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Stars Lead Brotherhood Week

Walt Frazier and Bill Bradley, stars of the world champion New York Knicks pro basketball team, will serve as the 1974 National Brotherhood Week co-chairmen. The announcement that the two athletes would serve as national co-chairmen was made in New York by Dr. David Hyatt, president of the Brotherhood Week. The event will be held this year Feb. 17-24. In a joint brotherhood statement, Frazier and Bradley said they hoped to provide a

positive influence in improving human relations and fostering the ideal of brotherhood. "We must learn to live together as brothers, or we will die together as fools," they said. "It is our hope that men everywhere will learn, finally, to live together, to respect each other's individual differences, to heal each other's wounds, to promote each other's progress, and to benefit from each other's knowledge." [RNS]

IN THIS CORNER

Joe Lapchick was coaching the New York Knicks and it was the afternoon of a Saturday night game against the Royals at the old Sports Arena in Edgerton Park. Joe called from his hotel and said it was urgent, to come over right away.

We had often talked about the fixes and dumps in both college and pro basketball. Now Lapchick was telling me they would pick up a player that night in Fort Wayne. To go ahead and write the story and not worry about it. I think Joe wanted some of his New York writers to get scooped.

So I wrote it and suggested Page 1 and at about 1 o'clock in the morning the man in charge of what would go into the Sunday paper wiped out the story. It was dangerous, he said. We could be wrong and a guy named Jack Molinas would sue us for a zillion.

It broke 48 hours later, Associated Press.

Jack Molinas was a very good basketball player, All-America at Columbia and a nearly All-Star forward at Fort Wayne. He did four years in the slammer.

I wondered what ever happened to Molinas since he took the fall in 1962, and the other day Bruce Koch told about the interview he read with Molinas.

Molinas is a very successful businessman in Los Angeles, a swinging type exec.

In the story Molinas explained how he got grabbed by the investigators who tapped his phone for two years while he was fixing basketball games involving 49 players at 27 colleges. Thirty-three of them admitted taking bribes.

What happened was the detectives were tapping Molinas and betting themselves and getting rich. They eventually were betting so much it changed the betting odds, and Molinas was the first to realize that his own work was being pre-posed.

So he set a trap. He contacted one of his own betting markets — in person — and told the man not to bet, no matter what he might say on the telephone. Then he made the call he knew was wire-tapped.

"I've got the all-time lock on a game," he cracked on the telephone. "I've got three and two and the tooters," meaning he had fixed three players to dump, paid two others to bet on themselves on the other side, and also had the referees in his pocket.

Molinas was telling the truth. Except he gave the eaves droppers the wrong team. He had the players and referees fixed, but to go the other way. He let the listening fuzz hear it the wrong way.

The price went wild, and Molinas and his people just lapped it up. The investigators were borrowing money to get down.

When Molinas showed up at the game, half the New York detective force was on hand, but with eyes only for the game. It came out perfect for Molinas, and the cops lost all their bread. "One guy," says Molinas, "borrowed \$8,000 to bet on the swindle."

That's when the investigators closed the net on Molinas, after they were double-crossed.

For a non-violent crime, first offense Molinas did four years. He thinks perhaps because he was an attorney. Also, he turned down a chance to go state's evidence. And now he's making it big, fair and square, in Los Angeles.

He was watching an Army-Navy game, and Navy was wiping up the stadium with the Army. "Can you imagine," wondered Molinas, "if the whole Army team happened to be in the tank? Just think," he giggled, "you could fix a war."

Jim Palmer Heads List At Penn Yan

Penn Yan — A glittering array of personalities from the sports world have been lined up for the annual Sports Night at St. Michael's Church here Feb. 14.

Heading the list is Jim Palmer, winner of baseball's Cy Young Award with the American League's Baltimore Orioles in 1973.

Two members of the Buffalo Bills professional football team, offensive guard Reggie McKenzie and defensive end Walt Patulski also will appear.

Manager of the Rochester Red Wings, Joe Altobelli, and member of professional basketball's Hall of Fame, Adolph Schayes, are among the speakers.

Other guests will include Les Dye, athletic director at Syracuse University; Tom Parr, All-East quarterback with Colgate; Arthur Cranfield, former world's pool champion; Neil Wheelwright, Colgate football coach; Alex Yunevich, Alfred football coach; Joe Owens, athletic director, New Paltz State.

Jim McKechnie, Syracuse television personality, will be master of ceremonies.



New Staffer

Roberto Burgos who has recently joined the staff of the CYO will serve as a regional worker for the inner city. Burgos will work through an office at the Puerto Rican Youth Development and Resource Center Incorporated.

Ghana Bishops Hit Abortion

Accra, Ghana [RNS] — The Roman Catholic bishops of this West African country have denounced what they called "the criminal practice of abortion."

In a joint pastoral letter, the bishops expressed their "deep concern" about a reported spread of abortions in Ghana, describing it as "a moral scourge and a true national disaster."

Colonel Ignatius Kufu Acheampong, who led a military coup against the Ghanaian government and assumed power as head of state in 1972, is a Roman Catholic. Abortion is illegal in Ghana.

In recent days, however, there has been considerable discussion and debate in the Ghanaian press over abortion. Charges of widespread illegal abortions in the country have been met by demands for legalization of the operation.

