



**SCHOLASTIC
NOTEBOOK**
John Doser

For several years the local daily sports pages have credited Webster, N.Y. as the site of the late Don Holleder's birth.

Don's friends and associates from the days he spent at Aquinas Institute know he was for many years a resident, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holleder, first on Winona Blvd., and later Biltmore Drive in Irondequoit.

According to Don's mother, now Mrs. Irving Cowles of Webster, Don was born in Buffalo. He was, therefore, neither a native of Webster nor Irondequoit.

Aquinas Stadium, dedicated at its inception some 22 years ago in memory of Aquinas graduates and other Monroe County soldiers and sailors who died in World War I, has officially been renamed Major Don Holleder Memorial Stadium.

Dedication ceremonies for the new name are scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 9, at about 5:15 p.m.

It's somewhat ironic, but appropriate, that the City of Rochester, which purchased the stadium from the Basilian Fathers (who operate Aquinas Institute), elected to rename the stadium in honor of an Aquinas graduate.

It's also ironic that Aquinas, as all other potential school users of the stadium, must pay a fee in order to play there. It would be an even more extraordinary twist of fate if Aquinas decided to play its football games somewhere else, Silver Stadium, for example, because it can get a better price.

MAJOR Don Holleder would never have left the Army, his mother explained in an interview, if he had lived.

He intended to return to West Point eventually to become its athletic director, she said. The army's plans were made, she said.

Of course there were obstacles along the way, but none that were impossible.

"He would have had to experience some tenure at the Pentagon as a colonel, his next step, before he could become athletic director at West Point," Mrs. Cowles said.

Referring to her last son as "Sticky Fingers," a nickname he acquired for his ability to catch tough passes, Mrs. Cowles said she and Don moved to Webster in 1953, when she remarried, three years after Don's father died.

"He was very close to his father and was only 15 when his father died at age 39 of a heart attack. Don also loved Father Carter (the late Aquinas athletic director) at Aquinas and once said he'd like to become a priest, just like him," she recalled.

Mrs. Cowles said Father Carter told her, shortly before his death that he prayed first for only two persons at each daily Mass.

"He said he prayed first for his mother, then for Don, and then for the rest of the world."

DON WAS a wonderful, attentive son, Mrs. Cowles said, who often stayed home to keep

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MAJOR DON HOLLEDER

her company when he could have been going out with the boys.

Later, when she remarried, Don also got along tremendously with Mr. Cowles. "You couldn't ask for a better association — it was a beautiful relationship, she said.

The official Holleder Stadium dedication will be highlighted by the appearance of Secretary of the Army Howard Calloway and Lt. Gen. William A. Knowlton, superintendent of West Point.

The ceremonies will also include performances by several bands including the West Point Army Band, the West Point Cadet Colorguard and the Monroe County Parks Band.

Holleder, who lettered in football, basketball and baseball at Aquinas was killed in a Viet Cong ambush on Oct. 21, 1967, shortly after he visited Rochester as a guest at a party honoring Father Carter.

Don's widow and four daughters live in Arlington, Va.

**Marathon
Slated for
Labor Day**

Rochester will witness its second annual marathon on Monday, Sept. 3, as more than 60 runners set out from Midtown Plaza on a 26-mile 385-yard course that will take them as far from the city as Ayrault Road, in Fairport.

Last year, 45 runners completed the course. The winner was a 29-year-old, Roberts Wesleyan graduate, Gerald Teal, who led the field with a time of 2 hours, 36 minutes and 11.6 seconds. Coming in second, about three minutes later, was Don Brown of Hammondsport.

The course goes out East Avenue to Palmyra Road, then Hogan Road, Ayrault Road, Fairport Road to East Avenue, then to the Central YMCA.

Sponsors of the event are the Central Y, the Rochester Track Club and the Rochester Road Runners.

Starting time is 10 a.m.

**AQ Hoopsters
Get New Coach**

William C. Williams, formerly coach of junior varsity basketball at Elmira Free Academy, has been named head basketball coach at Aquinas Institute. He will replace John Uriah, who moved to Pennsylvania this summer.

Williams comes with a J.V. record of 52 wins and 2 losses at the Elmira Academy, plus three JV championships in The Sullivan Trail Conference.

He is a native of Homer, N.Y. He attended the State University at Cortland, where he was captain of the basketball team for two years and was All-State as a senior, in 1969.

While teaching at Ernie Davis Junior High in Elmira for the past three years, and coaching at Elmira Free Academy, Bill attended Elmira College and received an M.E. Degree last Spring. He will teach physical education and health at Aquinas, in addition to coaching. He is married and has one child.



IN THIS CORNER
George Beachon

That 17-and-0 record hung up last season by the Miami Dolphins, unprecedented in pro football history, didn't overly impress the men who are supposed to know — the oddsmakers.

In another sport, an equivalent performance — not necessarily undefeated, but as strong — would bring the defending champions back as prohibitive favorites.

But in the Nevada "summer line" you can get all the \$7 for \$2 you want that Miami won't even repeat as champion in the American Conference.

True, the Dolphins are favored, but only by a shade over what most observers identify as THE coming team of the decade — the Pittsburgh Steelers.

With Miami at 5-2 in the favorite's role, Pittsburgh is only a shade away as second choice at 3-1 (or \$8 for your invested \$2.)

Despite its new stadium and optimistic talk, Buffalo is regarded by the wizards of odds as a rank outsider in the American Division race. The Bills are 30-1, only slightly less in the "dog" category than New England and Houston, both quoted at 50-1.

There are no real surprises in between.

Broadway Joe Namath and the Jets are talking big but they are sixth choice at 12-1. In between them and the Dolphins and Steelers are Oakland at 7-2, Cincinnati at 6-1 and Kansas City at 8-1. Rounding out the division, Cleveland, San Diego and Baltimore all are tabbed at 15-1.

Biggest overlay — Oakland;

should be co-favored with Pittsburgh.

The handicappers offered a surprise in the National Division. They labeled Washington, the Super Bowl loser, at the top. But they asked the Halfway Housers to share top billing with the San Francisco 49ers. Both are pegged as 5-2 co-favorites.

People keep knocking the Dallas Cowboys, but they are listed as third choice, at 4-1. Green Bay, which made comeback moves last season, impresses the board of odds directors enough to be posted at a dangerous 5-1.

Minnesota is labeled a contender at 8-1, and now the line stretches out. The New York Giants can claim a moral victory over the Jets, because the Jints are 10-1 (the Jets 12-1) and besides, the Jints beat the Jets on four interceptions in the Battle for New York in New Haven.

Outsiders filling out the National Conference: Detroit and Atlanta, both 12-1; Chicago, 25-1; St. Louis and Philadelphia, both 30-1; and New Orleans, 50-1.

Best Divisional bet — Green Bay.

Biggest overlay — St. Louis, at 30-1.

To go all the way, at 8-1: Oakland.

Rookie of the year nomination: Oakland's Ray Guy, who one day will emerge as the most artistic punter in the history of the game; (and he can place kick, too. George Blanda, beware).

Most valuable player: Ray Guy.

Ray Guy?

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