

GEORGE BEAHON

### "In This Corner"



Hopscotching the sports beat . . . and wondering if anyone anywhere wants to argue against the selection of John McKay (Southern California) as Kodak Coach of The Year? His team went 11-and-0 and blew Ohio State out of the Rose Bowl, winding up the only major undefeated, untied team in the nation.

Forty nine years old, the silver-haired son of a West Virginia coal miner has become a celebrity in a land of celebrities. McKay's 13 years at Southern Cal produced three national champions and an overall 100-33-6 record. He's virtually a fulltime tenant in the Rose Bowl, leading his teams there five of the last seven years.

McKay is vigorously active in recruiting, a must in the big time, and when someone commented about his moustachioed players, he reacted this way: "The kids are no different from ten years ago. I had players with moustaches then. Only difference," he told Kodak Board Chairman Gerry Zornow, "is that today the moustache is a big fad."

McKay was presented Coach of The Year Award at the annual banquet for the nation's football coaches last week in Chicago. What makes the award prestigious is that coaches, and coaches only, vote for the awards in nine districts in college and university divisions.

College division winner Tubby Raymond of Delaware (10-and-0), stressed the point that Delaware issues NO athletic scholarships. "We regard football," said Raymond, "as an elective subject in the overall educational program." Delaware deals only in grants-in-aids. How come this doesn't work out at such a large, richly endowed campus as the University of Rochester? (Yes, Delaware is a university; it's the schedule that determines the separation).

Free Advice to Baseball Bigwigs: Better get with the offer by player rep Marvin Miller, suggesting use of an "either-or" form of arbitration, which is used in some big industries. If a player asks for \$100,000, and the club offers \$30,000, the arbitrator chooses one or the other, nothing in between. This, if accepted, would preclude outlandish proposals by both sides; bringing realistic figures (say, \$60,000 and \$50,000) from player and club, because both must produce fairly honest propositions. Better than what is looming, another strike.

Report on Doctor J: Columnist Milton Gross, back on the New York Post after serious illness, probably is the most knowledgeable of all pro basketball critics. He comes up with some beautiful figures on Virginia Squires super star Julius Erving, better known as Doctor J. The man is driving a \$9,000 Jag paid for by the Atlanta Hawks. His sister and her family live in a \$250-monthly apartment paid for by the Hawks, in Atlanta, on a

five-year lease. Doctor J himself gets \$20,000 a year from Atlanta, but plays for the Squires, who pay him \$125,000 this season. He received \$250,000 for signing with the Hawks, and if he ever does play in Atlanta he'll get \$200,000 the first season. It slides upward in \$15,000 annual raises to \$260,000. Pro basketball salaries are way out in front of whatever's second best, probably horseback riding on the major tracks.

Comeback of The Season? You might quickly pick Pittsburgh over Oakland, or Dallas over San Francisco, in those miracle finishes. How about Arizona leading Utah 27-zip into the fourth quarter? Utah scored 21 in the next 13 minutes, got the ball back on its own 34 and was immediately penalized. Five straight completions and one quick-opener later, it was Utah 28, Arizona 27, as the clock ran out. (Some of the more sophisticated football bettors now are adding a condition to their wagers: Miracles don't count.)

Notes, Quotes, Anecdotes: Duffy Daugherty, retiring as Michigan State sideline director, at the Coaches' Convention: "My players' goalline stands were great, but I'd prefer to see them made at the 50-yard line. That way I'd get a better view . . . I'm not superstitious, but it's bad luck to be behind when the game ends . . . Best back I coached had a very serious fault: He was a senior . . . I learned one lesson early. I had a great lineman after straight-A grades. He entered medical school after his junior year. I'll never again recruit anyone that smart." . . . All you hear about on the tube is that we are in the era of Wishbone and Power-I offenses. How come Arizona State led the nation in scoring and total offense — with the old wing-T? . . . If you're having trouble sticking with that New Year's diet, try the Chinese method: Eat all you want, but use only one chopstick.

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### Scholastic Notebook



One frequent complaint directed at the New York State Sports Writers Association is this: "You writers should have at least one team from all 11 sections of the state in all your polls."

To which poll editor Neil Kerr of the Syracuse Post Standard replies "Hogwash!"

"We believe," Kerr wrote in one of the association's weekly reports to members, "that readers are for the most part more interested in knowing who the real 'Top 20' teams in the state are; the idea is not just to make 'everybody happy' but to unearth the state's best."

"This is how the national AP and UPI polls operate and that is how we plan to operate," Kerr said.

"Thus, the more heavily populated areas, with the largest, strongest schools and teams, such as Long Island, Buffalo and Westchester County, will likely be most heavily represented here (in the polls), as they should be."

CITY-CATHOLIC League basketball leader East owned the best won-loss record in the state last week with a 9-0 mark.

