



IN THIS CORNER George Beahon

It is Ara Parseghian's contention that "big games" in football are games lost.

Parseghian has been accused for years of not winning the "big ones" at Notre Dame. He admits he's heard the rap, and his response is this: "Sure I've heard it. But what's a big game? You want to know what a big game is? It's any game we lose. Then it becomes a big game."

Parseghian has lived with legends at South Bend. There was Knute Rockne, who spent 13 years there for a record of 105 won, 12 lost, 5 tied.

Along came the late Frank Leahy, who worked 11 seasons, to emerge with an 87-11-9 bottom line.

Parseghian's "trouble" started in his very first season, 1964. That's when he played Southern Cal in the season's climax game, and lost the game and the mythical national championship.

Six years later the worst tie in the history of Notre Dame, the one asked for and received by Parseghian, cost the Irish another perfect record. That was the 10-10 "thing" with Michigan State, after which some of the Irish-haters mailed dozens of cheap neckties to Parseghian.

Then one recent Saturday, Southern Cal, with a recent record of three straight victories over Notre Dame, walked into South Bend and got busted 23-14. If the losses are ALL big, this for certain was a big win.

So the Irish moved up to fifth place in the ratings.

And they're undefeated and untied.

But they've got this problem:

So they have rushed past Northwestern, Purdue, Michigan State, Rice, Army and USC.

USC is the only pre-season blue-chipper in that part of the schedule.

Now tell me how you improve on a No. 5 rating by finishing out this "big league" schedule against the likes of Navy, Pittsburgh, Air Force and Miami? The latter being the best of a poor lot, and the only team with any pre-season ranking.

With that kind of scheduling, Notre Dame can finish undefeated and untied, and still not lay a solid claim on a national championship. Parseghian can't win. Not unless he does it in a bowl game against another big winner. And there's no guarantee on that. Not with Notre Dame's schedule.

CYO to Honor Danny Thomas

Washington, D.C. [RNS] — Entertainer, Danny Thomas, founder of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, will receive the "For God and Youth Award" at the 12th National Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Federation convention.

The convention theme this year is "Youth... A Commitment to Life." Some 3,000 teenagers and young adults are expected to attend the meeting in Indianapolis, Nov. 15-19.

St. Jude Hospital, now in its second decade of operation, is currently undergoing a major expansion program. Danny Thomas, a Melkite Rite Catholic, is president of the hospital's fundraising organization of the hospital.

A recent telephone survey sought to identify the meanest man in the National Football League.

The votes were pretty much scattered, but one man in particular demanded special attention. He is only a college junior at Kansas, but offered two catchy credentials.

He used to hang his neighbor kids upside down from trees. And he once punched a nun in school. He explained, however, the latter wasn't really so bad. Because the nun hit him first.



SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK John Doser

Bob Thomas, McQuaid's gift to Notre Dame football, told ND head coach Ara Parseghian that he would prove his value to the team in the second half of the season.

While he felt he was kicking the ball as well as ever, he wasn't getting the points and admitted his stats weren't that good either.

Going into the Southern Cal game, won by the Irish, 23-14, Thomas was 2-for-10 in the field goal department.

Against SC he redeemed himself by booting no less than three FG's and a pair of extra points, setting an ND mark for most field goals in a career with his 15th, 16th, and 17th.

His kicks were from 32, 33, and 32 yards out, in the usual soccer style which McQuaid fans of four years ago easily will recall.

Perhaps what satisfies Thomas most after that performance is that he greatly contributed to knocking coach John McKay's defending national champs out of the running for the 1973 national title while moving ND into a better spot for the honor at the same time.

One wire service reported that McKay was heard humming the Notre Dame victory march after the game and when asked why, he replied, "There was nothing else to hum."

The win was Notre Dame's sixth without a loss and the defeat was SC's first after five wins and a tie.

Thomas has some long distance misses among his attempts, some from 49, 52, 55 and 56 yards away. But he also missed one from the Army 39 which he said went over the right upright, but which officials ruled wide of the mark.

He also missed an extra point against the Cadets, the first miss after 61 in a row including 43 straight last year, for another ND record.

Thomas, in a way, predicted a busy afternoon against SC.

He told a reporter that after watching SC films he figured they stop a lot of teams' offenses on about the 25 and he thought he might get a lot of chances to kick the ball.

Notre Dame certainly has no kicks coming by expecting too much more from the 5-10, 178-pound athlete. But that doesn't mean he won't try to give ND anything less than his maximum.

BROTHER TOM GALLAGHER, cross country coach at Cardinal

St. Boniface Remembered In Parish Celebration

The people of St. Boniface parish celebrated their patronal feast with an Oktoberfest, which followed a special liturgy Oct. 15.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan concelebrated Mass with the pastor, Father Francis Taylor, and Father Vincent LeFrois of Livonia Center. Assisting were Fathers Michael Conboy and Richard Shtazel, associate pastor. Kolping Society singers joined the church in the liturgy and several German hymns.

Preparation for the festival involved the school children in research into the life of the Eighth Century saint, who resigned as Archbishop of Mainz and Primate of Germany to spread the faith in Friesland, where he was martyred.

Maureen McGonigle presented her first-prize biography at the first reading of the Mass. Other winners in the school essay contest were J. Elyn Tufano, Spencer Begemann and Diane Petrow.

A German dinner was served, to the accompaniment of George Shiel's Band. In charge were Clem Bayer, Susan Brownyard, Jennie Cali, Kathie Fischer, Geri and Jerry Guerinot, Joan and Pete Klee, Jackie Nicolay, Margaret Nordbye, John Reinhardt and Mary Shaver.

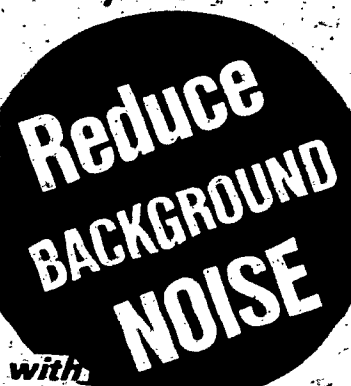
Mercy Slates Mission Days

Mercy Mission Days and the play *Once Upon a Mattress* will attract diocesans to Our Lady of Mercy High School, Friday and Saturday evenings, Nov. 9 and 10.

On both evenings a bazaar will be held in Mercy's gym from 8:15 p.m. to 11 p.m. It will feature baked foods, an ice cream parlor, craft items, cards and Christmas gifts.

Once Upon a Mattress, a musical spoof of the fairy tale *The Princess and the Pea*, will be presented at 7:15 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door both evenings.

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Dr. Schwandt To Conduct Latin Mass

A Latin High Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 4 p.m., at the Cenacle Chapel.

The Mass, sponsored by the Eastman School Newman Club, will be celebrated by Father Frank Lioi, Newman chaplain. Music, including the traditional plainchant as well as polyphonic music of Josquin, will be performed by the Gregorian Chant Choir, under the direction of Dr. Erich Schwandt.

The public is invited to attend.

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