



IN THIS CORNER George Beahon

"ALL SUPERFECTA BETS SUSPENDED"

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The ink hardly was dry when the man in the \$300 silk threads invited me to share a good slug of red pop if I would hear his story.

This is a man whose annual legit income tops \$50,000 a year, but his gambling losses exceed about 25 big ones a year. Which is why the above struck him as very bad news, particularly when he would wake up the next morning owing Uncle Sam a large 1972 tax bill.

He was in a mood to cry out loud over the cancellation of his chances to bail out by fixing Superfectas at New York tracks. His modus operandi, including Off Track Betting, was practically foolproof. And outlined as follows:

"First, I handicap the race. Then I handicap the drivers, because the teamsters are at least as important as the animals. More so, in this business venture.

"We handicap a race as follows:

1—Legitimate 5-1 shot; honest driver. 2—Third choice at 4-1; driver suspect but a loner. 3—Logical 8-5 favorite; driver a notorious burglar. 4—Likely second choice; 5-2; driver straight. 5—Dangerous at 6-1; driver should be in Attica. 6—Rank outsider at 20-1; driver helpless. 7—Longshot, at 10-1 but threat; driver straight. 8—Priced right at 6-1; thief in the seat.

"My master plan," explains the fixer, "is based on how many people I get involved. Fewer the better, moneywise, but the more the better, to cinch it. But the more involved, the more chance of leaks reducing the payoff price. Always use a Saturday card, because the handle is biggest.

"I want one of the two top choices out of the 1-2-3-4 finish. This busts the mutuel pool. And the selection is easy. Since the man driving No. 3 is all larceny, I make a deal with him. He can have \$1,000 in cash to hold the horse back to fifth place or worse. Or he can have a piece of my action, and get cut in on the jackpot. Most burglars elect for the big kill.

"This makes No. 4, the second choice, the real favorite, a cinch to finish in the first four. Naturally he's not part of the deal. Just let him drive his honest race.

"No. 1, with another legit driver, has a good chance to win, and with the horses we are stiffing, he's a cinch to finish in the front four.

"No. 2 presents a problem. The horse has a chance, but the teamster usually operates alone. But the more real contenders we can stop, the bigger our payoff. We give him the same deal as the louse driving the favorite. We now have two special employees.

"No. 5 could win on merit, but the chauffeur is suspect. He could be holding his horse without us knowing, and upset our figures. So we include him in, but to finish in the first four. We now have three employees.

"No. 6 we do not consider. Handicap him right out of the race, on merit. They shouldn't be able to find this bum at the finish with a searchlight. Even considering the stiff.

"No. 7 is the one we put 'on the lead.' Just let him do his best, which his driver always does, and he should stumble into our first four.

"No. 8 is an outsider, but dangerous, and with a burglar in the wheelhouse. Cut him in. To stiff the horse. Put him on an early break. Fourth employee.

"Now according to our setup, the winning combination should include Nos. 1-4-5-7. They are listed at odds of 5-1; 5-2; 6-1; and 10-1, with the favorite in the as-han. To box these numbers, covering every combination, it costs \$48 for every \$2 ticket. To insure \$100 worth of the winning Superfectas or 50 tickets each, will take an investment of \$2,400.

"Say we catch a \$400-Superfecta mutuel. This cashes us out at \$20,000, with four partners. Which is not a bad score.

"You do have things to worry about. The driver on No. 3 is strangling his horse around all turns, but he's hot to trot and he could sneak into the top four. Or maybe No. 4 goes on a break and jumps into the grandstand. Or maybe No. 1 breaks out in a sweat at the start and refuses through the race. Or maybe No. 5 gives us the double cross, and goes for the win. These people are not trustworthy.

"These things happen to me all the time. I have been fixing Superfectas for two seasons now, trying to get even. Now they cancel the Superfecta betting in Off-Track action in New York, and I have no way to get even fixing horse races."



SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK John Doser

Louis Providence, veteran reporter for the East Rochester Post-Herald, a weekly newspaper of the Genesee Valley Newspapers' family, raised some good questions in a story he authored recently.

"Just imagine," Providence wrote, "if (East Rochester) coach Bill Merkovsky had Steve Puccia on the Bomber basketball team for the past two years. And if Pittsford did not. It could have been East Rochester in the sectionals with the Knights out."

Puccia moved from an East Rochester address to a Pittsford address and of course was obliged to attend Pittsford High, as long as he wanted to attend a public school.

He probably would have had to pay tuition to continue attending East Rochester High as a non-resident.

While Providence admitted he was in the midst of dreaming, he found it easy to expand his imaginary horizons.

"Think how nice it would have been if Coach Merkovsky also had the talented Nick Urzetta shooting at the ring for the Bombers instead of Bishop Kearney.

"And to add cream to the pie, how great it might have been if Joe Urzetta had worn the colors of the Brown and White instead of McQuaid. Throw in McQuaid's Don Wojick and presto, you have a glittering array of court talent, winning games like a wizard, Providence concluded.

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Catholic ADL to Be Formed Soon

Fort Worth [RNS] — The pending formation of a Roman Catholic "anti-defamation league," to defend the rights of American Catholics and put the Church's role in a pluralistic society in proper perspective, was disclosed by the editor of the National Catholic Register here.

The new organization mainly will attempt to correct misrepresentations of Catholic teachings and practices in the mass media and in public life, said Dale Francis, writing in the April 15 issue of the national newspaper.

Expected to be formally established within a month, the new group will follow the lead of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith which has served the

Watkins Glen Honors Team

Watkins Glen — More than 150 people attended the recent father and son basketball game and banquet at St. Mary's Center.

St. Mary's ended with a 9 win — 4 loss record and placed second in the Bishop McCafferty CYO tournament in Elmira.

Providence wasn't trying to take credit away from the current batch of ER basketball Bombers, but illustrated instead the kind of ER athletic talent that finds its way to other schools.

He wasn't so much pointing a finger at Puccia, who made All-State fourth team as well as Greater Rochester, but to the Urzettas and Wojick, genuine ER village residents who chose to go to Catholic schools.

That is the problem which Catholic schools must overcome in order to pacify public schools. Despite the Urzettas, Catholic school deserve the opportunity to compete in public school sectional tournaments.

The fact that other sections, Syracuse for one, permit its Catholic schools to compete in sectional tournaments, should help Section-5 reach its ultimate decision.

While Syracuse (Section 3) recently elected to extend Catholic school participation in its tournaments, Section 5, however, is still battling over letting Catholic schools in at all.

While no one is willing to stand up and charge either Bishop Kearney or McQuaid with recruiting their Urzettas, some public school athletic directors say, not for publication, that this is a typical example of Catholic school recruiting.

Some will say also that they don't think Catholic schools still recruit, but argue that the fact the Catholic schools lack boundaries is the greatest obstacle to permitting them into the tournaments.

Jewish people in their "battle against all bigotry," said Francis.

"It will not be an official organization of the Church — the hierarchy should not have to be involved in such matters — but it will be a professional organization, established to fulfill the same purpose for Catholics and the Church that the Anti-Defamation League performs for Jews and the Jewish religion," he said.

Francis indicated that the organization will simply "expect that those in the communications media and those in public life will not misrepresent the Catholics and the Church." He added:

"It will dedicate itself to defending not only the Church but those moral principles that are held by Catholics and it will attempt to influence society towards acceptance of those principles

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