



IN THIS CORNER George Beahon

We're up to our eyeballs in the exhibition pro football season — or pre-season games as the operators prefer them to be called. And we may as well quit knocking them. Because the National Football League has provided us with some figures that must prove that a whole bunch of bodies approve the no-count kickball games.

NFL regular schedule games drew an average of 57,000 cash customers last season.

Exhibition games brought in an average of 52,000.

But, and this is a large BUT, do these exhibitions prove any kind of indicators of the potential of the teams involved?

Try these two examples, and we take the best and the worst of the 1972 pack:

The Houston Oilers sold tickets during their pre-season campaign by playing almost 500 football — two wins, three losses, one tie.

So the Oilers marched into the league schedule with a respectable exhibition record. They came back in December with a disastrous 1-and-13 record.

Now try the Miami Dolphins. They scraped around in pre-season, testing and experimenting, and losing as many as they won, 3-and-3.

When they nudged the College All Stars last month in Chicago, they had racked up an unprecedented 18 consecutive victories, all but the last one league or playoff or Superbowl performances.

Notes, Quotes 'n Anecdotes: When Susie Maxwell Berning won her third Women's U.S. Golf Open (and her second in succession) the press reported that what she paid her caddie was a secret. Mrs. Berning gave her caddie \$500. Proportionate with her miserly \$6,000 first prize, this was far more generous than most men pay their caddies in pro tournaments. And it's no secret any more. Glen Campbell, latest show-biz star to accept an

Nagasaki Remembers

Nagasaki, Japan [RNS] — Some 10,000 citizens gathered in Nagasaki's Park of Peace for a memorial service on Aug. 9, to mark the 28th anniversary of the atomic bombing of the southern Japanese port city.

The park marks the spot over which an American plutonium bomb exploded at precisely 11:02 a.m. on Aug. 9, 1945, killing some 73,000 people and injuring 74,000 others.

The Nagasaki blast occurred three days after the U.S. Air Force released a uranium bomb — the world's first atom bomb drop — over Hiroshima, killing outright, or later causing the radiation deaths of, 83,833 persons.

Pool Set Up By 'Bridge'

Inmates at the Albion Preparation Center can cool off in their newly acquired swimming pool thanks to efforts by Pat Terry of Bridge, Inc.

Terry, whose organization tries to "bridge the gap" between inmates and society, made the arrangements to dismantle and transport the pool which was donated by a parishioner of St. John's, Humboldt Street. Three Albion inmates were released to assist Terry.

invitation to play in the Kodak Golf Celebrity Classic for charity in Rochester on Oct. 6, is such a golf bug that he tells people he'd rather make a hole-in-one than win a million dollars. Heck, he doesn't need a million. Pro basketball might do worse than listen to Adolph Rupp, retired University of Kentucky coach. "I don't believe pro ball in the ABA ever will succeed. Possibly the best four clubs in the ABA should merge with the NBA." More Rupp advice for the pros: Cut schedules down to 64 games, and replace the one-night stands with two-game series on each trip. Cinci manager Sparky Anderson on San Fran's Willie McCovey: "If you pitched to him he'd ruin baseball. He'd hit 80 home runs! There's no comparison between McCovey and everybody else in the league." Add to the numbers game: Milwaukee, which lost the Braves to Atlanta, is 400,000 ahead of Atlanta, the new home of the Braves. Kansas City, former home of the A's, is 150,000 ahead of Oakland, the new home of the A's. How good (or bad?) are the men who officiate football? Extensive film studies of 17,000 plays show 200 instances where officials were guilty of oversight or error. Sounds bad, right? Well, that breaks down actually to only one "miss" in every 85 plays. How many baseball umpires can claim they blow only one of every 85 decisions?



SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK John Doser

Chuch Stevens of Channel 10 was asked how the Kodak Celebrity Golf Classic was shaping up.

"We have received rejections from some of the biggest names in show business," he answered.