The Orientals were rated fourth best among the state's

### Scout Swim Set at CYO

A new swimming program for Boy Scouts leading to the Swimming Merit Badge has been announced by the CYO, 50 Chestnut St. The course will consist of six 2-hour sessions under the direction of Paul Ferrante and Gordan Keenan, Merit Badge Counselors on Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Classes will start Feb. 3, and finish March 10. The cost is \$3 for members of CYO and \$6 for others.

For registration and further information, phone CYO, 454-2030.

### DEADLINE

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top 20 "large" high school teams. Leading the pack was Luther of Glen Head, L.I. (6-0); Buffalo East (0-0); and Hempstead (2-1); behind East were Watkins Glen Springs Academy (3-2); Cham-inade (5-1); Buffalo Hutch Tech (2-0); Rochester's Cardinal Mooney (8-1); and Buffalo St. Joseph's (6-0).

Honorable mention teams from Section 5 included Batavia, Brockport, Newark and Pittsford in the large schools' division and Waterloo (8th), Kendall (17th), Bloomfield, Byron-Bergen, Caledonia-Mumford, Canisteo, Perry, Red Creek,odus, South Seneca, and Trumansburg, honorable mention small schools division.

Top public school team in New York's Public School Athletic League is New Utrecht, Brooklyn (13-0) and top Catholic team in the Catholic High School Athletic Association is Power Memorial (4-0).

The NYSSWA also ranks college teams in the state and had St. John's, N.Y., topping the university division and C.W. Post and Brockport State leading the college division.

IN THE SYRACUSE AREA poll No. 1 in basketball is Utica Notre Dame, followed by CBA, West Genesee, Liverpool and New Hartford. In Buffalo it was East, Hutch Tech, St. Joe's, Niagara Falls and Bishop Daugherty.

WHILE PITTSFORD insisted locally it was the top high school swim team in the state after beating Williamsville North, the NYSSWA still gave the top honor to Liverpool with this provision: "A glance at that meet's times (Pittsford 60, Williamsville North 35) reveals that No. 1 Liverpool has the edge in every event."

The association does ask however, can anyone get Pittsford and Liverpool together so the debate will cease? Liverpool now owns 62 straight over five years; Pittsford has never lost at home in nine seasons.

THE EMPIRE STATE all star basketball games are scheduled for April 6-7 at Niagara Falls LaSalle High. Teams to take part include all stars from Sections 2-11; 5-6; 1-2-9; and 3-4-7-10. Tryouts will be held March 31. Coaches of the all-star teams are needed.

## Keeping Tabs

Christ the King Rosary Guild will meet Monday, Jan. 22, to hear Mary McCartney of Rochester Gas and Electric on "How to be a better shopper." The program will begin promptly at 8 p.m., following church services at 7:30.

Members of the 80th Seton Branch will meet at 8:30 tonight at the home of Mrs. Arthur Collins, Dauntion Drive.

The Rosary Society of St. John's, Greece, will celebrate the birthdays of all members tonight, after 8 p.m. church services.

The Alhambra Ladies will meet Wednesday noon, Jan. 24, at 513 Monroe. Mrs. Raymond L. Nary will preside. Mrs. James E. Martin will be hostess.

### Aquinas Offers Ceramics Course

An evening course in ceramics that emphasizes creative handling of clay, is being offered at Aquinas.

The class, limited to 12 adults, will meet on alternate Mondays, Feb. 12-May 21.

Father J. L. Cullen, Aquinas Art Teacher, said no molds would be used. Students will be able to use the potter's wheel on a regularly-scheduled basis. The tuition fee is \$40. Further information may be obtained by calling Aquinas Institute, 254-2020.

### CYO Slates Golf Classes

Jack Tindale, the Professional Golf Association instructor from Genesee Valley Golf Club, will give golf instruction beginning Jan. 29 at the CYO, 50 Chestnut St.

Classes will be held Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. A limit of five students per class will insure individual instruction. Beginners and those further advanced are invited to join. Registration can be made by calling 454-2030.

### GAMES ON RADIO

Two high school basketball games will be broadcast this week. Rush-Henrietta at Webster is scheduled for 8:40 p.m., Friday Jan. 19 over WROC-AM and Spencerport at Irondequoit at 8:40 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20, also on WROC-AM. Joe Cullinane is the play-by-play announcer.

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The Sacred Heart Society of Holy Ghost Church will entertain senior parishioners at lunch in the parish hall at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. Jack Risewick's folk group will perform. Transportation can be arranged with the chairman, Eleanor Stoe, 247-1961.

All clothing on hand at the Seton Shop of St. Mary's Hos-

pital, 151 Genesee, is offered at half price this month.

A meal built around pizza will be served Sunday, Jan. 21, at St. Thomas the Apostle school hall, Colebrook Drive, West Irondequoit. Hours are 1-3 p.m. and 5-7. Hildegard Romeo and Barbara Kelly are chairmen. Reservations may be made with the latter at 342-8441.

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