

GEORGE BEAHON

### "In This Corner"



Hopscotching the sports beat . . . How overemphasized is the running quarterback in pro football? Bob Douglass of the Chicago Bears reached a season's record total of 566 yards in a recent game against Detroit. Beautiful. But the Bears just happened to get schneidered, 14-zip. Which means, for one thing, that Douglass obviously can't put the ball into the air . . . World Series post mortem: When an estimated 150,000 bodies were reported viewing a parade of Oakland A's after they busted the Big Red Machine, club owner Charlie Finley was visibly touched. He also was disturbed because his unhappy pitcher, Vida Blue, failed to show up for the motorcade. So what's new? Vida was maintaining his consistency. He also failed to appear for the start of the American League season.

High price of horsebacking . . . A reader challenges the note here that jockeys at a lower level of racing, like upstate New York's Finger Lakes, can earn \$150-\$200 a day. Well, if a rider gets six

mounts on a nine-race card, and finishes last in every race, he's already earned a minimum of \$210, at \$35 per race. He gets bonus money, 10 per cent of the winner's purse, and additional bucks for second, third, fourth. Naturally not all riders get six mounts per day. (Some occasionally ride all nine events.) The lesser-in-demand jocks sometimes work harder in the mornings, as exercise boys, at varying rates.

Add racing notes: Staid old Aqueduct finally has gone promoting. A midweek attendance gimmick, 50-cent admission for senior citizens, recently drew 6,600 of the Golden Agers. It actually cost the track 3.8 cents a head to make up admission taxes, but it brought extra bodies into the carousel. Another move will be reduced prices for under 18's, a promotion racing needs, but has resisted since the beginning of history of athletic events for horses at most tracks.

Odds Without Ends: San Diego coach Harland Svare was addressing a mid-week luncheon group of TV, radio and newspaper people who cover his football club. His talk was interrupted by an insistent telephone ringing. "If nobody answers," cracked the coach, "then it's Duane Thomas calling." . . . Curt Gowdy, who might be the best in the network sports TV casting business (because his overexposure doesn't seem to bug people) comments on Howard Cosell, the personality kid: "He's a stimulating guy, one of those you have that love-hate thing for. I don't think he has any great knowledge of the game, but I think

he's planned his career very smartly . . . I'd like to have him in the booth with me and get into some arguments." . . . Few men in the history of college football coaching have more friends than the pixie Duffy Daugherty, who recently announced his resignation at Michigan State effective at the end of this season. One of his very closest friends is Kodak board chairman Gerry Zornow, also a longtime golfing buddy on ranges from Hartford to Hawaii.

Once Around and In . . . One of the sports myths that refuses to be corrected is that the late, great Jackie Robinson was the first black in organized baseball. The first — on record — was a man called Moses Yellowhorse, who played in the 1920's and was programmed as an Indian. There were others, too . . . It's taken a long time for Big 8 football to achieve proper recognition. The Big 10 always got more ink. But in seven seasons PRIOR to 1972, Big 8 clubs played Big 10 teams 27 times. The Big 8 won 24 . . . Thanksgiving Day football booking on the telly will terrify the lady planning the menu in most homes. Start with a goodie: Detroit vs. the Jets, at high noon, no less! In the afternoon you can have San Francisco and Dallas and Nebraska vs. Oklahoma. Don't go away. At night, try Texas vs Texas A&M under the lights. Happy wishbone.

Reminder from the Football Writers Association: One thing most alumni won't stand for is a college football team that plays like amateurs.

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### Scholastic Notebook



Tony Merola, Cardinal Mooney High football coach, admits he worked harder when Mooney was losing, but that he did appreciate that winning is a lot more fun.

Going back to September Tony was pleased to see his Cards rated seventh and eighth on successive weeks — dropping to eighth after Mooney pasted Medina, 32-0.

"How can you win a ballgame and drop in the ratings?" Tony asked.

Then came Mooney's 8-0 loss to Notre Dame of Utica (a 26-21 winner over McQuaid and a 16-0 winner over Aquinas) and the Cards fell into the "others receiving votes" category of the local poll.

The bright spot, however, was the running of Tony Shaw who totaled 267 yards in 27 carries and three TD's against Medina, and followed that Mooney school record-breaking performance with 118 yards in 26 cracks against ND-Utica.

Then came revelation that Mooney had a 1-2 offensive punch which produced Chris Charleton as a supplement to Shaw to become the Cards' dynamic running dual — Shaw gained 79 yards in a dozen carries against McQuaid and Charleton hit 100 yards on 21 carries — and Mooney's 18-14 win over the Knights began to raise some eyebrows.

