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"In This Corner"



'Tis the season to be silly, when the sports-type hacks bang out all their predictions for the New Year. Some of these cats even take themselves seriously. But not so they dare dig out the Practically Peerless Prognostications 12 months later to submit them to a jury. Away we go:

JANUARY—The greatest college football team in ten years jams Ohio State, 28-10, in the Rose Bowl. Thus John McKay, the flawless coach of the Southern California Trojans, provides us with a sharp, humorous post-game TV interview. Thereby sparing us the ordeal of listening to Woody Hayes say nothing.

Notre Dame, which plays a relatively patsy schedule with a major league squad, upsets Nebraska in the Orange Bowl, thanks to the golden toe of Bob Thomas.

Alabama clocks Texas in the Cotton Bowl. Bear Bryant sheds his water wings and confesses to a network TV audience that his assistants really do all the coaching and recruiting. The Bear just makes certain the athletic budget maintains the level to which 'Bama has become accustomed.

John McKay is named College Coach of The Year in a no-contest vote. McKay takes over pro job at LA, only hours after Joe Paterno leaves Penn State for New England.

FEBRUARY—Bobby Orr blazes the Boston Bruins into a ten-point lead in the National Hockey League East. Chicago widens to a 15-point lead in the West.

Wilt Chamberlain, shooting only a dozen times a game, all from underneath, leads the Lakers to an early clincher in the National Basketball Association's Pacific Division. Boston, Atlanta and Milwaukee are the other front runners.

Sports Illustrated, strengthening its image, presents Sportsman of The Year Award to Henry Kissinger.

UCLA wins 70th basketball game in succession; reveals letter of intent from Russian high schooler, 7 feet, 5 inches.

MARCH—Spring training quarters closed down from Palm Springs, Calif., to Orlando, Fla. Commissioner Bowie Kuhn pleads for help from H. Kissinger.

Secretariat sweeps Florida three-year-old races; Vegas lists colt as prohibitive 4 to 5 in Kentucky Derby Winter Book.

Aqueduct, afflicted with horse shortage because of purse-thinning caused by OTB, postpones opener another month.

APRIL—Jack Nicklaus, playing with a cast on his left hand, wins Masters by five shots.

Baseball openers postponed because of owners' players' strike.

Gussie Busch gives away St. Louis Cardinals to a committee of fans. Fans say "Thanks, But No Thanks."

MAY—Bobby Unser wins pole at Indianapolis with record trial run of 222 miles per hour. Mario Andretti wins 500 race with speed of 182, as 30 of 33 cars break down and fail to finish.

Secretariat, scaring all but three other stables, wins Kentucky Derby off by himself. Secretariat is walk-over winner of Preakness.

Harlem Globetrotters announce schedule of 21 exhibitions in big league baseball parks.

Ralph C. Wilson, owner of Buffalo Bills, says club will move if new stadium is not ready for August exhibitions.

JUNE—Secretariat wins Belmont Stakes; retires to stud. Jock arrested for riding under influence of speed.

Baseball players jam up unemployment insurance lines. Bowie Kuhn's resignation accepted by owners. H. Kissinger named commissioner.

Mario Andretti wins Schaeffer 500. Pole-winner Bobby Unser's car breaks down after third pit stop.

NBA, NHL playoffs finally end. Bruins, Lakers take top-prize money, rest up for opening of training camps.

JULY—Jack Nicklaus, with borrowed putter and wife's driver, runs winnings to \$400,000.

Joe Frazier pops Muhammad Ali in fourth. Ali announces retirement.

Howard Cosell announces Howard Cosell's retirement. Will consider a nomination to Supreme Court.

AUGUST—Baseball strike settled. Plans announced for 77-game schedules, with double dips every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Kissinger promises peace next spring training time.

Buffalo Bills become Seattle Bills; trade Dennis Shaw and O.J. Simpson for Joe Namath.

Broadway Joe retires from football; Bills awarded New York's top three draft choices for ten years.

SEPTEMBER—Jack Nicklaus named Athlete of the Century after Grand Slam; purchases Disneyworld for his kids.

Pro football players threaten to strike for more meal money and elimination of curfews and bed checks. Players win all points.

Bobby Orr jumps to Alberta of World Hockey Association for ten-year contract at \$1 million a year.

Wilt Chamberlain buys Lakers; takes over as coach; will play in home games only.

OCTOBER—Muhammad Ali stops two opponents on same night in Shea Stadium doubleheader; reveals he was drugged in Frazier fight.

Yankees drop Oakland in American League playoffs; face Cincinnati in W. S.

NOVEMBER—Very dull month.

DECEMBER—OTB moves into sports betting; Joe Namath named OTB Sports Commissioner.

Green Bay, Cincinnati win pro football playoffs.

Big A. Belmont, converted to supermarkets.

President Nixon announces government control of all sports, regulating schedules, salaries, ticket prices, curfews and bed checks.

Washington, D.C.—BULLETIN—President Nixon creates new cabinet post. Names Howard Cosell Secretary of Sports.

JOHN DOSER

Scholastic Notebook



The AQ is back. Really back.

The purchase of Aquinas Stadium for \$750,000 by the City of Rochester was a pleasant Christmas gift for the city's sports fans.

