



**Pro Stars Plan a Bible Study**

Famed athletes attend seminars in Chicago on ways to "share their Christian Faith." Left to right are Alan Aldrich of the Cleveland Browns, Dave Rowe of the New England Patriots and Tom Graham of the Denver Broncos, shown as they participated in the fourth annual pro athletes' conference, sponsored by the Sports World Chaplaincy and Athletes in Action, a division of Campus Crusade for Christ. Bible study, followed by group discussion of religious problems, was featured at the conference [RNS]

**48 CYO Teams In Tournaments**

The regular CYO basketball season has ended, and all that remains is post-season play. Diocesan teams have been divided into six categories, and will play in six separate Bishops' Tournaments, all of which will take place Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10, in Rochester, Elmira, and Auburn.

In the Bishop Kearney "A" Tournament, high school teams that finished in first place in their leagues will vie at Notre Dame

High School, Elmira. Teams playing in the Saturday quarterfinals are: Sacred Heart vs. Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Charles, Elmira; Good Shepherd vs. St. Alphonsus, Auburn; St. Joseph, Penfield, vs. Lourdes or St. Charles, Elmira; St. Helen vs. St. Patrick, Seneca Falls, or St. Michael, Newark.

Semi-finals begin at 7 p.m. Saturday; finals are on Sunday, 1 p.m.

The Bishop Kearney "B" Tournament pits high school second place finishers against one another at Cardinal Mooney High School. Quarterfinal games are: Holy Trinity "A" vs. St. Michael, Penn Yan, or St. Patrick, Seneca Falls; Holy Cross vs. Sacred Heart, Auburn; St. Christopher vs. St. Patrick, Elmira.

Semi-finals begin Saturday at 7 p.m.; finals are held Sunday at 3 p.m.

In the Bishop Hickey Tournament, at McQuaid High School, first place elementary school teams will compete. Quarterfinals are: St. Cecilia vs. St. Michael, Newark; Our Lady of Mercy vs. St. Alphonsus, Auburn; St. Jerome, East Rochester, vs. St. Anthony or St. Patrick, Elmira; Most Precious Blood vs. Holy Family, Auburn.

Semi-finals start 7 p.m. on Saturday; finals Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

Elementary school second-place finishers will compete in the Bishop Hogan Tournament. In the quarterfinals, at Aquinas Institute, competing teams are: Christ the King vs. St. Mary, Auburn; Mother of Sorrows vs. St. Francis, Geneva; Good Shepherd vs. St. Patrick or St. Anthony, Elmira; St. Pius the Tenth vs. Catholic South, Corning.

Semi-final games will be held Saturday, beginning at 7 p.m., at Aquinas; finals are on Sunday, 3 p.m. at McQuaid.

The Bishop McCafferty Tournament will be held at the St. Anthony School gym, Elmira; and will pit elementary third place teams against one another. In the quarterfinals, games will be: St. Andrew vs. St. Mary or St. Casimir, Elmira; St. Charles Borromeo vs. St. Mary, Canandaigua; St. Louis, Pittsford, vs. St. Francis, Geneva; Holy Rosary or St. John, Greece, vs. St. Patrick, Seneca Falls, or St. Michael, Newark.

Semi-finals will be held Saturday at 7; finals are on Sunday at 3.

Fourth place teams in the elementary division will compete in the Archbishop Sheen Tournament at St. Alphonsus School gym, Auburn. In the quarterfinals: St. Michael vs. St. Aloysius, Auburn; St. Thomas the Apostle or St. Lawrence vs. St. Patrick, Auburn; Good Counsel vs. St. Mary, Auburn, or St. Casimir, Elmira; St. John, Greece or Holy Rosary vs. St. Bernard, Scipio Center.

Semi-finals held Saturday at 7; finals held Sunday at 3.

**IN THIS CORNER**

**George Berman**

I read this in a daily newspaper account of a hockey game. The Rochester Americans got shoved around a little in the first period of a road game. So coach Don Cherry, by his voluntary admission, dressed his favorite "Hit Man," John Wensink, for the second period.

According to the report, the very appearance of the dreaded "Hit Man" caused the other side to ease off. It didn't matter that Wensink didn't play; he was injured, but Cherry used him to intimidate.

Wow!

Professional hockey, even the diluted version remaining now after expansion of the NHL and the creation of the WHA, must have taken an awful fall.

Slick magazines now keep boxscores on which fighters on which teams have the best records — knockouts, technical KOs, et cetera. Actually, hockey fights look better than they really are. Like pro football fights. Who can get hurt wearing all that armor?

Back to Wensink. He is a very young skater who must have lacked something in natural talent because he was assigned to Cherry with the advice that he might make the major leagues as a "policeman."

Cherry himself was slightly apalled after Wensink beat an unconscious opponent one night. When he tried to gouge another player's eyes, Wensink lost some friends even on his own side. He was suspended, farmed "up" to the NHL, and brought back. Still the intimidator, but skating under a caution flag.

