

GEORGE BEAHON

"In This Corner"



Hopscotching the sports beat... and wondering about the importance of being an early round draft choice in football's slave marketing? Larry Brown, first winner of the Lincoln-Mercury Pro Athlete of The Year Award, was just another name in fine print when he was drafted in 1969. The Redskin star didn't go until the eighth time around... Organized Baseball, usually stuck in the gate, public relations wise, made a big score when Commissioner Bowie Kuhn announced lifetime passes to all major league parks for all returning POWs. The idea originated with International Leaguer Dave Rosenfield of Tidewater, who passed on his suggestion to league president George Sisler, who in turn sold it to Kuhn... Another Sisler note: It was he who put across the Designated Hitter deal in the IL several years ago. When the American League went for it for 1973, Sisler received a long distance call. It was Joe Cronin, president of the AL, asking for detailed explanations of the complex possibilities involved in managerial maneuvering under the DH rule. Incidentally, it is Designated Hitter, NOT Designated Pinch Hitter, as so many maintain. DPH is as bad a boot as Road Trip, which is too common a redundancy. Ever hear of a Home Trip?

Odds Without Ends... Baltimore manager Earl Weaver says the Frank Robinson trade (a year ago) can't be assessed for another season or more. He points to Doyle Alexander, the pitcher acquired in the F. Robby deal with LA. Alexander worked 106 innings last season, and despite his won-lost 6-8, the other stats are powerful. He surrendered only 78 hits and 30 bases on balls. Weaver says

Alexander has the same style, guts, delivery and stuff as Dean Chance, and predicts he'll become an AL star. Another baby Oriole acquired in the same swap is on his way up. That's lefty swinger Royle Stillman, who took apart the Southern League last season with 29 HRs, 89 RBIs and a .297 average. Former Boston Bruin player John Crawford, who coached Rochester in the American Hockey League, was one of the first ever to wear a helmet on the ice. John was bald. John also was one of the finest gentlemen ever to grace a bench as a coach or manager in any sport. Crawford, who died last month while on his way to a hockey broadcasting assignment, got a bad deal from the Toronto Maple Leaf organization when he departed the coaching ranks.

Notes, Quotes n Anecdotes: You hear about the big raises the pro athletes come up with after big seasons. And you hear they can't take more than a 25 per cent cut. How about Frank Howard, who was picked up on waivers by Detroit Tigers late last season? The 36-year-old giant took a slice of 40 percent, from \$100,000 to 60 Gs... Boston Celtics' Dave Cowens, out of Florida State, has to be one of the next super stars in the skivvy shirt set... Critics who moan that University of Rochester can't compete in the annual Kodak Basketball Classic, can come up with an instant cure. Like approximately \$52,000 for 10 basketball scholarships per season... Nomination for Father and Mother of The Year: Mr. and Mrs. Gil (Yankees) McDougald. They have seven kids — four of their own, three adopted, two of them inter-racial. Food and Drug Administration is source for these stats regarding injuries in sports: Most vulnerable group is 15-19 year old football. Baseball's bulk of injuries occur in 10-14 year bracket; basketball's problems come in the 15-19 area. The survey covered competitors from 5 to 40. Total measurable major injuries by sport: Football 3,736; baseball 2,437; basketball 725; and hockey (surprise!) only 79... Dept. of Wonder Where They Are Now? During World War II the U.S. Navy ordered 30,000 catchers' mitts from MacGregor Sporting Goods Company. Except they ordered righthanded gloves, for lefty throwing catchers, of whom there are none. MacGregor double-checked the suspicious order, and received confirmation. Think about 30,000 baseball gloves for lefthanded catchers... And how we won the war.

Bowlers Roll For Charity

The Rochester Bowlers' Congress will hold a benefit Celebrity-Charity Bowling Show on Saturday, Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m., at Henrietta Lanes, 2620 W. Henrietta Rd.

The show will benefit Eddie Meath's Christmas Children's Fund, and the School of the Holy Childhood.

Some of the celebrities that

will participate are Jack Lazarus, John Parrinello, Eddie Meath, Charles Schiano, Tom Decker, Ray Laws, and Rep. Barber Conable.

Some of the top bowlers in Rochester will also be present, including Pete DiSalvo, Steve Nowicki, Nubs McLaughlin, Harry Smith, and Millie Martorella.

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Scholastic Notebook



"We could still get in, if they wanted to let us in."

So said Ed Nietopski, Cardinal Mooney High basketball coach, on behalf of his team and the Catholic high schools in the Rochester diocese.

"If Section 5 really wanted us in their tournaments, they could let us in in a week," Nietopski added.

The Big N was referring to Greater Rochester area public school administrators who last year voted by a 2-1 margin to keep Catholic school athletic teams out of the public school sectionals.

Other sections in—the state, Syracuse for one, permit the Catholic schools within their boundaries to compete in the post-season tournaments in all sports.

"I could tell you some of the schools which voted to keep us out," Nietopski said, adding that some were "pretty close by."

"I don't really know how they (Section 5) can keep the vote secret. They are a public body aren't they?" Eddie asked.

Father Daniel Brent, superintendent of Rochester Catholic schools, said he doesn't intend to ask for another vote until he has reason to believe the vote will be different.

"We don't want to put it to a vote and be turned down again," Father Brent explained.

He and several public school administrators, including Pittsford superintendent Herbert Bettinger, make up a committee to "explore" the question of private schools entry into sectional tournaments.

Father Brent understandably was miffed at the vote last year which revealed that two thirds of the public schools in Section 5 which voted on the question, voted no.

Bruno Sniders wrote last week that the two teams could meet for a third game if both finished the season with identical records which would force a playoff.

Section 5 basketball chairman Bill Farrell agreed and said there was no other place to play a third game except at the War Memorial.

It's ironic that the sectional basketball chairman should comment so favorably when it's his subsequent public school tournament which eventually might produce East High as the Class AA winner—with Mooney watching from the stands as the City-Catholic champion.

In other words, wouldn't it be awkward for the C-C League to send East its second best team, into the tournament as its No. 1 representative?

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