Mooney then dethroned defending champion Madison, 32-8, with Shaw turning in 166 yards and Charleton 117 yards, knocking the Wilson Parkers, then the state's 10th ranked team, from the ranks of the unbeaten. Shaw also scored four touchdowns as Mooney ground out 241 total yards to a feeble 68 for the defending champs.

The big Madison win jumped Mooney to No. 2 in the local poll, behind Franklin, which Courier-Journal

owned a 4-0 mark to Mooney's 3-1 at the time.

IN WHAT must be the sweetest of Mooney's victories this season, Shaw-Charleton & Co. went out and blitzed Aquinas, 30-0, the first time in seven years that Mooney out-pointed the Irish.

Shaw hit 106 yards on 18 carries and Charleton gained 115 yards on 15 tries as Mooney hiked its league mark to 3-0, 4-1 overall, and dropped Aquinas to 1-2-1.

The big AQ win moved Mooney into top spot in the local poll and the Cards remained there for the rest of the season.

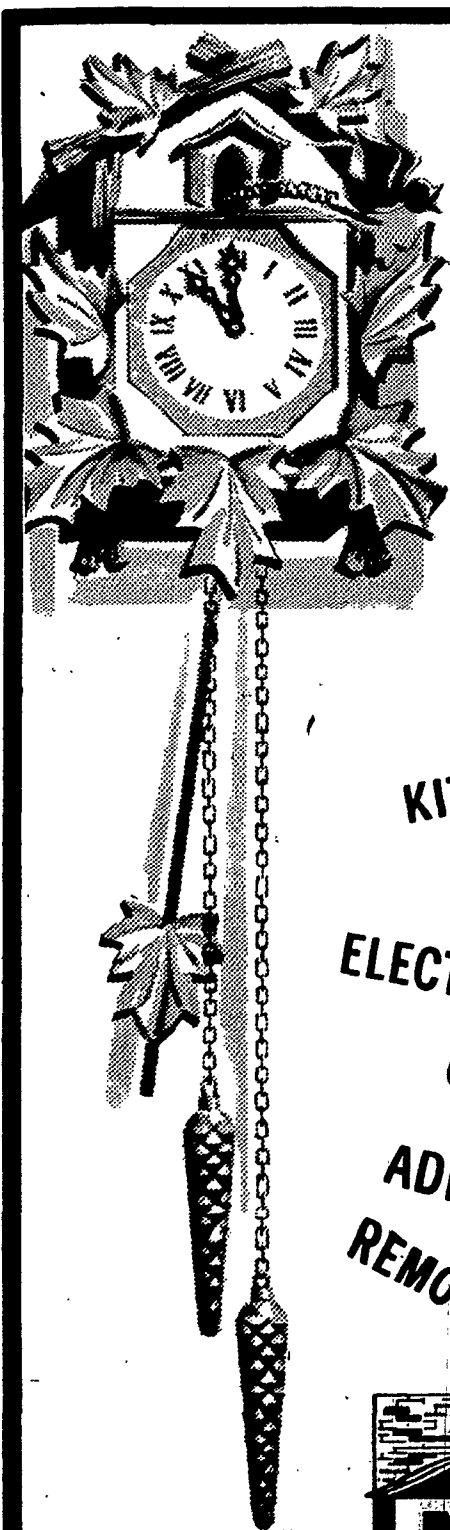
Charleton connected for two tallies and Shaw another as the Cards edged East 20-14, for a 4-0 C-C league mark. Against the Orientals Charleton gained 153 yards on 25 carries and for the first time Shaw's name didn't make the game story although he tallied the Cards' other TD.

Mooney's Cards made it 5-0 with a resounding 42-0 win over Edison with Shaw scoring twice and throwing for another TD.

The Cards added another dimension to their devastating offense, as if Shaw and Charleton weren't enough, — quarterback Mark Driscoll started hitting Dan Panaggio and an unbeatable passing attack joined an unbeatable running attack.

The C-C's top offense found it had to share the applause — Mooney's rock-ribbed unbeatable defense, which recorded three shutouts, could hold its collective heads just as high as Shaw-Charleton & Co.

Mooney put it all together in its finale and bounced arch-rival Bishop Kearney, 44-12, with Shaw and Charleton each scoring twice and Driscoll throwing two TD's.

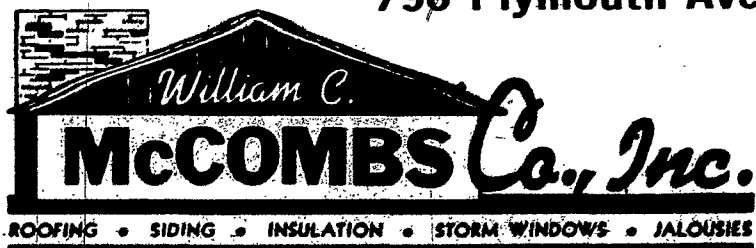


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