



Cardinal Mooney basketball team, Carter-Sammons Class A champions.



**SCHOLASTIC -
NOTEBOOK**
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Channel 21, Rochester's public television outlet, deserves a varsity letter for its colorcast of the recent Aquinas-Webster hockey game at RIT.

The game, won by Webster, 4-2, earned the Ridgemen the Monroe County Hockey League championship. Ironically, Webster finished second to the Little Irish during the regular season in the league's northern division.

Channel 21, which makes no secret that viewer contributions make local programming, especially high school sports, possible, lined up top commentary talent in Bob Turner and John MacDonald, a couple of old hands at sports broadcasting.

Turner, for those 30-or-over, will be remembered for handling the old NBA Royal games at Edgerton Park over WHAM years ago and MacDonald is a former Rochester Amerks broadcaster over WHEC and WROC.

Turner is now associated with O'Brien Homes and MacDonald is with WAXC.

Webster's Greg Wittman broke a 2-2 tie when he slapped in the gamewinner with 3:34 left in the final period and the Ridgemen added an insurance goal from a scramble in front of Aquinas goalie Glen Johnson who inadvertently pushed the puck into his own net.

Ray Whitmore, Bob Lamb and defenseman Doug Rood made the league's all-star team as did McQuaid defenseman Fraser Mackenzie.

CARDINAL MOONEY gained the Carter-Sammons inter-diocesan basketball championship with a resounding 80-42 win over St. Patrick's of Syracuse.

Mooney coach Ed Nietopski wants to make the C-S tournament as prestigious as the Section 5 tournament, but does have some obstacles.

While Albany joined Syracuse and Rochester this year, the bigger Syracuse schools like CBA and Bishop Ludden chose to compete in the Section 3 tournament instead of the inter-diocesan tests.

Mooney, ranked 10th among the state's large schools, went against an honorable mention small school for the Class A title. In Class B, St. Peter's of Saratoga Springs, 15th among state small schools, downed St. Lucy's,

Syracuse, honorable mention among state small schools.

Mooney's Dan Panaggio played his final game for the Cards and revealed that his choices for college ball are apparently reduced to two schools: Notre Dame and Brockport State (his dad Mauró coaches at the latter).

DeSales of Geneva, defending Class B champion, lost to St. Peter's, 61-56, in the semifinals. Mooney, which beat Kearney, 72-45, to gain the finals, finished 19-2 for the season. Kearney ousted Aquinas in the opening round, 75-74.

NOTEBOOK — Thurn Boddie, who has a son at Mooney, hopes to umpire behind the plate next month when the U of R faces Hobart at the River Campus. Boddie lost his left foot five months ago as the result of an infected blister and diabetic complications. The recent amateur cage tournament in his name raised \$1,300 for use as an inner-city emergency fund.

Tom Batchelor is Mooney's second state private and parochial wrestling champ, having won the recent 135-pound title at the Huntington, L.I., tournament. The Cards' Bernie Wegman won a title in 1971.

Batchelor finished with a 21-1-1 record. He failed to win a match in his freshman year at Mooney when he finished 0-8-1. His only loss this season was to Penfield's Bob DiBaudo.

If Section 3 (Syracuse) is thumping its chest these days, it deserves to. Section 3 won the wrestling, gymnastics and swimming inter-sectionals and its sectional rifle team is also tops in the state.

The Empire State Classic, New York state's unofficial high school all-star game, is slated for April 7-8 at LaSalle High School, Niagara Falls.

Western N.Y. (Buffalo-Rochester) takes on Central N.Y. (Binghamton-Syracuse) at 8 p.m., April 7, and Capital District (Albany) Schenectady-Middle-Hudson) faces Downstate (Westchester-Long Island) at 6 p.m.

Sponsors are the Niagara Falls Jaycees who pick up travel expenses, lodging and uniforms. Athletes who play should be seniors because participation in all-star games will terminate their amateur high school athletic careers.

Pope Hails Band

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope Paul greeted the Bishop Kearney High School marching band at the conclusion of his customary Wednesday general audience on March 21.

Turning to the U.S. contingents, the Pope said, in English: "We welcome today two bands — that of Archbishop Carroll High School, Washington, D.C., and the 'Marching Kings' from Rochester, New York — whom we had the pleasure of meeting a year ago."

Urging the young people to use their talents "to bring pleasure and happiness to many people," the pontiff said: "We thank God for the abilities He has given you and we pray He will bless your activities."

CHEERLEADERS

The 15th annual New York State Invitation Cheerleader Tournament will be held Saturday, March 31 at the R.I.T. campus.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Opportunities for employment in this country are bountiful compared to those available to the residents of the Third World. Catholic Relief Services-USCC is helping the young citizen of the poorer nations around the world to learn a trade and make for himself a better tomorrow by supplying him with vocational kits. CRS can send an aspiring Third World carpenter a complete tool set for \$55, a cobbler's kit is \$7.50, masons' materials cost \$23.50 and a basic tailoring outfit costs \$8.50.

