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## "In This Corner"



Putting one index finger after another . . . and still finding it tough to absorb all the ugliness of the Olympics. And I found it surprising, the result of a personal public opinion poll I conducted among about 50 people, most of them sports enthusiasts. The question was not, "Should the Olympics have been cancelled after the massacre of the Israelis?" Far greater coverage polls showed that most people thought the Games should have been continued and concluded.

My query was: "Would you feel the same way if as many as 11 United States representatives had been murdered?" The response was 80 per cent the same way, but it's hard to visualize the Olympics finishing if the victims had been representatives of the U.S., or Russia, or East or West Germany, or Japan. My poll proved only one thing: I'm wrong again.

Putting it to rest . . . Jesse Owens, the greatest U.S. Olympic achiever of all

(four golds in 1936) before Mark Spitz, was a celebrity as a visitor to Munich. Still some reporters continued to refer to the report that Adolph Hitler snubbed the great black track star. At risk of being charged with defending Der Fuehrer, this reminder to the uneducated members of the media: That was totally untrue. Owens himself may be tired now of trying to correct the fiction, but he has persistently denied charges that Hitler ignored and/or rebuffed him. Twice when Owens rewrote track records, Hitler (by Owens' and Associated Press reporting) was not even in the stadium. Another time, again according to AP, Hitler was driven from his official box by a driving rain as Owens won a race. Still another time, (AP again) Owens broke the long jump record "and Hitler joined in terrific applause accorded the American ace." Owens himself has reported that Hitler once smiled and waved to him. Now I ask you, where else except in such a liberal press as this would you find a defense of Adolph Hitler?

Odds without ends . . . Final Olympic note: This reporter has been critical of the fat cat columnists who maintain we should send our best to the world competition. Meaning, I have read, the Los Angeles Lakers to compete in basketball, to play against what really is the best in Russia. Well, since 1936 the U.S. roundballers, solid simonpure, managed to win 63 of 63 games, until that terrible last-second scene (or was it overtime?) that

saw the Americans get robbed by both the timekeepers and assorted officials, some without striped shirts . . . You can find some sports buffs who claim chess champ Bobby Fischer was executing "gamesmanship" with his tricks and tantrums all through the chess tournament with Russian Boris Spassky. Others maintain Fischer was performing like a complete boor. If the latter is the case, it says here, Spassky got even for all indignities when he elected to resign not in person, but by picking up the telephone . . . O. J. Simpson, after fumbling and failing too long and too often with the Buffalo Bills, is being touted as ready now to emerge this season as pro football's top offensive producer, as advertised when he came out of college. O. J. is doing better, thanks to an improved offensive line, but the Bills are still odds-on to lose 10 of 14 once the bell rings.

Hopscotching the sports beat . . . Nobody asked me, (except the guys who like to exclude my selections) but here are the pro FB picks for 1972: Kansas City, Cincinnati and Miami in the three American Conference divisions; Los Angeles, Minnesota and Dallas in the Nationals. Four of six are chalk. Freshest new voice on the pro football tube shows belongs to ex-Buffalo kicker Paul Costa. Sample: One night, after discussing dirty play by the Chicago Bears, Costa offered this line: "The Bears don't even take showers after the games. They just lick themselves clean."

JOHN DOSER

## Scholastic Notebook



This column last month described the feelings of former Cardinal Mooney athlete Doug Farrell who said he felt the Pittsburgh Pirates were "running him around."

The Pirates' Mid-Atlantic scouting supervisor, Joe Consoli, took exception to Farrell's remarks, and in a telephone interview gave the Pirates' side of the story.

Farrell, now a 22-year-old senior at Niagara University, is a likely starter for basketball coach Frank Leyden's Purple Eagles this winter.

Farrell also is a pro baseball prospect and was drafted by the Mets once and the Pirates twice. He turned down the offers made by both the Mets and the Pirates and is now considered a "free agent."

"LET ME tell you the truth about Farrell," Consoli said.

"We liked him at 19' and we drafted him when the Mets didn't make good. He gave us the impression he would play for us. Instead he decided to play basketball at Niagara.

"He turned down our biggest offer. We guaranteed him an education if he signed, with the best athletic scholarship in the world, but he turned us down. He doesn't have any bargaining power left now. He'd be smart to sign right now with someone in baseball. Basketball isn't going to put any bread on his table."

Consoli said the Pirates offered Farrell \$15,000, anyway he wanted it. Doug didn't take it; he wanted more. Consoli said.

Only two per cent of college graduates make it to the big leagues Consoli said, and he doesn't give Farrell, much of a chance anymore.

"Doug wasn't drafted this past June; and he won't be drafted again because he's priced himself right out of the market. Tell me this: if he's that good, why hasn't he signed now? He's a

free agent. He's open to all the clubs. Why aren't they down there knocking on his front door? Where are the scouts? They're not there. There's no competition for Doug Farrell. He'll have to beg," Consoli said.

Consoli said Doug got bad advice somewhere along the line to want "four years of 'go-go' at Niagara," instead of signing three years ago.

"He should not say Pittsburgh is running him around. He signed his intention, we drafted him a second time, nobody made him sign. Then he turned us down."

Consoli said the Pirates were the "youngest, most aggressive team in baseball today and we try to be fair." He said Farrell was unfair.

He said the Pirates spent thousands of dollars and traveled hundreds of miles to scout Doug. "He muffed his chances with pro ball three times," Consoli said. "I blame the boy, no one else. He had to make the decision. But he got real bad advice from someone."

IN REPLY to Consoli's statements, Farrell said perhaps he did make a "poor decision" in that he agrees he would not command as great a bonus today as he might have one, two or three years ago.

He said he wanted the education, that he liked playing basketball, but if Consoli had come around to visit him just one time he might have said "yes" and quit basketball then and there.

As for Pittsburgh giving him a runaround, Farrell said Consoli had promised that Pittsburgh manager Danny Murtaugh would scout him in person on at least one specific occasion.

Murtaugh failed to show and Consoli failed to offer an explanation.

Farrell also said Consoli promised other "little things," such as a Pirates uniform and hat for work out purposes, and he never sent them.

## Father Zimmer

### To Return

Father Edward A. Zimmer, pastor of St. Monica's who suffered a heart attack three months ago, will return to his parish next Monday, Sept. 18.

Father Walter Hanss, associate pastor who became administrator in the pastor's absence, said "Father Zimmer's doctor says he is well and can go back to St. Monica's.

"We're glad he's coming back," continued Father Hanss.

Father Zimmer spent the past three months at Our Mother of Sorrows in Greece, recuperating.



### TEACHING ABROAD

Sister Joan Marie O'Brien, teacher of German at Our Lady of Mercy High School for the past six years, will spend the school year '72-73 as a teacher in Germany. Recommended by the Fulbright Commission, Sister Joan Marie will teach in the Realschule Nordenham in West Germany. She received her Masters Degree in German from Middlebury College, Vermont, this August. The German teacher exchange program offers participants the opportunity to gain greater proficiency in the German language and obtain firsthand information on the problems and way of life in Germany today.

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Bishop Joseph L. Hogan

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in cooperation with our Bishop and, in a spirit of humility, takes up the challenge which this year of grace extends.

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