mike Ordway, organizer for the CYO. The program works out of the parish rectory and is placing youths in odd-jobs during the summer vacation. The phone number of group is 266-8897.

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