

IN THIS CORNER

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Revised Report from Reno: With the races not a month old, oddsmakers in Reno have taken erasers and chalk to their boards. In the best balanced of all four divisions, the American League East, Baltimore emerges as the clear-cut favorite for the first time, probably because Earl Williams, the catcher who couldn't catch, is losing baseballs with his bat. Odds increased against Red Sox, while the Milwaukee Brewers dropped all the way from 100 to 50-1.

Strongest favorite on the pre-season board in the entire AL was World Champion Oakland. But the underrated White Sox have already made believers of the wizards of odds, and now are listed as co-favorites with the Athletics. Chuck Tanner manages Dick Allen, and the genius pitching coach, Johnny Sain, has made the CHisox pitching staff the most formidable gang going, with Eddie Fisher sprung from the bullpen into a spectacular starting line role. California's Angels have drawn fresh support, now listed as contenders at 10 to 1. Most formful outfit in the league — the Texas Rangers — moved into the bargain basement at 200 to 1.

Even while they were leading the parade, the New York Mets failed to impress the professional handicappers. The Mets don't give you many runs, but they can't score runs. Until they find a way to win zero-to-minus one, the Mets remain third choice to both Pittsburgh and the Chicago Cubs, in that order. The Pirates clung to No. 1 rating; despite their early troubles, while the Cubbies moved up to solid second choices on the basis of averting their usual slow start. Montreal stayed in the also-ran bracket, while the Phillies and Cardinals provided the most excitement. The Phils shook their losers' image early, while the Cardinals stood stock still in the starting gate, with an incredible 1-and-12 start. Most spring training observers tabbed St. Louis a bad spring price at 6 to 1. Now you can get all the 15 to 1 you can handle.

In the National League West the Giants made the biggest noise in the first month. Cincinnati manager Sparky Anderson, while losing early to the Giants, predicted San Francisco was a vastly overrated club. Tabbed at 5 to 1 in the winter book, the front running Giants haven't made believers of the chartmakers, who cut them only to 7 to 2.

Pre-season favorite Cincinnati still is the book's choice, even stronger,

Ministerial Association Hits Abortion, Backs Birthright

Penns Grove, N.J. [RNS] — A Catholic and Protestant clergy group joined here in recommending that pregnant women having problems consider using the services of "Birthright" rather than having an abortion.

In a statement signed by all 12 of its members, the Penns Grove-Carney's Point Ministerial Association declared that the "most authoritative scientific conclusion on when human life begins" in recent years was made at the October 1967 International Conference on Abortion in Washington, D.C.

At that conference, which was attended by some 60 major scientific authorities, the medical group "came to a near unanimous conclusion (one dissention), that life begins with conception," the ministerial association statement said.

The statement's signers explained, "As clergymen we are not oblivious to the weaknesses of human nature. We realize that some women and young maidens

in fact, at a prohibitive 6 to 5. The Reds obviously have it all for the long haul. Houston, picked by many to derail the Big Red Machine, held steady at 4 to 1, and the only other NL West entry regarded by some as a contender, Los Angeles, eased off slightly to 6 to 1. Atlanta, a definite home-hummer except for Henry Aaron's deeds of derring-do, was rewritten off at 15 to 1. San Diego, everybody's pick to wind up in the coal hole at 100 to 1, dropped to 150 to 1, with no takers.

The revised opinions of the oddsmakers, if they stand up, put Baltimore against Chicago or Oakland in the AL playoffs, with Pittsburgh and Cincinnati lined up for an instant replay in the NL. With nary a designatus clavator in the World Series.

Hopscotching The Sports Beat
Speaking of favorites, Secretariat went into the Derby as the shortest-priced choice in history to win the Triple Crown. All you could get for the colt's chances of sweeping was a miserly 11 to 5. This is equivalent to a paltry 4 to 1 against Jack Nicklaus going "4 to 4" in any golf season. . . . And speaking of Nicklaus, you might recall that he was NOT Byron Nelson's pick at pro athlete of the year in 1972. Ex-golf great Nelson voted for footballer Larry Brown. And Jack Nicklaus, not just incidentally, did NOT compete in the \$150,000 Byron Nelson Golf Classic. . . . Pro basketball buffs call it run and shoot, but the Knicks got to the NBA finals without a great deal of offense. The Knicks were hailed for their defense, but their "D" didn't take them all the way. Of all 17 teams in the NBA, only the Chicago Bulls matched the Knicks in lowest number of total turnovers — 1,357 — which is error-free offense. By comparison, the finalist Lakers gave up the ball 1,832 times, a mistake total eclipsed only by the Buffalo Braves, an expansion team. If anyone wonders what expansion did to the NBA, consider this: Boston, New York, Milwaukee and Los Angeles, the top four, played Buffalo, Portland, Seattle and Philadelphia 86 times this season. The Establishment managed to win 80 of the 86, which is hardly competitive. . . . Henri (The Pocket Rocket) Richard, the Montreal Canadiens' centerman, needed this year's championship for his 11th Stanley Cup, a world's record achievement. And if you can remember his older brother, Maurice (The Rocket) you're an oldtimer.

