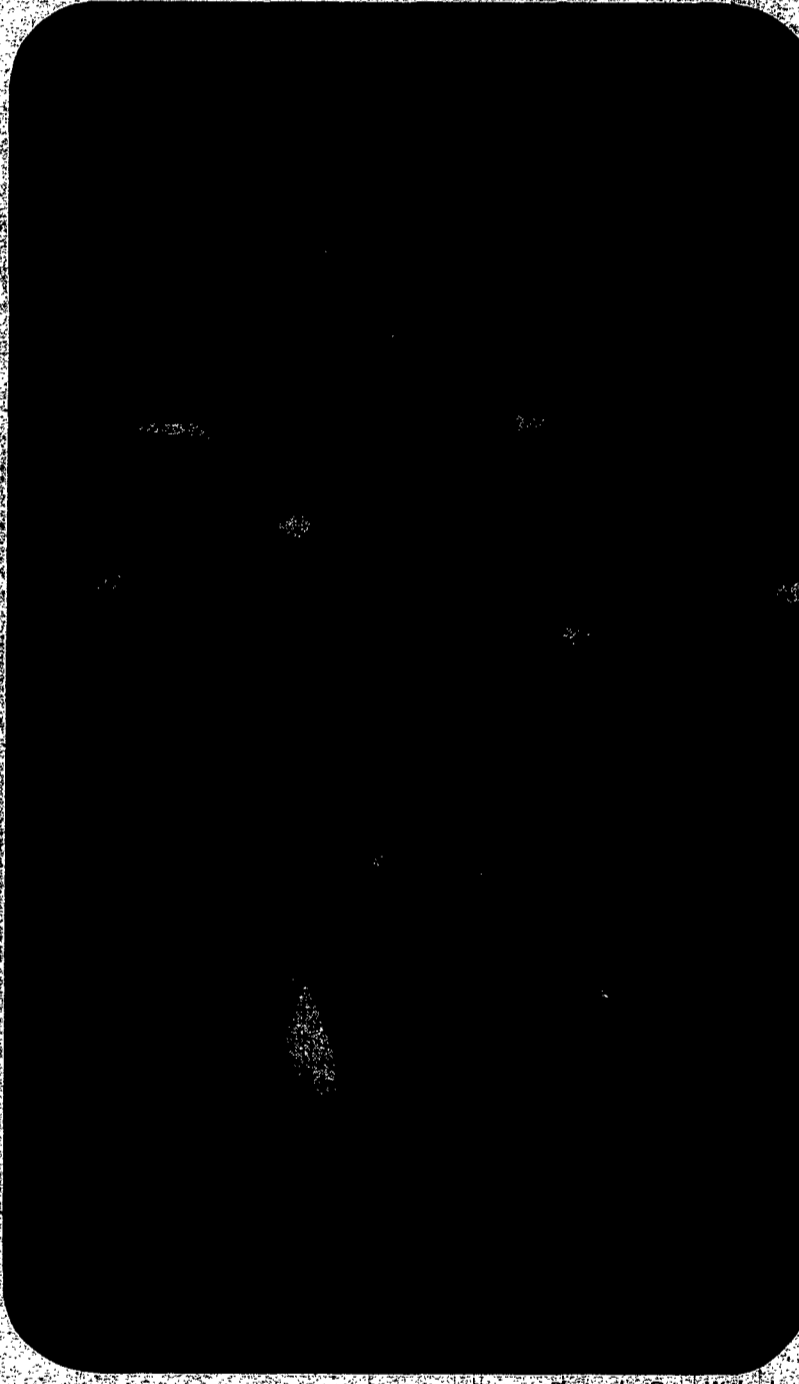




Cardinal Mooney's Larry Lane (42) lost this rebound to Batavia's Gary Starowicz, but Mooney won the game 44-41.



Mooney's Larry Lane exorcises a couple of Batavia's Blue Devils.



McQuaid's Jim Roberson.



Mooney coach Ed Nietopski.



Cardinals Larry Lane and Ken Boddie (24) under the boards.

**Section V Action**

Three Catholic basketball teams made it to the section 5 playoffs and two of them have made it to the semi-finals and may go on to the finals next weekend. This is the first year that Catholic teams have been allowed to play in section 5.

Cardinal Mooney beat Batavia 44-41 in its first round game on March 13 and conquered Spencerport 81-65 Saturday night. The later victory sends Mooney into a semi-final game against Fairport tomorrow, March 21 at the War Memorial.

Also in class AA action, McQuaid won its first round match against Brighton 72-66 on March 11 at the War Memorial, but lost the second round to East 66-58 on March 15.