Now it is obvious the Amerks will be in the playoffs. It also is obvious that the Philadelphia Flyers will be in the playoffs, NHL version. The Flyers are mentioned here because they are the most physical team in the NHL. They keep score of broken jaws, the

number of stitches they inflict, and that most priceless of statistics, the PIM — Penalties in Minutes.

They are the Broadway Bullies who have ripped their way to the top of the NHL's Western Division over at least one far superior club, the Chicago Blackhawks. They made it this far with fights and brawls and cheap shots that discourage the opposition over three 20-minute rounds during the long, hard "first" season.

But now here comes the "second" season, or the real hockey season, for the money. Playoffs.

And now the cheap shots and the muggings that have helped the brawlers reach the top, specifically, in Philadelphia, will work against the Flyers.

There is a very good reason why the muscle won't work in the playoffs.

Because coaches can't afford any cheap shots and cheap penalties in the playoffs. One mistake can mean a goal; one goal can mean the hockey game; one game can mean the series — sudden death.

The same coaches who tapped their enforcers on the shoulders and sent them out to dry-gulch a good skater will have the same enforcers sitting on the end of the bench. All night, all series. All playoffs. Because the coaches themselves know this isn't hockey. Not if you really want to win.

When the playoffs get under way, try to find John Wensink on the ice if the score is close.

And when Philadelphia goes to work, check out how many of those fantastic fist fighters are turned loose by Coach Fred Shero. They'll be down on the end of the bench, paid spectators watching the other guys play hockey.

**SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK**  
*John Dover*

Franklin High's Jack Christensen may be watching the upcoming Section 5 basketball tournament from the stands instead of playing in it.

If he has to buy a ticket to get in, it will be a disappointing experience because he's one of the few City-Catholic League coaches to put back-to-back sectional championships together (1970 and 1971) who's still in the coaching business.

His Franklin Quakers were on the edge of a .500 season when this was written and Christensen's troops may end up a game or two over the break-even mark or a game or two under.

Franklin's sectional eligibility hangs on that threat, plus whatever a few other so-so schools do who are in the same won-loss category.

No one can accuse Christensen of trading entry into the tournament with a break-down of discipline within his team ranks.

He's a likeable man, a good teacher, and a tough coach. He doesn't appreciate snags in his basketball program and boys who play for him know it. And those who pull suspensions from him don't forget it.

Christensen suspended two of his heroes for discipline reasons prior to the Mooney game which the Quakers lost, 78-56. Franklin also lost to McQuaid and East in subsequent games, but Christensen believed by then that the Quakers were finally getting religion.

He figured Franklin had to beat Aquinas and McQuaid in its final two games to make the tournament. He also was banking on certain wins and losses for Greece Athena, Batavia and Irondequoit, to help get him into the War Memorial.

His attitudes don't change when his boys graduate. They have to work for him in school in

order to play (go to class and show the willingness to try to make good grades etc.), admittedly a different situation from academically oriented Brighton, Irondequoit or McQuaid.

He felt little sympathy for two of his grads who apparently misled a midwest university in terms of their high school graduation papers and who recently tried to play for Brockport State without the high school sheepskin.

Christensen is all for letting the pair play if they're treated by all concerned exactly the same way as anybody else.

**Bad Press**

Channel 13's Don Friedman reports his recent bowling telecast for kidneys a few weeks ago hit nearly \$50,000 in donations.

Friedman, an industrious member of the Rochester Press-Radio Club who handled the publicity for this year's Gannett Rochester PR Club dinner, said he couldn't get a line in the local dailies before or after the fund raiser (except in the TV log on the day of the show).

On the other hand we don't recall too many area weekly newspapers running Friedman's PR dinner stories which naturally mentioned the Big G's name whenever the name of the dinner was used.

Somehow, with funds for worthwhile charitable causes at stake, it doesn't seem proper for the media to ignore these efforts because "competing" media are involved.

One reason why Press-Radio Club endeavors work is that its members, who represent all the city's radio-TV stations, newspapers and other lines, work together for the common cause of helping local charities.

**COURIER Sports**



**Minister's Son at Notre Dame**

Boxed in by opposing players, John Shumate shows the determination that has made him a success on the basketball court. Notre Dame's star center has overcome many things to become one of the most talked about college basketball players in the country.

He never played the game until his sophomore year in high school, and during the 1970-71 season, Shumate developed a serious blood disorder that left him close to death. But, with what he calls the "three Ds" — dedication, determination and desire — he has come to the point where he leads the Irish in both scoring and rebounding and is a definite All-American candidate this year.

He attributes much of his success to the faith of his parents. His father the Rev. Eugene Shumate, is a Pentecostal minister in New Jersey. "My first objective when I leave Notre Dame is to help my mother and father," Shumate admits. "All my inspiration has come from them and I love them and my sisters more than myself."

Next stop for Shumate and the Irish is the NCAA tournament and a possible re-match with UCLA. They split their two regular season games with the Bruins. In the first game, they broke UCLA's 88-game winning streak. A week later, they suffered their only loss of the season. [RNS]