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may find themselves distressed, depressed and pregnant, but we do not recommend abortion as a solution. There are other alternatives."

In recommending the non-denominational Birthright agency as a good alternative, the ministerial association said, "In every case, compassionate telephone listening, support, encouragement, and loving concern (is given). For some girls, this is enough. But for many, more concrete help is needed: professional counselling, medical care, legal advice, assistance with adoption or welfare, a home to live in during pregnancy."

CYO AWARDS

Eight of the 120 boys and girls who train for competitive swimming at the CYO recently received awards for their season records. They are George and Patrick Whelehan, Glenn Berger, Gordon Andrews, Lynn Rackmeyer, Kathy Smith, Cindy Lynn and Meg Tuttle. Coaches Bill West and Marty Keating also were cited.

Sister Marion Elected Dean

Sister Marion Hoctor SSJ vice president of Nazareth College of Rochester and chairman of the English Department, will become vice president for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College on July 1. Sister Marion will succeed Dr. Virginia L. Radley, who has been named Provost for Undergraduate Education of the State University of New York.

On the same day, the Honorable Emmett J. Schnepf, Supreme Court Justice, State of New York, was elected chairman of the board of trustees of Nazareth.

Judge Schnepf, a graduate of Aquinas Institute, the University of Rochester, and Albany Law School, has been a Nazareth Trustee since 1969 and a member of the College's Regents' Advisory Board since 1947.

He was elected to a 14-year term as Justice of the New York State Supreme Court in 1969.

St. Augustine Slates Music

An evening of music is scheduled for St. Augustine's Church, May 20, at 7 p.m., sponsored by the St. Augustine School Parents' Association.

Performing at the concert will be the parish folk group, Sun, and the parish choir, directed by John Lutens, who is also organist.

Three special guests will also be on hand: the Gospel Pentecostal Miracle, Deliverance Century Quartet, the Chromatones, and Marg McClinn, a student at the Eastman School of Music, who recently signed a recording contract with Atlantic Records.

Admission will be a dollar for adults, 50 cents for children, and proceeds will go to the school.

Ron Robitaille, WHEC-TV newsman, will host the show.

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Business In The Diocese

Two upstate public utilities — Iroquois Gas Corp. of Buffalo and Rochester Gas & Electric Corp. — were awarded certificates for advertising excellence by the Public Utilities Advertising Association at their national convention in Minneapolis. Iroquois Gas Corp. won a second place award for one of their public relations television commercials. Three third place certificates were presented to Rochester Gas & Electric Corp. The awards were for bill enclosures, window displays and their annual report to shareholders.

Sister Martha To Head Hospital

Elmira — Sister Martha Gerbach, SSJ, has been named new administrator of St. Joseph's Hospital. She succeeds Sister Margaret Adelaide, SSJ, administrator since 1942.

Sister Margaret Adelaide will serve as president of the hospital's board of directors with additional duties relating to the rebuilding program started after the flood of 1972.

Sister Martha has been associate administrator since 1969. The change in command will take place Aug. 31.

At the annual membership meeting of the board of directors last week, Charles Kennedy was renamed chairman of the board, while Sister Martha was elected vice president and secretary. Arnold Jerome remains as vice president and assistant treasurer, while Sister Joan Francis continues as treasurer.

GOLDEN AGE

The Southwest Golden Age Club will have a social meeting at 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 11, in the Panel Room at 34 Monica St.



SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK

John Doser

The 10th annual Aquinas Relays is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, at Fauver Stadium, River Campus, University of Rochester.

Field events start at 11 a.m., and running events begin at noon. The program comprises four-man team competition in a dozen different events.