Retreat Schedule

Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua, is conducting men's retreats for the weekend of March 30-April 1. All men of the diocese are asked to make retreats with their fellow parishioners.

Contact the following retreat leaders, your local rectory, or Notre Dame, 315-394-5700: Our Mother of Sorrows, F. Dombrowski, 663-0462; St. Andrew's J. Critelli, 467-4816; St. Leo, Hilton, D. Yockel, 392-8907; St. Mary, Bath, G. Ferris, 776-2234; St. Gabriel, Hammondspport, Will LaChance, 292-3493; St. Mary Rushville, and St. Theresa, Stanley, D. Dannahe, 596-5459; St. Joseph, Campbell, M. Cardinale, 527-3344; St. Stanislaus, Bradford, S. Koziatek, 583-2190.



IN THIS CORNER

George Beahon

"Deplorable" regrettable
"appalling"

Those words caught the eye in a 24-hours delayed story out of Florida spring training. It was difficult to pinpoint the exact location, because one report said the press conference was held at Redding Beach, near St. Petersburg. Another said it was staged at Madera Beach. Both are close to the New York Mets and St. Louis Cardinals' training bases.

It was, explained the quotes laid on baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn, an "informal, post midnight, news conference." The caution light went on right there — post midnight.

It also followed a late, late dinner hosted by the Office of The Commissioner. (The Mets and Cardinals must have flunked out that night as hosts to the press.)

What Kuhn said about a couple of lefthanded pitchers who at last notice still were working for the Yankees, didn't do a thing here. He said he'd talk to the pitchers who got involved in a three-quarters divorce-type deal, then promptly admitted he could not be expected to take any action in the future. Big deal. Only adds evidence to the long established theory that all lefthanded pitchers are flakes.

Somehow, Kuhn's feeble attempt at strengthening his image didn't get the job done here. Instead, it reminded this observer of the guy on the writers' target range. Marvin Miller, according to too many "homer" type writers dedicated to The Establishment, is a mustachioed, black-hatted, devil incarnate.

Marvin Miller doesn't like the owners, and for some reason the writers don't like Miller — a form of reciprocation?

Miller takes his own dead aim on the sports writers who live with the Establishment.

"Sportswriters are usually owner-oriented and very conservative minded," says Miller. "They usually are flattered by the attention of the rich men who own the clubs and they are flooded with information sent out by the league offices. The players' association (which Miller represents) has no public relations man. Only one director, one legal counsel and two secretaries."

"So we can't begin to compete," continues Miller. "We can't provide free meals and free booze at ball games. We can't buy tables at baseball writers' dinners and we can't spend money for expensive trips. We can't pay them to be official scorers and we can't offer them jobs. Most writers are disappointed that baseball isn't what they thought it was when they were 12 years old. We've convinced them it's a business, not a sport, and they hate us for doing so."

Hopscotching The Sports Beat

Statistics you couldn't get along without: National Hockey League clubs win 62 per cent of their home games; and the team scoring first goal wins 68 per cent. Can you believe Ralph Houk when he says he's delighted one Vegas book has made the Yankees favorites in the AL East? If Orlando Cepeda, the Red Sox DH, can walk up to the plate, and if Earl Williams delivers for the Orioles, Houk has to wind up in the show position. The managerial chairs routine gets more ridiculous with each season. Sam Mele won a pennant at Minnesota and 18 months later the Twins fired him. They hired Cal Ermer, who lasted 18 months. Then they hired Billy Martin, who won a division championship, only to fire Martin and hire Bill Rigney, who was fired for losing in California. Now the Twins have dumped Rigney, while Martin sits in Detroit doing nothing but winning. Are you ready for this? It's the kind of electrifying stuff that comes out of spring training camps, as reported (in this case, surprisingly) by a New York Daily News staffer: "Tom Seaver says: 'Hell, I'll be ready.' He threw batting practice eight minutes from full windup and seven minutes from stretch position. Including warmup, he threw 25 minutes." Now, how'd you like to start work some morning without that kind of intelligence?

SWIM MEET

The 15th annual Parochial School Swim Meet is scheduled for Saturday, April 21 at the CYO pool — 50 Chestnut Street. Any boy or girl who can swim 75 feet without stopping may enter to represent their school. The school accumulating the most points in the meet will receive a permanent trophy.



All-Stars

Bob Lamb, Ray Whitmore and Doug Hood of the Aquinas hockey team were chosen for the All-County team. Whitmore also won the Boys Club Sportsmanship trophy and the team captured the Northern Division League championship. The Irish skaters compiled a 12-2-1 record.