

IN THIS CORNER

You say your roomie had her fill of TV football even before the season ended on Jan. 20? She had TV football up to her eyebrows this time around?

Wait 'til next year. Next season, that is. By the way, the season starts in early July.

This prospective new domestic hassle is the work of one Cary Davidson, commissioner of the embryonic World Football League.

Davidson has been peddling franchises for about a year. His territory ranges from Hawaii to Boston. With owners, with money, with coaches, with players. With a TV contract coming up.

Davidson is the same young cat who organized the World Hockey Association, no instant success, and the American Basketball Association ditto.

But they are alive. And his World Football League is likely to be instant success, all because of the probability of a TV contract.

Are you ready? Wednesday nights, 20 Wednesday nights, starting in July. All league games.

If this is unfair to NBC and baseball, so be it.

Just think. Once we get into the National Football League and college seasons, we have action every day except Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Joy.

Look at what the WFL plans to offer us!

Brightly colored footballs, instead of drab brownies. And why not?

The two-point conversion option, the same one used by the old American League, but dumped by the stuffy NFL after the merger.

A fifth quarter, to break ties.

Permitting pass receivers to make legal catches with only one foot in bounds: more scoring, more action.

Moving the goal posts ten yards back of the goal line, as in college: tougher conversions and tougher field goals.

Field goal attempts outside the 20-yard line, when missed, revert to the line of scrimmage: fewer cheap tries that amount to punting situations.

No field goal attempts on fourth down.

No more "chicken" fair catches. More blood, broken bones.

If you think football has crested in popularity, then a dozen owners willing to lose at least \$3 million each over the next couple of years are \$3 million worth of wrong.

They are betting you will be watching on Wednesday nights. The thing is, when will someone fill those terrible voids on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights?

SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK

Jack Button, Steve Quinn and Bill Hughes, all involved in coaching or sports management, would appear to have little in common beyond that category, although Button and Quinn are Rochester Catholic high school graduates.

Button a member of McQuaid's first high school graduation class, was recently named general manager of the Pittsburgh Penguins of the National Hockey League.

Quinn is head basketball coach at Rochester's Marshall High and ironically didn't play varsity basketball at Aquinas from whence he graduated.

Hughes is presently head soccer coach at Brockport State with designs on coaching the Rochester Lancers' soccer team if he can persuade his college to grant him a year's leave of absence.

Button, at 34, is the second youngest GM in NHL history. Ironically, he succeeds his good friend and old boss, Jack Riley, both known in Rochester when they were with the Rochester Americans in the early 1960's.

Riley was then general manager and he hired Button, a local boy, as his assistant. The relationship remained that way (with a few Button detours to smaller hockey towns as a GM himself) until two weeks ago when Riley was fired and Button hired, by Pittsburgh president, Tad Potter.

At McQuaid Button seemed headed in any direction but hockey because he quarterbacked the football team, was a catcher on the baseball team and played guard on the basketball team.

He was a Red Wing bat boy because he submitted a winning entry in the annual bat boy contest and began to build his managerial base by working in the Red Wing office for several summers.

When another Rochesterian, John Clapp, resigned from the

Amerks as Riley's assistant, Button got the job. He's been in hockey ever since.

Button takes over and his youthfulness may or may not prove to be an asset. But his honest appraisal of the situation wasn't bad for openers. "I don't expect to have anybody's respect at this time," Jack said, "but I will gain that respect."

STEVE QUINN never played varsity basketball at Aquinas and he tells a delightful story why.

He started on the freshman and JV teams there and never thought about not making the varsity in his junior year. But a new coach came in and he got cut.

His dad was as shocked as he was, so dad called the late Father Cyril Carter, the athletic director.

Father Carter agreed there must have been a mistake and said Steve should report for practice the next day.

He did, and he got cut again.

He went out for the varsity in his senior year and didn't improve his lot — he got cut again.

He played ball then in the CYO high school league, averaged 28 points per game, but as he explains it, college coaches don't scout CYO games. The result — no college scholarship, no financial help.

