

IN THIS CORNER

These two very affluent, adult sports celebrities, broadcaster Curt Gowdy of NBC and Paul (Bear) Bryant of Celestial Starship Alabama were discussing the evils of recruiting college athletes.

This was during halftime of an NCAA basketball tournament telecast. They came to an agreement. Players caught in violations should be stuck with stiffer penalties. Bust them for all four years of varsity eligibility. Not just one season.

Super thinking. Sock it to 'em!

I take you back to the University of Oklahoma vs. The World of National Collegiate Athletic Assn.

The Okies were guilty of recruiting violations. No television games; no bowl invitations; unfair ratings.

The coach took off for the pros. The new coach built a super football team; but no TV, no bowling.

Who paid for that one?

For openers, I think a lot of people don't care much for the holier-than-thou administrators of college athletic rules and regulations.

I think a lot of people agree with me that many college athletes — at least most of the "blue chippers" — who enjoy rat scholarships or "full rides" in reality are professionals. They wouldn't get the "rides" if they were not producing for income-generating sports — football or basketball.

SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK

DeSales of Geneva, like Cardinal Mooney and McQuaid, entered the Section 5 basketball tournament this year for the first time.

Coach Bob Davie's Saints, seeded 11th in Class B, immediately stirred things up by belting fourth-seeded Caledonia-Mumford, 64-62, and Clyde-Savannah, 56-52, before losing to unbeaten Oakfield-Alabama, 66-49, in the semifinals.

DeSales and the other Catholic teams previously competed in the now-defunct Diocesan Tournament and won the local Catholic crown in 1971.

McQuaid beat Brighton, 72-66, in a neighborhood pre-quarterfinal match, and lost to defending Class AA champion East, 66-58, in a quarterfinal game.

Mooney had reached the finals when this was written by defeating Fairport, 57-52.

All in all, the appearance of the three Catholic schools was a healthy experience and hopefully, one which we can look forward to in the future.

Section 5 will vote on permanent Catholic participation in the sectionals (all sports), next year.

Name Dropping

There's a great swimming future ahead for McQuaid freshman swim star Jeff LiButti, son of George LiButti (Nothnagle Homes). Jeff won two events in the City-Catholic Individual meet with a 2:02 in the 200 free and a 5:44.1 in the 500. McQuaid has won the C-C League title for the last four years and coach John

Now the NCAA has come up with this new gimmick. As of last January, an athletic may accept a bonus and a contract from a pro team, and return to college and play another sport.

Now I take you to the board chairman of Octopus, Inc., a man who is a football degenerate dedicated to seeing his alma mater corral as many "blue chip" football jocks as he can afford.

Normally, he'd fight parental loyalties, or other legitimate recruiting factors in order to bring his share of super-jocks to Touchdown University.

Instead, now he calls his golf pro at Cheatem and Robem Country Club.

"You need help in the pro shop? Someone to hustle those \$17 sweaters you sell for \$37 at Christmas time? I've got some help for you. He's an 18-year-old, and he won't have regular time to sell socks and sweaters, but it won't cost you a nickel. Just add him to your staff as an assistant pro, and send me the bill for his salary. Put him on for about \$250 a week, year-round, and whatever you do, don't let him on the golf course. He's a 36-handicapper.

"I'll take care of his paychecks. I'm sending them to Touchdown University, because he's going to be one hell of a hard-nosed linebacker. Would you believe they wanted this kid at Notre Dame, Southern Cal, Penn State, Yale? We're putting him on a simple scholarship basis. Plus this new job.

"That is, so long as he stays healthy."

Tobin loses only one senior via graduation.

Danny Panaggio, ex-Cardinal Mooney Greater Rochester cager, came off the bench with four fouls to help dad (that's Mauro) and his Brockport State hoopsters erase a two point deficit and go on to defeat Union for the ECAC Upstate N.Y. title. Freshman Danny scored 10 of his 17 points in the final six minutes. Brockport finished 18-9 after being 6-7 following the Lincoln First tournament loss to St. John Fisher.

McQuaid hockey coach George Dobbins thought the Knights' double overtime, semifinal win over Penfield took the steam out of his club which lost, 2-1, to Pittsford for the Monroe County League playoff title.

Dobbins pulled goalie Steve Knaub with 90 seconds left to play, the Knights managed several good shots at the Pittsford net, but Pittsford goalie Bill Rhudy was equal to the occasion. McQuaid and Pittsford tied twice during the regular season.

Eastridge basketball coach Dave Incardona gets credit for the most gaping cracks of the season when he was asked about the weak walls in the Lancers' gym. "The walls are cracking because the bricks are being moved by basketballs," Incardona replied.

