



Happy Bunch

McQuaid hockey team members celebrate after hard earned goal against Pittsford on Jan. 5 at RIT. Final score was tied at 4-4.

Photo by Dave Witbeck

IN THIS CORNER

It didn't inspire many headlines when Ben Schwartzwalder retired. Not outside his home town of Syracuse. There was nothing spectacular or controversial about Ben Schwartzwalder, the football coach. If anything, some of the press box featherweights knocked him for not putting the ball in the air enough to please them.

But isn't there something spectacular about a man who spent 25 years at one school? In this age of the coaching turnover? Only 11 other men celebrated a silver anniversary running the same major college team.

Unspectacular? Ben learned about survival as a 155-pound major of paratroopers whose drops included Normandy.

Unspectacular? He is 16th on the all time list of winners, with

178 victories. His coaching brought the Orange from obscurity to a national championship in 1959. In 1970, stern and unyielding, he refused to bend to the black boycott.

The boycott was not engineered by some of the blacks who knew Ben best. Try Floyd Little. "Everyone who knew Ben as I did loved him. He had a soft heart and loved every one of his players, never showing any prejudice."

Little was only one of some super backs Ben dressed at Syracuse. How about Jimmy Brown and the late Ernie Davis? Jim Nance and Larry Csonka?

When you're playing a Little or Brown or Davis or Nance or Csonka, why throw the ball? (In 1959, when he needed the pass, he put it into the air for 21 TDs.)

George Beakon

The man who succeeded him, Frank Maloney, said he felt like "The guy who replaced Lou Gehrig."

Ben will be 65 in June. That's when his competition will be limited to golf and bridge. And trying to do a better job with his garden than the guy next door.

Ben Schwartzwalder was not spectacular. Just beautiful.

HOPSCOTCHING THE SPORTS BEAT Shortest professional sports season on record — the National Hockey League East. The Boston Bruins, who this season abandoned muscle for finesse, wrecked the race before the turn into 1974. And you'll find three good reasons in the top three scoring spots, all occupied by Bruins Phil Esposito, Bobby Orr and Ken Hodge. Johnny Wooden, coach of the unreal UCLA basketball Bruins, has to prove something with this statistic that should shake up some recruiters. Wooden says that in the last 25 years he has put together court talent, 90 per cent of it has come from California.

Ex-Notre Dame Austin Carr of the Cleveland (NBA) Cavaliers has improved his performance and is crediting having become a vegetarian. What does he do with those steak-and-salad pre-game meals? And how can he spend that \$28 per day meal money?

Penn State football coach Joe Paterno was discussing a defensive player who gave his team a hard time. "That strong safety of theirs is a great ballplayer," said Paterno. Advised the player's name was Randy Polto, Paterno replied, "Oh, I thought it was Poletti. If he's not Italian, I take it all back."

SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK

John Daser

Sitting in the stands the other night at the War Memorial were Geneseo State basketball coach Tom Pope and former City of Rochester councilman Mike Roach.

Both are Brockport State graduates and during halftime of the Mooney-East High basketball game the conversation got around to Golden Eagle basketball coach Mauro Panaggio.

"We get along very well," Pope said, referring to Mauro. "When we beat his club by 15 points or so a couple of years back he came over to me after the game and I told him Brockport just had a tough night."

"No," Mauro answered. "We had a cold night and your team played very well," was what he told me."

But Panaggio, also a Brockport grad of an era before Pope, apparently didn't share the same amenities with Plattsburgh State's Norm Law, another Brockport State grad and former cage coach at Mynderse Academy, according to Pope.

After that game, won by Brockport, Law stormed away without even saying hello.

An influence on Pope's coaching philosophy, one way or the other, and on all other ex-Golden Eagle players, was the late Dr. E. Curtiss Gaylord who coached Brockport State fortunes for almost 20 years.

Dr. Gaylord was considered by many of his players and students as professionally dedicated but somewhat erratic, approaching the near-out-of-focus world of an absent-minded professor.

Dr. Gaylord, who also coached Brockport State freshman soccer, was an absolutist when it came to fundamentals.

While Dr. Gaylord also played the role of basketball coach, he never lost sight of the fact that he was coaching future coaches as well.

Gaylord's No. 1 line was one which none of his students could possibly forget and there are a lot of coaches in the Rochester area with Gaylord trademarks.

His favorite was "Above all else to thine own self be true," and he had hundreds of other Gaylordisms in his last textbook, "Modern Coaching Psychology."

Not every student or player then or coach today would agree with Dr. Gaylord's methods, but ironically few have forgotten most of what Dr. Gaylord taught.

Pope, a good little shooter when he wore the Brockport Green and Gold in 1961, didn't see a tremendous amount of action because he was about seventh or eighth man behind a club built around sharpshooter Dick Kraft.

He may or may not have resented his playing status, but we believe he definitely took umbrage to Dr. Gaylord's instructional methods, as well as content.

Anyway Pope explained that one day at Geneseo a friend and he were discussing the quality of instruction of past Brockport teachers and coaches both had known.

"This guy asked me if I could think of five things Dr. R—— taught me. I couldn't think of one. Then he asked me if I could name five things that Dr. W—— taught me. I couldn't think of one."

"Then he asked me if I could think of six things Dr. Gaylord taught me. I rattled 'em off like nobody's business. I thought for a moment and said, 'Oh no, what are you trying to tell me?'"

Some of Dr. Gaylord's other gems, which he attributed to "Gaylord" along side of entries from Shakespeare, Disraeli, Carlyle, Thackeray, Emerson, Diogenes and Anon., went like this:

"The best kind of pride is that which compels a young man to do his very best work, even if no one is watching."

"Your love quotient is more important than your intelligence quotient."

"Religion is a way of life, not a way of doing things, but a loving way of doing everything."

"When you goof, recover, don't cry."

"There is no excuse for a bad defensive game."

"To live completely is to live selflessly."

"Don't refuse to be what God would have you be."

"What your teammate is doing for you is not nearly so important as what you are doing for him — that is what determines his attitude towards you."

THE SPORTY ONES



The Best Offense

Photo by Dave Witbeck

Cardinal Mooney's Mark Lasky tries to get through East High's Mitchell Jones in the big game at the War Memorial on Jan. 4. Both teams went into the game unbeaten. Scoring was close for the first half, but during the third quarter the Oriental defense prevailed. Final score: East 73, Cardinal Mooney 60.

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