Quinn has real problems with himself when it comes to cutting youngsters from his basketball teams. He knows what it's like.

BILL HUGHES, trying again to make it with the Rochester Lancers as head coach, needs his school's OK to do it.

He won't get it, according to an insider, and will have to sever all coaching and teaching ties with Brockport in order to take the Lancer job.

CYO Scores and Standings Games of Jan. 20

ELEMENTARY DIVISION		
NORTHEAST		
Blessed Sacrament 63	St. Joseph Penfield 61	St. Michael 70
St. Cecilia 45	St. Rita 46	Christ The King 30
Holy Trinity 32	St. Ambrose 44	St. Stanislaus 28
St. Andrew 63	St. Salome 61	
STANDINGS	W	L
St. Andrew	7	0
St. Cecilia	6	1
Christ The King	5	2
Blessed Sacrament	5	2
St. Michael	5	2
St. Ambrose	3	4
St. James	3	4
St. Joseph Penfield	2	5
St. Salome	2	5
Holy Trinity	1	6
St. Stanislaus	1	6
St. Rita	0	7
NORTHWEST		
St. Lawrence 59	O.L.P.H. 43	Lady of Mercy 71
St. Margaret Mary 15	Mother of Sorrows 59	St. Thomas Apostole 25
St. Anthony 89	Holy Name 27	St. Charles 74
STANDINGS	W	L
Mother of Sorrows	5	1
Our Lady of Mercy	5	1
St. Anthony	5	1
St. Charles	5	3
St. Thomas Apostole	3	4
St. Lawrence	2	5
St. Margaret Mary	2	5
Holy Name of Jesus	0	6
O.L.P.H.	0	6
SOUTHEAST		
St. John City 41	Corpus Christi 30	St. John Fairport 49
St. Boniface 47	St. Jerome ER 52	St. Augustine 40
Good Shepherd 53	Jew. Comm. Ctr 50	Good Counsel 38
St. Thomas More 31	St. Louis Pitt 65	Lady of Lourdes 27
STANDINGS	W	L
St. Jerome ER	7	0
Good Shepherd	6	1
St. Louis Pittsford	5	2
Corpus Christi	4	3
Jewish Community Center	4	3
Good Counsel	4	3
St. John Fairport	4	3
St. Augustine	3	4
St. John City	2	5
St. Thomas More	2	5
St. Boniface	1	6
Our Lady of Lourdes	0	7
SOUTHWEST		
Most Precious Blood 62	Holy Family 43	Holy Ghost 32
St. Christ 16	St. Pius X 56	St. Helen 13
St. John Greece 44	St. Monica 40	St. Theodore 45
St. John Spencerport 36	Holy Rosary "Bye"	
STANDINGS	W	L
Most Precious Blood	5	1
St. Pius X	5	2
St. Theodore	4	2
Holy Rosary	4	2
St. John Greece	4	2
St. John Spencerport	4	3
Holy Ghost	2	4
St. Monica	2	5
St. Christopher	1	5
St. Helen	0	6
HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION		
NORTHEAST		
St. Stanislaus 101	Christ The King 81	St. Joseph Penfield 54
Holy Trinity 47	St. Andrew 61	Annunciation 49
St. James 67	St. Ambrose 47	
STANDINGS	W	L
St. Joseph Penfield	7	0
Holy Trinity	5	2
St. James	5	2
St. Stanislaus	4	3
Christ The King	4	3
St. Andrew	3	4
St. Ambrose	3	4
Annunciation	0	7
NORTHWEST		
St. Charles 82	Mth. Sorrows 52	Sacred Heart 50
Lady of Mercy 38	Holy Cross 64	O.L.P.H. 57
St. Lawrence 58	H. Name Jesus 51	St. Thomas Apostole 52
Margaret Mary 43		
STANDINGS	W	L
Sacred Heart	7	0
Holy Cross	6	1
St. Charles	6	1
Our Lady of Mercy	5	2
St. Thomas Apostole	4	3
St. Lawrence	3	4
Mother of Sorrows	3	4
St. Margaret Mary	2	5
Holy Name of Jesus	1	6
SOUTHEAST		
Good Shepherd 77	St. Thomas More 60	St. Louis Pittsford 71
Holy Trinity B 27	Corpus Christi 61	Mc. Carmel 60
Jew. Comm. Ctr 62	St. John City 26	
STANDINGS	W	L
Good Shepherd	5	1
Jewish Community Center	5	1
St. Louis Pittsford	4	3
Corpus Christi	4	3
Mc. Carmel	4	3
St. Thomas More	2	5
St. John City	1	6
Holy Trinity B	0	7
SOUTHWEST		
St. Pius X 56	St. John Greece 53	St. Helen 88
Holy Ghost 59	St. Christopher 54	Holy Rosary 46
St. Monica "Bye"		
STANDINGS	W	L
St. Helen	7	0
St. Christopher	6	1
St. Pius X	4	3
St. John Greece	3	3
Holy Ghost	3	4
St. Monica	3	4
Holy Rosary	0	6



