

GEORGE BEAHON

### "In This Corner"



**NEWS ITEM:** The first Kodak World Baseball Classic in Honolulu was an artistic if not a financial success: Baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn was only one of the game's top brass to praise the idea and the production. The Classic's future is a topic of much speculation.

**COMMENT:** The concept was great. Box office returns were the only disappointment. International League president George Sisler Jr., chairman of the Classic Committee, has a host of ideas on what happened and what could happen.

Sisler notes that nearly everything except the Honolulu boxoffice was "Just super, including the weather, the baseball, publicity, program advertising, and other areas of the overall production."

It is his contention that Honolulu fans were turned off somewhat because of an increase in prices, which was adjusted. "But really," says Sisler, "the Classic concept is not for a city which has had baseball all season. Unless this city produced a pennant winner, thus representing one of the three triple-A leagues as

its champion, it's unlikely to draw. Its public has decided that its season is over. Honolulu, in particular, is an unspoiled baseball city. It doesn't need promotional gimmicks to draw well during its regular schedule, as it always does. There are no Pony Nights, Bat Nights, Helmet Nights. They just open the gates. The Honolulu public simply decided the season was over, period."

Sisler says a super film was produced (managers were wired for sound) during the Classic, won by the Caribbean All Stars. "And Caracas, which is in the Venezuelan League, is a prime prospect for the site of a next Kodak Classic," says Sisler. "Other cities without baseball, which I consider top prospects as host cities, would be New Orleans, Washington, D.C., Seattle, San Juan, and possibly Tokyo. I hope, and I know Commissioner Kuhn feels the same, that there are many successful Classics in the future."

**NEWS ITEM:** Montreal Olympics for 1976 seen jeopardized by the agonies of the Munich Games.

**COMMENT:** What television wants, television gets. ABC-TV paid a record amount for a record number of viewing hours and projected that 9,700,000 sets would be tuned into the Olympic coverage during each average minute. Previous record for prime time audience in any given week was shared by the two "bigger" networks, CBS and NBC, at 14,000,000 sets. The first week of coverage from Munich produced dizzying figures for ABC — 16,150,000 sets. Not just incidentally, commercial time sold at a rate of \$48,000 per minute. Bet the Olym-

pics will be staged on schedule in Montreal in 1976. What TV wants, TV gets. And now TV wants it more than ever before.

**NEWS ITEM:** Howie (The Horse) Samuels, New York State's No. 1 bookmaker, keeps insisting he's making money, and that horse racing isn't suffering because of Off Track Betting.

**COMMENT:** OTB invaded the Metropolitan racing scene on June 21, 1971. For the balance of that season, and for 157 days of racing this year, attendance has been off more than 15 per cent; and handle for this year alone a whopping 9.1 per cent. Would Howie The Horse like to tell us how much the N.Y. State Treasury has LOST in parimutuel revenue from Belmont and the Big A in this period? Of course, it did create a few choice jobs.

**NEWS ITEM:** Pro football players continue to make news with reports on drunken driving, rape convictions, dope abuse, etcetera. Coaches, generally, gaze toward next Sunday's match and issue regular "No comments."

**COMMENT:** Blackie Sherrod, certainly the most respected columnist in the Southwest sportswriting fraternity, swears it happened two summers ago in an American Football League camp. The routine was two-a-day drills, with 2½ hour breaks for lunch, or whatever. A veteran quarterback celebrated his midday break with some samples of Scotch whiskey. Celebrated so well that the fumes were noticeable in the huddles during the afternoon workouts. A rookie receiver complained to the coach. Rookie receiver was traded off the club within three days.

JOHN DOSER

### Scholastic Notebook



Joe Repko is back in the game he loves best. Football.

Repko, recently appointed head coach at St. John Fisher College, "retired" from the sport in 1964 when he left Aquinas Institute to go into the restaurant business in Albion.

His record at Aquinas was a good one. In nine seasons his Irish teams won 36, lost 16 and tied two.

At Fisher, Repko succeeds Frank Petrus who must be credited with putting Fisher on the football map at best, in uniform, at least.

Fisher has an ambitious six game schedule against Canisius College, St. Vincent's (Latrobe, Pa.), Steubenville (Ohio) College, Niagara U., Scranton, and in the Cards' biggie of the year, RIT.

The Cards' home games will be played under the lamps at Aquinas Stadium.

Repko owns a pair of distinguished achievements prior to Aquinas.

He played with the 1946 College All-Stars who shut out the Los Angeles Rams, 15-0; and his high school gridders at St. Philips, Battle Creek, Mich., won a Michigan state title while Joe's teams there ran up a 38-6-1 mark in five seasons.

**THERE'S A NEW** state rule in some sections (not Section 5) which calls for an overtime process to break high school football ties.

In Section 3 (Syracuse) the Onondaga High School League voted the rule in, a few days later a game after regulation time between West Genesee and Liverpool ended 16-16, and in the overtime period West Genesee won, 24-16.

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Ten days later, believe it or not, the Onondaga league chiefs called a meeting and the directors threw out the rule. Two quarterbacks, one from each club, were injured in the OT session. Whether that was a factor in killing the rule, we don't know.

Rochester's votes in the weekly high school state football poll come from Ted Rosen and Jim Rickey of the Rochester D&C.

Only the Times-Union's Ray Buck is running any local ratings this year. The D&C's Jim Castor used to do it, but he made such a complex science of it, no one has been able to handle it since.

**DOSER'S PICKS** — (favorite in caps) MADISON vs. Mooney, 11 a.m., at Aquinas; BRIGHTON at Charlotte, 1 p.m.; Edison at EAST, 1 p.m.; Kearney at FRANKLIN, 1 p.m.; Marshall at McQUAID, 2 p.m.; Jefferson at AQUINAS, 2:30 p.m.; PENFIELD at Arcadia, 2 p.m.; RUSH-HENRIETTA at Fairport, 2 p.m.; Athena at WEBSTER, 2 p.m.; Brockport at PITTSFORD, 2 p.m.; BATAVIA at East Rochester, 2 p.m.; OLYMPIA at East-ridge, 2 p.m. (All games Saturday).

#### Amnesty Panel

Amnesty for young men who refused the draft will be the topic of "Forum," a weekly show moderated by Jim Reilly on Channel 10, Sunday noon.

Taking part will be Tom Dorney, a history teacher at McQuaid, and Rev. Ken Colton, a Protestant minister, both from the Draft-Information Center for the Rochester Area; opposed will be Tom Thrasher, history teacher at Cardinal Mooney High School and member of the Young Americans for Freedom; and Richard Cobb, from the Monroe County Young Conservatives.

### Woman Named APACE Head

APACE, the Aquinas parents association, will hold its first general meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 10, under very different leadership.

For the first time in its six-year history a woman, Mrs. Harry (Angela) Fornarola, has

been chosen president of Apace. Angela Fornarola knows what parents' questions are and has arranged the program accordingly.

After being welcomed by Father Albert Gaelens, principal, parents will hear from Dean of Students Gerald McGuire, fol-

lowed by a slide presentation of Life at Aquinas.

Father Peter Etlinger will present "a look beyond Aquinas" to alert parents on "Getting Johnny into College."

All parents are invited to the 8 p.m. meeting in the Aquinas auditorium.

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