Actually, it's not that bad. In fact the lineup of guest stars, considering it's only August, is quite impressive for the Saturday, Oct. 6, tournament at Oak Hill — with profits going to Rochester Press Radio Club charities.

Here are the sure bets to compete: Allie Reynolds, Bob Davies, Dave Wottle, John Agar, Dale Robertson, Joe DiMaggio, Mel Allen, Lee Majors, James Lefty Brown, Lieut. Rip Masters, Harold J. Stone, Lefty Gomez, Glen Campbell and Biff Elliott.

Here are some of the possibles: Paul Newman, Jim Backus, Alan Funt, Ralph Kiner, Bob Sheffing, Willie Mays, Dick Weber, Dick Callagher, Don Hutson, Otto Graham and Wayne Rogers.

The tournament is set up this way — fivesomes comprising a visiting celebrity, pro golfer (from Western N.Y. PGA), and three amateurs (who have paid \$250 to play) will vie for prizes, probably Kodak cameras and stuff.

While Lincoln-Mercury has indicated it doesn't want to sponsor the annual Press-Radio pro athlete of the year dinner, there is a good chance that a Rochester business will pick up the tab next year.

THE AL SCHMITZ golf tournament, held last week at Brooklea Country Club to raise funds for the Al Schmitz Memorial Fund and the Leukemia Society of America, was dedicated to a man who thought only of others up until the day he died — April 9, 1968.

Schmitz, who played football under Harry Wright of Aquinas in

the late 1940's and who also won the Mission Bouts' heavyweight crown two years in a row, plugged and promoted the final shindig in honor of the late Rev. Cyril F. Carter, CSB, at (the then) Vince's 50 Acres in Henrietta.

That one-night stand brought together for the last time, Father Carter, the former Aquinas athletic director, and Don Hollender, the ex-Aquinas athlete who went on to star in football at West Point and who later died in battle in Vietnam.

Friends who knew Al Schmitz well enough then to know he was seriously ill, marveled at the strength he mustered to pull the dinner off, a fine tribute which brought a great number of Father Carter's friends and associates together under one roof.

Ironically, Father Carter died several years later of a similar affliction.

FOOTNOTES — Aquinas coach Frank [Hunk] Vadas played a little baseball recently when the Bilotta-Hart team, undefeated in the Empire State League in 1930-31, met the Wayne County Old Timers at Newark's Colburn Park.

Fred Reccio, ex-Aquinas, is new head football coach at Warsaw High. He played football and lacrosse at Ithaca College.

DeSales Geneva head football coach Harry Furman has named Bernie Hendricks and Dave [Dede] Mascari his co-captains for this fall.

Kathy Van Allen, ex-Mooney, won the Ladies' Troy Championships in tennis at Troy, N.Y. Kathy is a soph. at U. of Miami, Fla.

George Monagan, ex-McQuaid basketball coach, who is now athletic director at Monroe Community College, was elected president of the New York Junior College Athletic Conference.

CYO Expands Staff

Three youth workers began their employment at the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) last week as part of a new youth development program.

The three who began work August 6 are Greg Cavallaro, Bob Laird and Patricia Larkin.

Cavallaro is a Rochester native, attended Roberts, Wesleyan College and the University of Rochester and has worked for the past seven years at the Genesee Settlement House.

Laird, a native of Paterson, N.J., is a graduate of St. John Fisher College and has served as director of Project Upward Bound for the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Ms. Larkin, a Syracuse native, is a recent graduate of Nazareth College. While in college she initiated and ran a drug drop-in center for the Town of Pittsford.

All have been employed as regional youth workers and will follow recent diocesan initiatives to stimulate inter-parish cooperation.

Other names in the new CYO program are expected to be announced in September.

The program is being designed.

CCD TEACHERS

Coming — CCD teachers are needed for the 1973-74 religious education school year at St. Mary's Church. The positions are voluntary.

Persons interested should notify Father Thomas Brennan, pastor of St. Mary's.



John Klein, assistant director of the CYO, welcomes new youth workers. Bob Laird, Greg Cavallaro, Patricia Larkin

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