Laverne Dickinson, ex-Bishop Kearney griddy, signed a pro contract with the Chicago Fire of the new WFL.

Maryellen Betterton of Pittsford, an Our Lady of Mercy graduate, was a freshman member of the LeMoyne College varsity cheerleading squad this season.

CYO Results

The following is a list of results of the Catholic Youth Organization's annual Bishop Tournaments, held March 9 and 10 in Rochester, Elmira, and Auburn.

BISHOP HICKEY TOURNAMENT

Elementary Division — first place teams, quarterfinals: St. Michael Newark 53, St. Cecilia 28; Our Lady of Mercy 50, St. Alphonsus Auburn 44; St. Patrick Elmira 67, St. Jerome East Rochester 26; Most Precious Blood 57, Holy Family Auburn 55 (overtime).

Consolation bracket: St. Cecilia 48, St. Alphonsus 44 (overtime); St. Jerome 67, Holy Family 33.

Semifinal: St. Michael 70, Our Lady of Mercy 33; St. Jerome 38, St. Cecilia 28.

Consolation final: St. Jerome 38, St. Cecilia 28.

Final: St. Michael 67, St. Patrick's 54.

Champion, St. Michael Newark; runner-up, St. Patrick Elmira; consolation, St. Jerome East Rochester.

BISHOP HOGAN TOURNAMENT

Elementary Division — second place teams, quarterfinals: Christ the King 41, St. Mary Auburn 31; St. Francis Geneva 74, Mother of Sorrows 58; St. Anthony Elmira 44, Good Shepherd 42; Catholic South Corning 54, St. Pius X 39.

Consolation bracket: St. Mary 51, Mother of Sorrows 47; Good Shepherd 48, St. Pius X 36.

Semifinal: St. Francis 58, Christ the King 34; St. Anthony over Catholic South.

Consolation: St. Mary 44, Good Shepherd 43.

Final: St. Francis 58, St. Anthony 45.

Champion, St. Francis Geneva; runner-up, St. Anthony Elmira; consolation, St. Mary Auburn.

BISHOP McCAFFERTY TOURNAMENT

Elementary Division — third place teams, quarterfinals: St. Andrew 60, St. Mary Elmira 58; St. Mary Canandaigua 37, St. Charles Borromeo 34; St. Louis Pittsford 64, St. Francis Geneva 52; St. Patrick's Seneca Falls 41, St. John Greece 38.

Consolation bracket: St. Charles 40, St. Mary 39; St. Francis 47, St. John 43.

Semifinal: St. Mary Canandaigua 46, St. Andrew 45; St. Louis Pittsford 42, St. Patrick 35.

Consolation: St. Charles 43, St. Francis 36.

Final: St. Louis Pittsford 45, St. Mary Canandaigua 33.

Champion, St. Louis Pittsford; runner-up, St. Mary Canandaigua; consolation, St. Charles Borromeo.

ARCHBISHOP SHEENT TOURNAMENT

Elementary Division — fourth place teams, quarterfinals: St. Michael over St. Aloysius Auburn; St. Thomas the Apostle 47, St. Michael Penn Yan 44; Good Counsel 54, St. Casimir Elmira 52; St. Bernard Scipio Center 36, Holy Rosary 30.

Consolation bracket: St. Michael Penn Yan 47, St. Aloysius 44; St. Casimir 64, Holy Rosary 51.

Semifinal: St. Michael 63, St. Thomas 62; Good Counsel 48, St. Bernard 42.

Consolation: St. Michael Penn Yan 71, St. Casimir 68.

Final: St. Michael 64, Good Counsel 48.

Champion, St. Michael Rochester; runner-up, Good Counsel; consolation, St. Michael Penn Yan.

BISHOP KEARNEY "A" TOURNAMENT

High School Division — first place teams, quarterfinals: Sacred Heart 70, Our Lady of Lourdes 65; Good Shepherd 70, St. Aloysius Auburn 65; St. Joseph Penfield 59, St. Helen 55; St. Patrick Elmira 47.

Consolation bracket: St. Alphonsus 74, Lourdes 68; St. Joseph 83, St. Patrick 70.

Semifinal: Good Shepherd 50, Sacred Heart 49; St. Helen 56, St. Charles 45.

Consolation: St. Alphonsus 81, St. Joseph 78 (overtime).

Final: Good Shepherd 71, St. Helen 69.

Champion, Good Shepherd; runner-up, St. Helen; consolation, St. Alphonsus Auburn.