While Aquinas officials were at a disadvantage during their 23-year tenure as stadium owners because they couldn't actively pursue profitable events without endangering their tax-exempt status, the city isn't in such a position.

Joe Lusardi, director of the War Memorial, will also be in charge of the stadium — whether it will be renamed only time will tell.

Lusardi will try to attract any profitable package that will fill the seats and produce green for the city treasury, just like he did at the War Memorial.

He intends to shoot for religious meetings, political rallies, boxing, fireworks, minor league football, circuses, rodeos, carnivals, stock car races, rock festivals (if neighbors around Mt. Read and Ridgeway don't object too violently), possibly even demolition derbies.

The city however, must put out some \$250,000 more to cover stadium repairs, before it can start adding to its bank account.

Repairs were to begin immediately after City Council approved the purchase — and it did by a 7-1 vote last week.

Ironically, the only negative vote was cast by Aquinas alumnus and ex-teacher Mike Roche.

AQUINAS officials tended to downplay the needed repairs while they waited for a buyer to step forward for the past two years, but they are needed.

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Few stadium patrons will disagree with the priority items on Lusardi's list: leveling and black-topping walkways; installation of new toilet facilities; replacement of nearly 1/3 of the wood seats (stadium holds 20,000); painting all the seats; cleaning and replacing scoreboard wiring; installation of new ticket offices; construction of two complete new locker rooms with showers and toilets; leveling, filling (but not blacktopping, because of the expense) of the parking lot; rebuilding concession stands; re-wiring or replacing the present lighting system which Lusardi terms inadequate (ever try to catch a pass in either end zone?).

Lusardi even talks about acquiring artificial turf to facilitate full use of the stadium. He'd buy the turf that can be rolled up and stored.

The city will ask the Monroe County Legislature to raise the two per cent hotel-motel tax to three per cent to finance the purchase and the repairs.

What will Aquinas do with the \$750,000? The school's board of trustees, which originally put a \$1,000,000 price tag on the property and stood to sell it for \$800,000 to a Cleveland housing construction firm, settled for the lesser amount.

The Irish will get to play football in the stadium for free over the next ten years for lowering the price.

THE BASILIAN Fathers, operators of Aquinas, can now guarantee students, parents and alumni continued Catholic education.

The \$750,000 will repay a loan created two years ago when the school borrowed \$800,000 for renovation of the nearly 50-

year-old Dewey Avenue building.

While the trustees, City Council, prospective buyers and newspaper writers argued over the merits of the stadium, Aquinas has been quietly paying thousands of dollars in interest on the loan.

The city may still build some housing units on the stadium site but it isn't expected to be as elaborate or as immense as the now scrapped 2,000 unit Stadium City which by no-action City Council threw out earlier this month.

The decision of the city to buy the stadium should please area football coaches.

Cardinal Mooney head coach Tony Merola, whose gridders won their first City-Catholic football championship this fall, said the stadium has become essential to the Catholic schools' football programs, citing the impossibility to put 10,000 to 15,000 fans anywhere else to watch high school football.

Mooney-Aquinas To Be on Radio

The Cardinal Mooney at Aquinas game Friday will highlight three high school basketball games to be broadcast this week. The game, scheduled at St. John Fisher, will be heard over WROC-AM at 8:25 p.m. with Joe Cullinane doing the play-by-play.

Two other games will be broadcast — Monroe at East, 4:15 p.m., Friday, over WROC-FM, and Cardinal Mooney at Monroe, 4:15 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 9, WROC-AM.

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Cubs Visit St. Ann's

Members of Den two in Holy Apostle's Cub Scout Troop No. 249 recently visited St. Ann's Home to deliver letter holders they made as a Christmas project. The Cubs are (l.-r.) David Rosso, Paul Jug, Edward Stafford, Ronnie Webster, Jimmy Traino, Kevin Conte. Den mother of the group is Sylvia Mancuso.

League of Women Voters Seeks New Members

The Rochester Unit of the League of Women Voters, launching a membership drive, invites all interested women to a meeting at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the home of Mrs. Pamela Dunn, 1579 Culver Rd.

The organization also will welcome newcomers at League Day at the Baptist Temple, Clover Street and Highland Avenue, Thursday morning, Jan. 4, 9:30-11:30. Dr. Richard E. Tenhaken, John Woods, Thomas Laverne, and Dr. Paul Reason will discuss education finance.

The League of Women Voters works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. Issues are studied in small, informal discussion groups. The major emphasis is on nonpartisan factual information on government, voting procedures, election issues and candidates.

Further information may be obtained from the unit leader.

Sharon Price, at 442-0586, who also can help solve transportation problems.

Business In the Diocese

Louis A. Langie, Jr., has been named executive vice president of Lincoln First Bank of Rochester. He is manager of the bank's recently expanded Banking Division.

A graduate of Princeton University, Langie is the first vice president of the Community Chest, and is past president of the Otetiana Council of the Boy Scouts, the Monroe County Red Cross, the Catholic Youth Organization, and the Rochester Ad Club. He is chairman of the executive committee of the Columbus Civic Center and is a past vice president of the St. Mary's Hospital Men's Board.

He lives with his wife Sally and their two children in Brighton.