



Mat Tussle

Photo by Dave Witbeck

Bishop Kearney's Mike Tiano [bottom] and Cardinal Mooney's Bob Perry battle it out at Jan. 12's wrestling meet in Kearney's gym. Tiano won an upset 6-4 victory over Perry aiding the Kings' 39-14 victory over the Cardinals.

## SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK

### John Doser

Bishop Kearney students apparently think it's great to have a real celebrity on their school's faculty.

Dick Buerkle, who resembles a grossly underweight Yul Brynner, teaches Spanish at Kearney for a living and runs around a lot for a hobby.

Two weeks ago he ran in the National Invitational Indoor Track Meet at the University of Maryland and beat Steve Prefontaine in the two-mile run, the first lost by one of America's premier distance runners to a fellow Yank in four years.

Buerkle resembled a real ball of fire, or light, if you will, because in addition to the reflection of the indoor lamps off his shaved head, he wore his Big S Superman shirt, a present from his wife.

The 8-26.2 clocking was only 1.6 seconds off Prefontaine's U.S. indoor record and won Buerkle the meet's outstanding performer award.

Actually, Buerkle fans weren't surprised with his win over Prefontaine because Buerkle predicted it earlier this summer.

He wanted to beat Prefontaine in the AAU championships in Bakersfield, but finished second to him in the three-mile run.

Buerkle told a reporter then that he was pretty happy with his time and his second place finish and added that he would have the chance to beat Prefontaine later in the summer. So, he was off a few months.

Buerkle won't consider the win really legit until he can repeat the achievement again. He said he felt that Prefontaine wasn't in the best of shape since his last meet was in November in the NCAA cross country championships.

Buerkle ran for Aquinas and went on to Villanova without the benefit of an athletic scholarship because his running for the Little Irish didn't attract too much attention.

It was Father John Ware, CSB, Aquinas track coach then, who took a look at Buerkle's 5-7, 130-pound frame and stride, and decided to make him a distance runner.

He ran a 4:28 mile at Aquinas, but concentrated on the two-mile run, distance relays and cross country.

When he reached Villanova he began working for the track scholarship he didn't have. He ran cross country in his freshman year, took a seventh at the IC4A Eastern championships and lowered his two-mile time to 9:25.

He sat out his sophomore year after running into a tree and incurring shin splints, which forced him to retire the rest of the year.

The track scholarship came through for his junior year and after his "rest" he entered the 1968 Penn Relays and finished second in the two-mile with an 8:47.

He was named All-American in cross country, ran a 13:52 three-mile in the IC4A meet in his senior year and wiped out a potentially good act at the NCAA 1969 title meet when he tripped and fell.

He lowered his three-mile time to 13:34 in 1969 with a win in the IC4A, beat his own time the following year with a 13:18 three-mile and won the six-mile in the 1970 IC4A outdoor meet.

A major in Spanish at Villanova, he was graduated in 1970 and began to teach at Bishop Kearney last fall.

Buerkle has been running indoors most of this winter. He's looking forward to a competitive summer after recording a 3:58.6 for a big mile win at Gainesville, Fla., in the Florida All-Conference AAU meet summer.

He also ran for the U.S. in Europe, West Germany, Russia, Italy and Africa last summer and described his own achievement and reactions by filing reports for the Gannett newspapers here.

## Red Wings Games Set For WROC-AM

Joe Cullinane, health permitting, and Pete Brown, well-known Rochester sportscasters, will air Rochester Red Wing baseball games when they return to AM radio over WROC for the 1974 season.

All home and road games reportedly will be broadcast over WROC-AM. The Wings games have been on WROC-FM since 1970.

Cullinane who has been "the voice" of the Red Wings since 1962 has been ill and his role in the broadcasts is subject to his physical condition.

## Lincoln Toumey Hosts Bob Cousy

Bob Cousy, former guard for the Boston Celtics, and recently retired coach of the Kansas City-Omaha Kings will be the guest of honor for the Lincoln First Bank College Basketball Tournament.

The tournament will be held Thursday and Saturday, Jan. 24 and 26. On Thursday evening, St. John Fisher will play Brockport State at 7, and Roberts Wesleyan will play Rochester Institute of Technology at 9.

The two Thursday winners will compete Saturday, at 9 p.m., with a consolation game preceding.

### MCHAUX DRIVE

"MCHAUX, our Monroe Community Hospital Auxiliary, is busier than ever and needs more members for the 750 long-term care patients and residents," says Mrs. Theodore Weeden, membership chairman. Miss Geraldine Yawman is co-chairman.

