

GEORGE BEAHON  
**"In This  
 Corner"**



It was a bright, if bleary-eyed morning in Hollywood, Fla., a day in January when the ballots were counted for naming of the college football coach of the year. Kodak sponsors the awards dinner, and its PR people work with the American Football Coaches Association in handling press conferences like this one in a posh resort hotel.

Bob Devaney of Nebraska had just won the national championship for the second straight season, and for the second straight season Devaney was not voted coach of the year by the electors, his peers.

The nod went to Paul (Bear) Bryant, whose Alabama team had been demolished in a bowl game less than two weeks earlier. Alabama had been taken apart by Bob Devaney's Nebraska team.

Bryant said he wasn't embarrassed, because he was justifiably proud of his team's achievements during the regular season. Bryant and the coaches' committee in charge of voting pointed out that

balloting had been conducted BEFORE the Nebraska-Alabama contest. Okay.

Bryant accepted the award that night, and there was some rumbling in the banquet hall when the convened coaches realized Devaney had been bypassed again, no matter what the deadline for balloting.

What he really was embarrassed about, Bryant confided to this visitor, was that he hadn't done the coaching.

"I've reached the stage where I just don't have the time to do it all," said the man once accused of chipping an ankle bone when he banged into a rowboat while walking on water.

"My assistants do the coaching now," said Bryant, "and they are the ones who should receive this award. I actually do very little of the football coaching at Alabama now."

Well, if the assistants didn't get their names in the nation's press the next morning, they did get other rewards. Like raises, if they stayed on at Alabama, or job offers as head coaches at other colleges. Assistants at Alabama are almost always eligible for promotions to head coaching assignments elsewhere, because most assistants at Alabama are as capable as many men holding the No. 1 jobs at other football factories. Budget gets the best.

Alabama goes for the money, at the boxoffice and in the bowls and on television. Alabama gets the money, every

year, even if it stumbles (rarely) to a 6-and-4 record and has to settle for something like the Peach Bowl. (And the TV revenue.)

All this brings us back to that tired old charge of overemphasis.

Overemphasis at Alabama? This is not an argument. Not even a question, really.

Listen now to this recent quote from the same man who built the football dynasty at Alabama, where the athletes eat better than the heads of departments, and the price is right.

Paul (Bear) Bryant: "You can put this in the book. At Alabama they are NEVER going to mark football down (administrative-wise), whether I'm here or not.

"They're sure as hell not as long as I'm living or have something to do with it. The only president who's ever been fired at Alabama was against football. Any new president cuts his teeth on it, and he better be for it because if he's not they won't win, and if they don't win, he'll get fired."

On this quote alone, Alabama's Paul (Bear) Bryant is a brass-plated cinch to bring in a big bunch of votes from his peers when this year's balloting for coach of the year is held at the conclusion of the 1972 season. Even if he finishes with a lousy 6-and-4 record. The Bear says out loud what the others wish. Only the losers talk about overemphasis. And the president of the University of Alabama hasn't yet been heard from.

JOHN DOSER  
**Scholastic  
 Notebook**



They're back.

The state sportswriters' poll and the local Top 10.

But this season will produce more "scientific" evidence for making comparisons among the schools in the Rochester area which make up the Rochester City-Catholic League and the Monroe County League.

Two seasons ago the county's eastern division had an imbalance of teams and consequently filled an eighth game gap with Catholic school opponents.

Last year the City and the Catholic schools competed for the first time, but there was no action between the C-C and the MCL at all.

This year Jefferson, Charlotte and Monroe of the C-C meet MCL opponents and from these games should come some interesting conclusions.

There are no games scheduled between Catholic and MCL schools, however.

Two biggies opened the season Saturday - Madison 14, Aquinas 10; Batavia - Rush Henrietta, 8-6.

Aquinas last year was 7-1 and the City-Catholic runnerup; Madison was 7-0, the C-C champ; RH was 7-1, and MCL Division I champ; and Batavia was 7-1, the MCL Division III champ.

Last season Doser's final top ten showed Madison, Aquinas, East Rochester (7-0-1), Rush-Henrietta, Franklin (6-2), Bishop Kearney (5-3), Cardinal Mooney (5-3), Fairport (6-2), Irondequoit (4-2-2) and Batavia (7-1) in that order.

The local top ten picked by seven coaches in the Times-Union's preseason poll shows Madison, Rush-Henrietta, East Rochester, Aquinas, Franklin, Batavia, Mooney, Fairport, Irondequoit and Webster.

The local pool gave votes also to Greece Athena, Brighton, East, Kearney, McQuaid, Greece-Olympia, Penfield and Pittsford.

As this is written we aren't sure whether the D&C will publish its version of the local poll, but we like ours because it's different.

We pick teams from all three categories, City, Catholic, County, without regard to race, creed or color.

Everybody comes up with Madison as No. 1 this year. We have no quarrel with that choice. Coach Don Lander's kids would break their arms and legs for this kindly but firm task master.

Madison's big win over Aquinas last year dissolved the myth that Catholic school football teams here were unbeatable.

We like Aquinas as No. 2.

We pick East Rochester third; RH, fourth; Franklin, fifth; Fairport, sixth; Mooney, seventh; Webster, eighth; Batavia, ninth; and Greece Athena, tenth.

Next week we'll get back into the swing of predictions.

We don't want to jump into things however, so we'll sit the first week out until we can get our bearings.

Just a reminder though - last year our season's record was 30 right, 9 wrong.

**SWIM TRYOUTS**

Rated as one of the finest Swim Clubs in Western New York, the CYO in preparation for its fall activities will have tryouts for all boys and girls ages 6-18 interested in competitive swimming for the 1972-73 season the week of Sept. 25.

**What Do You Think**

**Of the Olympics?**

By CHARLES RANDISI

It was a schizophrenic Olympiad. There were eleven slain Israeli athletes. Mark Spitz and his seven pieces of gold. Rick DeMont, Olga Korbut, a basketball fiasco, Lasse Viren, Jim Ryun, the banning of Rhodesia, Japanese gymnasts, suspended judges, Frank Shorter and Dave Wottle, Vince Matthews and Wayne Collett, the U.S. 400-meter relay team, and eleven slain Israeli athletes. And more.

Last week I asked people of St. Michael's parish council, "What were your impressions of this year's Olympic games?"

Dolores Fischer, who works part-time in St. Michael's rectory, and teaches at St. Bridget's, said, "I would hate to see the Olympics stopped. But I had a bad, empty feeling about them. It's supposed to be a peaceful event, but the peace was ruined."

Mrs. Norman Tracy said, "I like the idea behind the Olympics, but they should keep nationalism out of it."

Mrs. William Cox said, "There was too much politics."

Bill Maher was also disappointed. "The basketball players got a raw deal," he said. "And so did that swimmer (Rick DeMont) who lost his gold medal because he was taking medicine for asthma."

"There was poor judging on both ends," said Nancy Beckert, "both the Americans and the Russians."

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Horak were upset over the basketball game. "The American team got a rotten deal," they said. "The U.S. had the game won, but they weren't

treated right. We're glad they didn't accept the silver medal."

The Horaks also were depressed about the Israeli murders. "They were all just humans, all just athletes," they said. "But it could have happened anywhere, not just in Munich. You can't blame the Germans."

Sister John Bosco, principal of St. Michael's school, said, "The Olympics should be the greatest thing we have. I felt very badly about the tragedy. It shows that the situation in other countries is as bad as it is here. The killings were inexcusable. They were just bad. Capital B-A-D."

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