



SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK John Doser

A few years ago Brockport State basketball coach Mauro Panaggio had a real itch to play the University of Rochester in the hoop game.

Brockport was always ready, but there were no takers from the River Campus.

One day Panaggio told a reporter that if Brockport couldn't get the U of R on the court, then he would go right by them.

Brockport did just that. There's little doubt that the state college 20 miles to the west of Rochester is now a super Panaggio-production — it turns out super basketball players, all colors, and super basketball teams.

Another small Rochester school has been sitting in the wings behind both the UR and Brockport and it too is on the verge of slipping by the Yellowjackets.

And it too, would like to prove it one day on the court. And it, in this case, is St. John Fisher College, which like Brockport has seen its basketball program improve a hundred times over that of a decade ago.

Bob Wanzer, the ex-Rochester Royal (remember them?) and NBA cage coach, is now, believe it or not, in his 11th year at the East Avenue school.

Brockport is Fisher's chief nemesis and we're not certain that the Cardinals have ever beaten the Eagles, at least not since Panaggio-productions took over.

This season should be another good one for Wanzer whose cagers were 15-7 last year, but whose clubs over the past three seasons compiled a 51-12 record.

Wanzer has four of five starters coming back from last year's team, enough to make him drool over the prospect of hanging a real bumper on Brockport in the Lincoln First Tournament in January.

The only player missing from his '72-73 lineup is Rick Sydlo, a three year hero who was graduated in June.

The other returnees include four of the five top scorers from a year ago and two school record holders.

No. 1 on the Cardinal roster is Al Callman who averaged 18 points a game last year for a Fisher school mark. He went from the bench to a starting slot in the process.

Callman, who transferred to Fisher from Tampa, Fla., took three games to break into the starting lineup, scoring 55 points before earning the fifth man's spot.

Junior Mike Coonan from Bishop Kearney High, is the other returning school record holder — he holds the mark for most rebounds in one game — 18.

Jon Richardson, who scored his high school points for Webster, is another junior who was third in rebounds and averaged 12 points a game last year. He's sharp from the floor, connecting on 48 per cent of his shots from the field a year ago.

Carl Wenzel, from Syracuse, who averaged 11.5 points per game, is the fourth returning starter. The fifth spot is open for business from among seniors Tom Heppeler and Rick McCauley, Sophomores Kevin Brazell and Russ Barranco and freshman Rick Salamone. Another possibility is Paul Zaretsky from Irondequoit.

who played in parts of 21 games last year.

RUSH-HENRIETTA'S Bill Farrell, an Aquinas graduate, has been basketball chairman of the N.Y. State Public High School Athletic Association for a few months now.

He's directed the Section 5 show for eight years and it has become the finest schoolboy tournament showcase in the state.

While there are some who hope he can bring about a full-dress state tournament (and an equally loud group opposed), there are some innovations he'd like to instill in Section 5 yet.

One of Farrell's biggest improvements was extending the eligibility of teams in the sectionals from 52 to 80. Now he's working on an open house deal where any school which wants to, gets a shot at the annual War Memorial extravaganza.

Farrell is dedicated to the belief that every school basketball player deserves the chance to play at least one sectional game and he doesn't discount mediocre season records as a detriment.



IN THIS CORNER George Beahon

Who's number one?

Nobody's number one, that's who. But next year — wait 'til next year — there'll be a clear-cut numero uno in national collegiate football.

When football coach Joe Paterno delivered the commencement address at Penn State last June, the audience loved him. At one point he recalled the 1969 season when Penn State was undefeated and untied, before Texas whopped Arkansas on network TV.

President Nixon used the national audience to present his declaration that Texas was number one.

"What I'd like to know," said Paterno in his graduation speech, "is how the President knows so little about Watergate in 1973 and so much about college football in 1969?"

The regular schedule for 1973 is history and a handful of schools are clamoring for recognition as number one.

Maybe somebody will win a "poll bowl" after the New Year's action. But nobody, not Michigan, Southern Cal, Alabama, Notre Dame, Penn State or Oklahoma can lay a solid claim to the top rung. Not legitimately.

Personally I would vote right now for Oklahoma, because of the quality of Big 8 football. But people from the other five aforementioned factories may dispute that.

The winner of the Alabama-Notre Dame Sugar Bowl fuss will stake a large claim. Ditto the winner of Southern-Cal-Michigan.

Alabama, Notre Dame and Penn State have the perfect records on the board, but their schedules fail to terrify anyone. Ohio State's opponents were a cumulative 28 and 44; Michigan's 28 and 54.

Pope Rejects Exemption

Vatican Turns Down Thermostats

Vatican City [RNS] — The energy crisis has hit the Vatican.

Its only gas station will ration motorists to about a half of a tank of gas at a time.

And the administrative authorities of the papal enclave say they have imposed curbs on the amount of heating oil used in Vatican City buildings.

Though the living quarters of Pope Paul were supposed to be specifically exempted from the

Pope Praises Cook's Job

Vatican City [RNS] — Pope Paul described as "a worthy vocation" the job of being a chef or cook in a restaurant or hotel.

It is not an easy job, he pointed out. It requires "silence, alacrity and intelligence," he told some 500 cooks and chefs meeting here for their seventh annual convention.

It also requires some patience, the pontiff noted. One of the big drawbacks of the work, he said, required "sacrifice of personal convenience."

And then he went on to note that meal-serving "time tables" involving meals in restaurants can make the average cook or chef work at maximum pitch.

curbs, the pontiff ordered a reduction in the heating of his apartments.

Meanwhile, in the face of Arab oil cutbacks, the Italian government announced a series of sweeping measures, including the banning of Sunday and holiday driving, beginning Dec. 2.

The Sunday ban is expected to cut sharply the number of persons attending the customary Sunday noon appearances of the Pope on the balcony overlooking St. Peter's Square.

The weekly event, when the Pope delivers a brief address and recites the Angelus with the crowd below, draws many families from surrounding towns.

The State of Vatican City, the smallest sovereign state in the world, situated within the city of Rome, embraces an area of 108.7 acres. It includes within its limits the Vatican Palace, museums, art

galleries, gardens, libraries, a radio station, post office, bank, offices, apartments, service facilities, and St. Peter's Basilica.

Though the government of Vatican City is in the hands of the Pope, the administration of its temporal affairs is handled by a commission of cardinals headed by Cardinal Jean Villot, Secretary of State.

The commission includes a number of laymen and laywomen as "consultors."

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