In class B action, DeSales beat Caledonia/Mumford 62-60 and Clyde/Savannah 56-52 to win a semi-final berth against Oakfield/Alabama.

**IN THIS CORNER**

Thank the Sovereign State of New York for giving us a couple of days off from parimutuel horse racing before Christmas Day. Then nearly two months more to recover.

But here came late February and Batavia Downs was dealing the dice and on the first weekend in March Finger Lakes was fading the shooters.

On the outside chance that the clientele may include a few raw rookies, this lexicon is offered to help soothe the early going.

**THE DIFFERENCE:** (Between winning and losing if you pick your fair share of winners). About 20 per cent, and that's a whole lot when your money is washed through nine or ten times on a racing program.

**MAIDEN RACE:** Every race you bet until you cash a ticket on any given card.

**OPENERS:** What it costs you before your money goes into the shrinking machine: Transportation, parking, program (and/or Racing Form), admission price, concessions (food and drink), tip sheets, reserved or box seats, baby-sitting fees, and/or conscience gift. All this before you pay for a ticket you may tear up within two minutes of purchase.

**GETTING EVEN:** Even worse than before, with each new investment.

**FASTEST ANIMAL ON GROUNDS:** The degenerate who finally lands on a winner, heading for the cashier's wickets.

**SHOULD-A:** What you should have done, now the race is history.

**WOULD-A:** Same stable, what

you would have done if only you'd known.

**COULD-A:** Same colors, what you could have cashed with more hindsight.

**BIG WINNER:** Guy who's put together a pair of 9-to-10 shots and is eight bucks ahead for the day. (But \$1,200 loser for the meeting.)

**APPRENTICE RIDER:** A jockey or driver who's had fewer trips to the winner's circle than you have.

**DON'T OVERLOOK:** The loan shark called yesterday.

**EARLY FOOT:** The tout spotting a potential new mark.

**TOUT:** Man who distributes eight selections to eight marks in an eight-horse race.

**MARK:** Anyone who listens.

**"I'VE GOT A FUZZY":** Words that will make you become a mark.

**AN EVEN MONEY BET:** A legitimate 8-5 proposition that won't get you even if it wins.

**MUDDER:** The woman you con when your wife shuts off your "play" money.

**THE "GET OUT" HORSE:** The hot one that forces you to get out and stay out.

**THE FEED MAN:** The guy the trainer least wants to see the day he's betting his money.

**THE INSIDE TRACK (1):** Where the jocks and teamsters don't go when they want to finish back in the pack.

**THE INSIDE TRACK (2):** Inside information, or the hard way to make an easy living.

**SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK**

Considering the scare Batavia gave Cardinal Mooney in a Section 5 prequarterfinal contest last week before coach Ed Nietopski's Cards pulled out a 44-41 win at the War Memorial, we couldn't be sure (when this was written) whether there would be a Catholic school in the finals this weekend or not. (Channel 13 and WROC-AM, 7-45 p.m., Saturday).

Coach Tim Jordan's McQuaid Knights recorded the distinction of being the first Catholic quintet to win a game in the sectionals by barely beating Brighton and both games proved one thing — Catholic vs. public schools in the sectionals doesn't spell a Catholic runaway, even if the beads get overtime workouts in the stands and locker rooms.

Section 5 tournament director Bill Farrell is confident the games this year will top 100,000 with the first time addition of the Catholic schools and we hope so because there isn't a better high school basketball showcase in the state.

**Tony's Big Day**

It was a really big day at Cardinal Mooney recently when two of football coach Tony Merola's aces, tackle Jeff Weston and halfback Tony Shaw, signed letters of intent to attend Notre Dame and Wisconsin, respectively.

Merola was pleased because he knows many high school coaches go through entire careers without getting one of their players into big-time college football, and here was Tony with a pair of aces.

Weston, and Shaw, both All-Greater Rochester, and both All-State, won't be playing against each other since the two college teams don't meet.

**Final Notes**

Barbara Shields of St. Agnes won the novice division all-around event in the recent Section 5 girls' gymnastics meet at Webster Thomas. Barbara was first in all the events.

**HOLY THURSDAY SUGGESTIONS**

Outlines for two possible Holy Thursday celebrations are available from the CYO. One suggests a contemporary agape as an expression of the communal spirit of the Last Supper. The other describes an adaptation of the Seder, the Passover meal that was Christ's last supper. Copies of the outlines cost 35 cents each for the first nine, 20 cents each for 10 or more. Orders should be addressed to Holy Thursday Celebration, Catholic Youth Organization, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester 14604.