Cousy Cites Jesuit Help To Basketball Career

By CHARLES RANDISI

These days, it's hard to think of the Society of Jesus without imagining dispersed demons and the rites of exorcism. That's because everybody's been talking about that movie (The Exorcist) in which Jesuits rid a young girl of an evil presence lurking within her.

But to Bob Cousy, the Mickey Mantle of basketball (though some might consider Mantle the Bob Cousy of baseball), "the good Jesuits" provided him with a "good basic philosophy" that has helped mold and influence his life and career.

Cousy, who visited Rochester last week as guest of honor for the eighth annual Lincoln First Bank College Basketball Tournament, was twice All-American when he played for Holy Cross College in the Fifties, and coached six years at Boston College. Both are Jesuit institutions.

"I don't know how much the Jesuits influenced my playing career," says the former Boston Celtic star guard, "but their training did influence my life. And so far, my life has been 90 per cent basketball."

The effects of his Jesuit education he says, have been felt "as a matter of maintaining my ideals with the values they inculcated in me."

Though he also credits his training with giving him a "sense of ethics," he says, "It's not something I'm always consciously aware of."

One thing Cousy was aware of during his 13 years as a National Basketball Association star — winning games. As a guard for the Boston Celtics, he led his team to seven world championships, was named the game's Most Valuable Player in 1957, and made 6,959 career assists — second on the all-time list.

As Boston College coach, he compiled a 117-34 won-lost record over six seasons.

Cousy moved to NBA coaching

in 1969 with the Cincinnati Royals, now the Kansas City-Omaha Kings. He resigned last November.

The 55-year-old Cousy now considers himself semi-retired, and doesn't know if he'll come out of it. But one thing seems sure — he won't be going back to coach the pros.

Since his resignation, he's admitted publicly his discouragement with both the NBA and ABA and their competitive recruiting tactics.

The game of basketball itself, however, still remains dear to him. When asked if he thinks college and amateur basketball are more exciting than professional, he says, "No. The college fan has a more personal identification with his school, and this intensifies his interest. You might get to see your college team play only eight or nine times in a season, while a pro team plays at least 40 home games, not counting playoffs."

Cousy, renowned for his fancy dribbling and behind-the-back passing, says that professionals today have "so much ability" that they may seem to be playing with "less hustle" than college players.

But give them a crucial situation, like a playoff game, he says, and the pros will play with "complete fervor."

He should know; he's played and coached on both sides.

NEIGHBORHOOD BOXING

Various community boxing clubs will have representatives vying for honors at a boxing show at the new South Avenue Recreation Center at No. 12 School Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. The bouts are a cooperative effort of St. Martin de Porres Center, City Recreation, and the Ellwanger-Barry Neighborhood Center.

Scheduled are 15 bouts. The public is invited free of charge. Additional entries may apply by calling Don Simkin, 244-2812.