



IN THIS CORNER George Beahon

It happened on a big city television news show. A report on the fiery crash of Art Pollard in trial running before the Indianapolis 500. The announcer:

"His car crashed into the wall, flipped over, skidded and burned. He was pronounced dead about an hour later at the hospital. I'll return in a moment with more sports."

Mario Andretti, the 1969 winner, talked about the terrifying new speeds generated by the 1973 machines with their new refinements.

"Back in 1961 Parnelli Jones moved the record up to 150 mph. The reaction time for a driver then was several seconds. Now, with 200 mph speeds, we have only 8/10ths of one second to react to danger."

Pollard flipped at 191 mph, when he became Indy Statistic No. 37 since the speedway first opened with cars running at about 90 mph. In addition to 37 drivers, there have been fatalities to 14 mechanics, 9 spectators and a uniformed guard.

Then came the abortive Memorial Day try when Salt Walther and several spectators were flamed. To update your statistics, check the intensive care ward at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

More sports at Pocono (Pa.) International, and Ontario (California) Speedway, to come.

Update on the Designatus Clavator: American League batting averages and run production have been increased. What's done to attendance? Both the AL, with the DH, and the NL, without it, have shown boxoffice losses in comparisons with 1971. (Comparison with '72 is illogical because of the strike).

But the AL is down a mere 34,000 in 12 cities, while the NL is grieving over customer losses of nearly 150,000.

Atlanta is the graveyard franchise, despite the lure of Hank Aaron. The Braves' illness is obvious. Just check the standings.

Early analysis, however, would indicate once rusty AL turnstiles have been hypoed by the designated hitter.

Rookie columnist David Eisenhower, in his first effort for the Philadelphia Bulletin: "Many baseball executives have undertaken a drastic overhaul to compete for the entertainment dollar. The rhetoric of change tingles the modern American, and baseball they (owners) conclude, must march to its rhythm. Baseball's response: Plastic fields, orange balls, pantynose day, golf carts and designated hitters."

David Eisenhower's copy is musical. But how long will a president's grandson accept that weekly insult that most press boxers fight to live with?

Hopscotching The Sports Beat: Recent golf publication carried an ad for a ball "Guaranteed to add 20-30 yards to your drives,

TINY TOT SWIMMING

Registration is now being taken for the pre-summer Tiny Tot swim classes. The CYO, 50 Chestnut St., will conduct two sessions of classes daily all through June in preparation for summer swimming. The program will accept youngsters up to five years of age. For further information and registration call CYO at 454-2030.

take 3-5 strokes off your game OR DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK.

Next comes the new graphite club shaft. This is about half the weight of an ordinary club, but 12 times as strong and available in 15 different flexes. The catch: Cost of about \$2,000 per set. This could put golf back where it used to be — far beyond the reach of the working stiff. Use of Yale Bowl, to be host for some New York Giants NFL games next Fall, is reason for more politicians scurrying out of woodwork to snipe at Pete Rozelle's home-game TV blackout. Anyone remember way back when Admiral sponsored Los Angeles Rams games, and insisted home area blackout be lifted? What happened was the attendance was off 44 per cent, and Admiral had to lift a hefty tab to make up the difference. They laughed when this Practically Peerless Prognosticator picked both the White Sox and Cubs in their divisions. Now they're already talking about a series for the championship of Chicago and the universe. So look at the American Association standings: Iowa leading the Eastern Division, and Wichita fronting the Western pack! So what? Iowa is a White Sox farm, and Wichita is staffed by the Cubbies. Answer by a player to a league office questionnaire, in regard to church preference: "Red brick."



SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK John Doser

Make room for possibly two more championship trophies in Geneva DeSales' hardware cabinet.

The Saints were tied for first place in the Wayne-Finger Lakes Baseball League's Western Division with Red Jacket, and were unbeaten in the Wayne-Finger Lakes Golf League's Eastern Division.

(Geneva DeSales must be the point on the globe where East meets West.)

In a recent 9-1 win over Dundee, the Saints sent 11 men to the plate in the fifth inning, popped for five runs, and gave pitcher Dan Hennessy an easy win.

In golf, the Saints received steady play from Charles D'Amico, Tom Kuryla, Don Switzer, Steve Mascari and Steve Guerrie to stay several steps ahead of runnerup Midlakes.

REVENGE was sweet for Bishop Kearney tennis player John O'Brien as his Kingly teammates belted McQuaid, 3-1, in a battle of City-Catholic League tennis unbeatens recently.