The bishops, in their letter, stressed that the "right to life" is "fundamental for every human being," and should be defended by everyone.

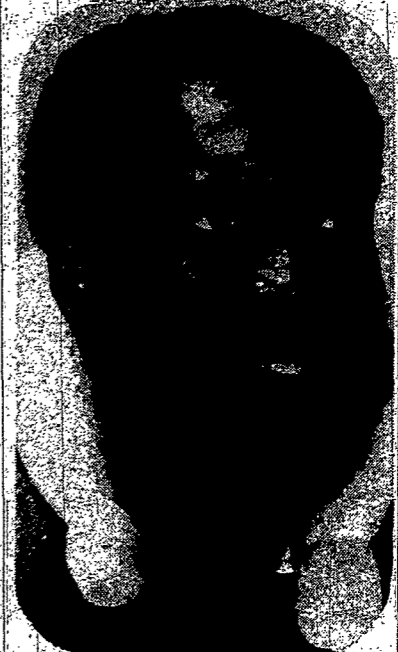
McKenzie Guest At Sports Night

Reggie McKenzie, offensive guard for the Buffalo Bills, and Ed Barnowski, former pitcher for the Rochester Red Wings, will be the guest speakers at the second annual St. Philip Neri Sports Night, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m. in the school hall.

McKenzie, 23, 6-4, 237 pounds, is known for his speed, agility, and especially as chief blocker for O.J. Simpson. He was drafted by the Bills from the University of Michigan in 1972.

Barnowski, who pitched for the Red Wings from 1966 to 1969, now works for the club's front office, as manager of sales and promotion.

The event is sponsored by the St. Philip Neri Men's Club. Tickets



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are \$3, and are available through the rectory, 1782 Clifford Ave.

SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK

Are the tournament's four original schools reluctant to divide the spoils (used for scholarships) with any newcomers, now that the tournament has moved from finishing in the red to smart green?

Wanzer said no, but pointed out he couldn't speak for RIT, Brockport or Roberts.

"If other teams come in, their students would support the tournament and it would only be fair for them to share in the scholarship funds," he said.

If the Cards continue to win and earn a post-season tournament bid, Wanzer said he thought the school would probably accept it.

Fisher's basketball success is a real credit to Wanzer who depends on local athletes from Western New York for most of his player talent. His scouting trips log few miles beyond Syracuse and Buffalo.

Another factor for consideration is Fisher's academic standards which are perhaps the highest in the county. "It's books first, basketball second," Wanzer added.

Three Fisher forwards made the all-tournament team including tournament MVP Al Gallmon, Webster's Jon Richardson and Irondequoit-Bishop Kearney's Mike Goonan.

Big Man

Larry Csonka of the NFL Dolphins earned \$2,000 for his appearance at Monday night's Gannett Rochester Press-Radio Charity Awards Dinner. His fee jumped \$600 after the Super Bowl game. Average cost per head table guest runs about \$500.

That makes the Vikings' Fran Tarkenton a real big man for turning his Super Bowl loser's share of \$7,500 over to retarded children and drug addiction charities because "his cup is almost full."

"I mean, I look at my own life and say, 'It's exciting and good and prosperous,'" Tarkenton explained.

Channel 13 will put its built-in TV bowling chutes to good use when it puts on the first annual telethon to "Strike at Kidney Disease," Saturday, from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., from its studios at 4225 West Henrietta Road.

The telethon's format calls for area celebrities to bowl, with

viewers phoning in pledges which could be tripled if the celeb knocks 'em all down, or doubled if he rolls a spare.

George Beahon, Channel 13 and Courier-Journal sportsman, will donate an Oakland A's autographed bat. Behind-the-scenes organizer of the telethon is 13's Don Friedman who reminds that the machinery viewers' funds buy might end up keeping them alive.

Friedman also said all the monies pledged will stay in the Rochester area. "The money is badly needed to buy and maintain dialysis machines. Kidney disease affects all ages, all races and all economic and ethnic groups," Friedman said.

It's Fisher First

The name of the tournament was the Lincoln First tournament, but it was clear that coach Bob Wanzer's St. John Fisher basketball Cardinals really were.

Fisher waltzed through arch-rival Brockport State, 83-65, and belted RIT, 73-64, to win the annual tournament for the first time since its inception eight years ago. That's how it turns out that it's Fisher first!

Wanzer admitted Fisher didn't own too many wins over Brockport in his 11 years at the East Avenue school, but said the tournament win was certainly one of the highlights of his Fisher career.

"We never look back, but I know we've beaten them before. It was good for basketball here and there's a possibility the tournament will add some teams in the future," Wanzer said.

Some area schools fans would like to see in future Lincoln First tournaments are the U of R (naturally) Hobart, Genesee and possibly Alfred.

FOR SENIORS: GYM AND SWIM

The Rochester Recreation Bureau is conducting two physical fitness programs designed especially for senior citizens and middle-aged persons, but open to all adults. Classes meet Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. for toning exercises at Maplewood Recreation Center, Ridge Road and Eastman Avenue. Gym clothes are not required. On Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. there are light water exercises at the City Natatorium, 250 South Ave. Everyone should bring a swim suit and towel. Instructor is Wanda Brown. There is no charge.