Auxiliary President Richard Hughes reports the auxiliary volunteers provide services ranging from writing letters for patients to assisting in the gift shop. The drive will open at the regular scheduled luncheon board meeting, Thursday, Jan. 24. Officers of MCHAUX are Mrs. John Bronson, Mrs. William S. Rathel, Mrs. O. K. Carhart, Clarence Mueller and Mrs. Peggy Look.

# Jim Palmer Due At Sports Night

Penn Yan — St. Michael's Sports Night is coming up, Feb. 14, the biggest event at the parish. Twelve speakers have been lined up.

Heading the list is Jim Palmer, the ace pitcher of the Baltimore Orioles, and the Cy Young award winner for the American League in 1973. Two top Buffalo Bill gridders also will be featured, Walt Patulski and Reggie McKenzie. Patulski is the 259-pound defensive end who attended this annual function two years ago.

At Notre Dame he was the wireservices lineman of the year in 1972 and was the first pick of the football draft. McKenzie is a six-foot four-inch giant out of the University of Michigan. O.J. Simpson says that he is the greatest guard in football. He was picked first string All Pro guard this last year.

Four hundred tickets have already been sold and at present only 250 are left. Golden patrons are sought. Co-chairmen are Jim Ashe, 536-8862 and Ken Johnson, 536-6204.

## IN THIS CORNER

### George Beakou

"Far be it from me to put the knock on television, because to begin with it is offering us more top shelf action—for free—than ever before in history. Also, since the networks are spending so many millions of dollars to bring us just about every major league attraction in existence, we have become a nation of critics—and complainers."

Until the Masters was presented on television many years ago, tournament golf was something the newspapers used in agate type on the back pages of the sports sections on Monday mornings. Anyone who didn't belong to a country club hardly heard of and probably couldn't care about pro golf.

Two weekends back the PGA tour started in Pebble Beach, Calif., with the Crosby, and what TV did to this gig, and what the weather did to the tournament, were little short of scandalous.

Rain plastered the golf scene on Thursday, and the action, quite properly, was called off. Postponed, that is, meaning an extension through the following Monday. Okay.

They actually got under way on Friday.

When a hailstorm struck the place on Saturday, you knew play was impossible. Or was it? They played the stop-and-start bit, actually brooming hail and rain off the greens and tees. Why? Why because we had an hour of television scheduled for Saturday, that's why.

Before it finally yielded to the elements, some of the top names had fled the scene, including the top man, Jack Nicklaus. Always careful not to hurt feelings, Nicklaus made no attempt to hide anything when he checked out before it was formally postponed and the troops were paid off at 75 per cent.

"This," said Nicklaus, "is not golf."

Now the football bowl patterns have been changed, to accommodate the ratings. Schools are playing big name opponents in September, before some students are even registered. And the holiday bowl times are cut up like Christmas turkeys to share audiences.

The NFL next season will offer more Monday night football, including additional exhibition games, and of course will continue to schedule playoff games in places like Miami at 4 p.m. so as not to conflict with the "other" game on a different network.

For my free TV, the worst offender is baseball!

It all started with the All-Star game being shifted to prime time at night. Then we got it in the World Series. Three week night games, all for the ratings.

They got the ratings. Super ratings.

And the players got to play in weather that made a travesty of the game. At \$12 a ticket, fans suffered.

Actually, it didn't start last Fall. It started the year before, when Oakland, enroute to a first ever world championship, was ordered to play its "day" games in the Series at 5 p.m., Coast time.

The light for playing was so poor that it didn't matter who pitched for whom. Nobody could get a good piece of the ball in the early innings.

But as a show business technique, it worked, because it produced the out-of-sight ratings.

In Oakland, they still are talking about the traffic jams the 5 o'clock starting time produced in the Bay area. But the producers and the brass in New York couldn't care less. As a matter of fact, I recall watching in frothy, air-conditioned comfort, and it didn't bother me either, that the players couldn't see the ball, and the Bay area was helplessly tied up in traffic jams. Because the price was right.

## Business In The Diocese

Edward F. Tryka Jr. has been appointed telecommunications systems analyst at Bausch and Lomb, according to Sy Merrill, divisional vice president-administrative services.

Tryka, formerly a communications consultant with Rochester Telephone Corporation, will coordinate Bausch & Lomb Rochester facility needs with Rochester Telephone Corporation and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

He was graduated from Ithaca College with a bachelor of science degree in physical education and is now working on a master of science degree evenings at State University College at Brockport.

He and his wife Judith have two children, Kimberly Anne and Edward F. III. The Trykas live in Brockport, and are members of the Church of the Nativity parish.