O'Brien avenged his only loss of the season by pinning a first defeat on McQuaid's Mark Kalnon. BK led, 2-1, with O'Brien and Kalnon slugging it out. O'Brien won in straight sets, but both extended to 7-5. O'Brien lost to Kalnon earlier in the season. The win was O'Brien's 12th in 13 matches while Kalnon's win streak stopped at 13. Both boys are juniors.

Sophomore Doug Heim won his 12th in 13 matches for BK whose unbeaten doubles team of sophomores Brian Fink and John Matthews won their 11th in a row.

The Kings, coached by Roger Palma, beat Edison, 4-0, the next day, to hike their overall record to 14-0-1 (one tie with McQuaid).

St. Anthony Celebration Set

Religious ceremonies, a parade and fireworks will mark the 61st annual St. Anthony's Day in Charlotte on Saturday, June 9.

The celebration will open at 11 a.m., with a High Mass offered by Father Robert Fennessy at Holy Cross Church, 4492 Lake Ave.

The parade will begin at 7 p.m. at St. John's Park and Hewitt Street, proceed to Lake Avenue and north to Ontario Beach Park. Parking space is available at Ontario Beach. Stutson Street Bridge will be closed westward from Irondequoit for 20 minutes starting at 7.

Participating units will include the Aquinas and Bishop Kearney bands, Blue Angels, plus other drum and bugle corps, veteran units, drill teams, local clubs and organizations, Scouting and Little League groups. A reviewing stand will be set up north of Holy Cross Church for city and local dignitaries. The fireworks display will start at 10.

Rain date is Sunday, June 10.

SENIOR LIFESAVING

A senior lifesaving class for swimmers of ages 15 and up will be conducted in the CYO pool, 50 Chestnut St. Classes will run daily from 3 to 5 p.m., starting Tuesday, June 19. Class size will be limited so only those registered will be accepted. For further information and registration, phone CYO, 454-2030.

McQUAID'S Chris Horton has a date to race in the All-American high school national track championship meet in Chicago if he beats 4:13 in the mile.

If improved times are indicative, Horton will be running in Chicago because his times are consistently getting better.

He had a 4:25 at the Penn Relays a month ago and broke his own McQuaid school mark in the recent Union-Endicott Invitational with a 4:16.9, among the top ten N.Y. State times, and only one-tenth second off the Diocesan mark (set last year by Aquinas' Dan Ambrose) and naturally a new McQuaid school record.

Teammate Dave Seeger ran the Rochester area's fastest 880 of the season with a 1:58.6, beating old rival Scott Bierman of Ithaca High who had earlier posted two indoor wins over Seeger.

McQuaid, which lost to Aquinas and finished second in City-Catholic League action, beat the Irish in the Diocesan Track Championships at RIT by 85 points to 73.

Horton won the 440 in 51 flat and set a school mark in the two-mile with a 9:41.3, six-tenths better than the previous record.

Cardinal Mooney's two-mile relay quartet of Nel Moore, Dan Linehan, Mike Yergeau and Tom Tydings set a Diocesan mark also with an 8:21.3.

McQuaid narrowly defeated Mooney, 69-67, in a C-C dual meet, and several days later outpointed Maine-Endwell, Union-Endicott and Ithaca, Section 4 schools which finished 1-2-3 in the Southern Tier Athletic Conference championships.

FOOTNOTES — Basil Marella, former Aquinas basketball and football coach, won the Braemar golf sweepstakes a few weekends ago with a red hot 73.

Good Counsel Science Fair Held

The annual Science Fair of Our Lady of Good Counsel School was held on Wednesday evening, May 23rd. The variety and excellence of the pupils' projects made this year's fair the best yet. Sister Marie Jeanette, principal of the school said.

Maurice Bell and Samuel Fedele of the science department at Madison Senior High School judged junior high exhibits. Grade level teachers judged projects of fourth, fifth and sixth grade pupils.

Fourth grader Cynthia Higbie

won first prize for her shell exhibit. Jay Robinson, fifth grade took first prize for his demonstration of the telephone. Atoms and Molecules won the sixth grade competition for Marlene Havrilla, Laurie Desmore, Mary Gavin and Sharon DeWolf.

In the junior high biological sciences division a display on the digestive system won first prize for Pamela Laffin and Marianne Rizzo. In the physical sciences division, Cynthia George, Candy L'Esperance and Sue Vasile won first prize for their explanation of a traffic light.

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