

IN THIS CORNER George Beahon

Of the five jockeys arrested in the Finger Lakes racing mess, not one was riding often enough to make a decent living. Cheap purses and gimmick betting like the Superfecta combine to breed larceny. One of the trainers indicted, R.L. (Virginia City) Burnett, seemed never to wear out his welcome. Suspended in Canada, he was given stalls at Finger Lakes. Suspended at Finger Lakes, he bounced right back with more stalls the following season. Management reserves the right to allot stall space, but in Burnett's case, the welcome mat was always out.

It's fun watching the National Basketball Association telecasts, mostly because of the great mike work of Bill Russell. What bugs me is people proclaiming that collegiate junior Bill (UCLA) Walton is better than all the big men, who played pro ball. Give me Russell, Wilt Chamberlain and George Mikan, just for openers. And dropping down the ladder in height, Walton still doesn't compare with aces like Jerry West, Oscar Robertson, and a little man who rated as one of the finest two-way players of all time, Al Cervi. Only the fact that pro basketball's establishment refuses to recognize a league it couldn't control is keeping Cervi out of the Hall of Fame. This doesn't mean Walton won't make it big in the pros. But if you saw a multi-million dollar contract staring you in the face, would you go for that last year of schooling, and risk an injury that could wipe you out of a fortune?

Hopscotching the sports beat . . . Pro basketball is beautiful. Seventeen teams play 82 games apiece in the NBA, to eliminate nine and determine which of the other eight enjoy home court advantages in the real season — the playoffs . . . One sport, the only major one which doesn't produce a home team edge: Pro football. During the 1972 National Football League season, the home teams won 87, lost 90 . . . Jimmy Cannon wrote that if Howard Cosell were a sport, he'd be a roller derby . . . And it says here that if Watergate were part of a sport, like a stakes race, the decision would have to be reversed, and the purse redistributed. Like Dancer's Image winning, but losing to Forward Pass.

Odds Without Ends . . . The guys picking the Los Angeles Dodgers must be smoking something more influencing than tobacco . . . Mike Gunn, who should be in a Hall of Fame for basketball refereeing, thinks it must be a world's record for coaches with longevity. University of Rochester basketball mentor Lyle Brown drew a technical foul in his final game of the 1972-73 season, in Buffalo. Brown's last previous "T" was a modest 26 years earlier . . . South of the border is where all the name jockeys are coming from now. At last count, there were only 16 non-Latin jocks at Aqueduct . . . Finally on the drawing board, a full-scale Hollywood flick on the life of the late Fordham-Green Bay-Washington Redskin great Vince Lombardi. And who else to play the lead but look-alike Ernest Borgnine? . . . Best TV sports news-features-editorial show in history of the tube is the Sunday CBS-Sports Illustrated presentation, with Jack Whitaker and Jack Buck doing the super stuff on mike. Unlike so many other attempts, the content is up to date.

Notes, Quotes and Anecdotes . . . A reader challenges the report here that **Ms. Rahamo Clemente** had to close her estate to the public, during the wake for the late, great Pirate super star,

because of looting by visitors. My source was Pirate manager Bill Virdon, who was there when it happened . . . New York City is going for the Superfecta, to bolster betting figures because of losses to Off Track Betting. New York City also is going for a 48-hour entry closing for such a race, on the thinking that the public needs time to study such propositions longer than most races. What New York City's racing administrators are forgetting is that this also gives the jocks and trainers more time to rig the deck. Apparently learned nothing from their farm club at Finger Lakes . . . Guy broadcasting a Detroit Pistons basketball performance noted that ex-St. Baonaventure giant Bob Lanier wore size 22 shoes. "He doesn't shine those shoes . . . he sends them through a car wash." . . . Vote for most honest sports information director of the Year: Jones Ramsey, University of Texas, when asked to explain his priorities during the school year: "Texas has only two major sports," said Ramsey, "football, and spring football."



SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK John Doser

Cardinal Mooney, which finished 19-2 in Rochester City-Catholic League basketball circles, topped off its runnerup end slot in the C-C with the Class A championship of the Carter-Sammons Inter-Diocesan Championship with an 80-42 win over St. Patrick's of Syracuse.

Class B winner was St. Peter's of Saratoga which bombed St. Lucy's of Syracuse, 74-45.

While Mooney coach Ed Nietopski tries to make the Carter-Sammons thing as respectable as he can, he's limited because the best Catholic school teams from the Syracuse area don't compete.

Where are they? They're playing in the Section 3 tournament with public schools from Onondaga and other Syracuse area counties.

Of course, as it's frequently mentioned as an irritating reminder here, Catholic schools are locked out of Section 5 tournament play, although efforts are again underway to hold another vote.