Rochester area teams, among others, include East, Rush-Henrietta, Cardinal Mooney, Aquinas, McQuaid and Bishop Kearney.

Out-of-town schools compete too, and some include Skaneateles, Bishop Timon (Buffalo), Cardinal O'Hara (Tonawanda), CBA (Syracuse), and St. Francis Prep (Brooklyn).

Some schools have outstanding track records: East won last year's Section 5, Class A test and Rush-Henrietta was runnerup; Mooney won the Diocesan crown; host Aquinas was ranked 15th in the state last year; McQuaid (and Aquinas) are perennial powers and when this was written both were unbeaten in current City-Catholic League track action.

CBA is defending Aquinas Relays' champion and St. Francis Prep is the all-time high school leader of titles won at the Penn Relays.

McQuaid, coached by Bob Bradley, took sixth in a field of 15 in the recent two-miler relay championship event at the Penn Relays, Philadelphia.

Roger Key, Dave Seeger, Sean McGinnis and Chris Horton turned in an 8:03.2 behind winning Monsignor Farrel (Staten Island) which recorded a 7:57.8.

Horton, running the anchor leg, moved the Knights from 11th place to sixth.

McQuaid and Franklin finished second in the class mile relay with Horton, Seeger, Key and Jack Kelsch doing 3:38.7, behind winning Somerville, N.J.'s 3:22.3.

Franklin was second behind Memorial High of West New York, N.J., in another race. Aquinas took fourth in its class mile relay race.

Horton took 10th in the mile run in the opening day's relays' activities with a 4:25.5.

Bradley had hopes of Horton doing a 4:17 or 4:18, and possibly, with luck, a 4:15. The winning time of 4:14 was turned in by George Moore of Morris Knolls, Denville, N.J.

Former McQuaid star Dick Buerkley won the three mile in 13:26.6, breaking his own Penn Relays mark by 12.2 seconds. Buerkley now lives in Gainesville, FL.

McQuaid set a Diocesan and school record in the recent classified division two-mile relay at the Queens-Iona Relays at Queens College with a 7:57.5, 14 seconds better than the previous Knights' mark.

Bradley said the time may have been the first time any Rochester school went under eight minutes for the event. Key, McGinnis, Seeger and Horton comprised the record-breaking quartet.

In the Knights' recent loss to CBA (Syracuse) by a 95-41 margin, Tony Basile of CBA showed why he was an All-State indoor track choice in two sprint events.

Basile took the 100 and 220 yard dashes in :10.2 and :22.8, respectively. For the record, CBA finished fourth and Rush-Henrietta, 13, in the final state indoor track rankings.

FOOTNOTES

Dennis Heizyk, Aquinas, hit 21-9 for a school record in the long jump.

Best long jump last season was a 22-3 by Cardinal Mooney's **Greg Tremaine**. C-C record is a 22-6 1/4 by McQuaid's **Bernie Knauf**. Brighton's **George Simmons** hit a 43-3 1/2 triple jump, but best last season was Tremaine's 44-10.

Ex-Aquinas and UR griddler **Rich Paminello** helped sell Buffalo Bills' tix recently at Long Ridge Mall. Rich is a free-agent hopeful for a reserve QB slot.

Mooney soccer coach **Charlie Mitchell** signed Rochester Lancers' contract after month-long holdout.

Ex-Mooney footballer **Randy Garrett**, now a senior at Ithaca College, named to appear in 1973 "Outstanding College Athletes of America."

Garrett lettered and made all-star teams in both football and lacrosse at Ithaca.

Mooney's Tom Batchelor won monthly wrestling honor in Long Ridge Mall's schoolboy athlete of the month promotion.

Former Pavilion and Notre Dame of Batavia basketball coach **Jack Flowers** to coach Hobart next year.

East Rochester Post-Herald sportswriter **Louis [Cabby] Providence** became a granddad several weeks ago.

Mooney's Dan Panaggio named eighth team All-State in basketball.

Ex-Aquinas star **Bill Falandays** knocked in two runs for the U of R) but **Jim Volkmar** (ex-Mooney) tripled in a big run for Ithaca in 11-inning contest won by Bombers, 4-3.

Greg Tremaine, ex-Mooney, won long jump with 22-0 for a school record and triple jump with 41-9 for Monroe Community College in loss to Genesee State.

Scott Delgatti, ex-Mooney, helped MCC gain win No. 16 without a loss with three-hit 10-2, victory over Broome Tech.

Delgatti also singled twice.