BISHOP KEARNEY "B" TOURNAMENT

High School Division, second place teams, quarterfinals: St. Michael Penn Yan 53, Holy Trinity 45; Holy Cross 54, St. Aloysius Auburn 42; Mt. Carmel 65, Holy Family Auburn 51; St. Patrick Elmira 69, St. Christopher 62.

Consolation bracket: St. Mary 49, Holy Trinity 48; Holy Family 94, St. Christopher 63.

Semifinal: Holy Cross 78, St. Michael 50; Mt. Carmel 56, St. Patrick 41.

Consolation: Holy Family 52, St. Mary 41.

Final: Mt. Carmel 58, Holy Cross 55.

Champion, Mt. Carmel; runner-up, Holy Cross; consolation, Holy Family Auburn.

CYO Seeks

Outdoor Pools

The CYO is seeking to expand its outdoor swim program this summer with the addition of more private neighborhood pools. Anyone interested in offering the use of their pool may contact CYO, 50 Chestnut St. or phone 454-2030. Pools should be in-ground, heated, and large enough to accommodate 10 to 12 children. Swimming instructions are handled by qualified CYO instructors.

Programs are available for all age groups, from 3 years up. Swimming programs begin June 24.



Photo by Susan McKinney

Saturday Night Fights

Christopher Gorman holds trophy he won at Aquinas Institute boxing bouts held Saturday evening, March 23, at Aquinas. Gorman was "Fighter of the Night."

Salesmen to Fete Bob Thomas of ND

On Monday, April 1, Bob Thomas, the Notre Dame place-kicker from McQuaid, will be honored at the Rochester Professional Salesmen's Association Sports Night at Mapledale Party House. It was Thomas' field goal that catapulted Notre Dame to a Sugar Bowl victory over Alabama and the 1973 collegiate national championship.

The \$12-a-plate dinner is open to the public. Other speakers include Bob Cousy, a basketball superstar for 17 years and later a

coach and basketball goodwill ambassador for the U.S. State Department; Don Cherry, successful coach of the Rochester Americans hockey team and Walt Patulski, the Buffalo Bills' standout defensive end from Notre Dame.

Proceeds go to the Handicapped Adult Recreation Club activities. Tickets may be obtained by calling Nancy Padlo, Rochester Chamber of Commerce, 454-2220 or Mapledale Party House 436-2112.

Best Laid Plans Upcoming at AQ

Aquinas Performing Arts Club will present the spy-mystery comedy, 'Best Laid Plans, at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 5-6, at the school, 1127 Dewey.

Seniors Myron Salamaca, Bill Pampalone and Michael Ruiz portray major roles, assisted by Michael Maloney, Lou Perotti and Dennis DiMartino. Elderly ladies unwittingly involved in international intrigue are played by Michele Murray and Gail Ventura. In the more exotic spy roles are Kathy Smulka and Kathy Gigliotti.

Father Leonard Cullen and James Blackburn had the help of students in making the Jamaica, W. I., set.

ND Musical Set April 5

Elmira — Ferrante and Teicher, world famous piano duo, will be the featured performers at the fifth annual Notre Dame High School musical benefit at 8 p.m. Friday, April 5 at the school auditorium.

Making arrangements for the musical are Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Fennell, general chairmen; Judge and Mrs. John D. Frawley, talent and reception; Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Lynough, auditorium arrangements; Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hulbert financial, and Mrs. Stanley Douglas and Mrs. Anthony Fusare, secretarial.

WXXI Slates Special on Rape

"Rape in Rochester," an independently produced television documentary, will be presented on WXXI, Channel 21, Thursday, April 4, at 10:30 p.m.

The show will attempt to enlighten viewers to the facts, rather than the myths, surrounding the problem of rape.

"Rape in Rochester" has been produced by Nancy and Marc Miller, and Mariann and Tom Teuber, with the assistance of Portable Channel, Inc.

Cheerleading

Results

On Saturday, March 16, the Catholic Youth Organization held its annual diocesan cheerleading tournament at Monroe Community College. More than 600 girls from 64 teams entered. Competition was open to any parish cheerleading squad with separate contests and awards in varsity and elementary divisions. Winning teams in the elementary division were Holy Cross and Christ the King. In the varsity division, St. Mary, Auburn, and St. Charles Borromeo took top honors.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Elmira — The 18th annual Day of Reflection of the Elmira Ladies of Charity is scheduled Sunday, March 31 at the Dunn Memorial Building at St. Joseph's Hospital. Registration is at 1 p.m. and Mass scheduled at 4:45 p.m. Father Richard Murphy is moderator.