Word from key sectional people, however, is that the results won't change much, Section 5's bigots will again have their way with class coaches like Nietopski (a former public school coach at Brockport High) again kept on the outside looking in.

Anyway, what happened to the big Syracuse Catholic schools which did compete in the Section 3 tournament? Most of them won their respective classes which probably won't help the Rochester Catholic schools in their quest to enter Section 5.

In Section 3, Class A, Utica Notre Dame (19-2) whipped Liverpool's (20-2) 20-game win streak, 72-55; in class B, Bishop Ludden (12-10) topped Carthage (14-8), 90-84 (most of Ludden's losses came in the Class A Central N.Y. Cities League); in Class C, Watertown Immaculate Heart (19-2) beat Beaver River (19-3), 63-47; in Class D, Holy Rosary (13-6) lost to LaFayette (19-3), 51-50.

Mooney, which finished ninth among the state's larger schools in the final weekly poll conducted by the N.Y. State Sports Writers Association, beat St. Pat's, which finished 24th among the

Special Olympics Slated for May

Students of the School of the Holy Childhood will participate for the first time this year in the Rochester - Monroe County Special Olympics, slated for May 18-19 at Brockport State College.

The olympic games, sponsored by the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation, draw together exceptional persons for athletic competition. The winners of the local event will represent Monroe County in the state-wide Special Olympics in June at Cortland State College.

BAND CONCERT

The Roberts Wesleyan Wind Ensemble and high school bands from Clarence, Dansville, Albion and Elmira will give a concert at 7:30 p.m. April 14 in the gymnasium at Monroe Community College.

In the finale, 100 players chosen from the five units will perform together Respighi's Pines of the Appian Way and two compositions by Dale Shepler, Roberts conductor.

state's small schools with a 16-6 mark; and St. Peter's (19-3), Saratoga, and St. Lucy's (17-4), Syracuse, were ranked fifth and honorable mention, respectively, in the final small schools' poll.

SECTION THREE, is taking all the plaudits it can get these days because of its success in sectional tournaments, all kinds, recently completed.

Section 3 teams won championships in wrestling, gymnastics and swimming, all on the same weekend.

A major share of the point-getting ability of Section 3 must be granted to the superiority, a Syracuse writer pens, of the Onondaga High School League, and here's why.

Eleven of 13 Section 3 mat champs came from the Onondaga circuit and nine of them placed 1-2-3-4 at the state meet; Liverpool's No. 1 rated swimmers led the sectional state win; all-around gymnastics champ Matt Levy is from Onondaga's Fayetteville-Manlius; the state's top rifle team is from Central Weedsport of the Onondaga League (no rifle sectionals in Section 5); the state's top rifle team is Central Square of the Onondaga loop; the state's top wrestler is Greg Stevens of Fulton, of the Onondaga league, etc., etc.

WATKINS GLEN Springs Academy, which is supposed to be serious about applying for membership next year in Section 5 (lots of luck, pal), finished third in the Knights of Columbus Tournament in Washington, D.C., against the eastern seaboard's toughest high school teams.

The Glen topped Benedictine, Richmond, Va., 67-66, for third, in the tournament won by Washington Western over Long Island's Lutheran of Brookville, 86-54. St. Agnes, L.I., beat Troy (NY) Catholic, 65-55, for fifth place and Washington Bell topped Bishop Reilly, Queens, NYC, 79-55, for seventh place. Glen Springs lost to Lutheran, 67-64, in an earlier game.

Lutheran finished fifth in the final state poll and Glen Springs, sixth, just ahead of Section 5 and City-Catholic champ East High

CORRECTION

Last week the Courier-Journal incorrectly identified the coach of the high school Holy Cross cheerleaders. The coach of the winners who took the CYO Blue Division's top award is Sharon Cosner.

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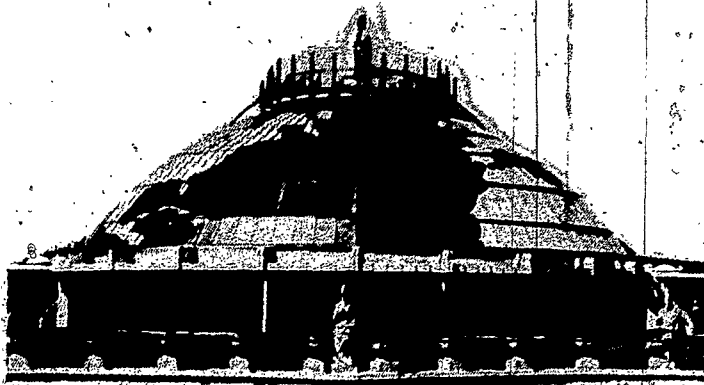
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