SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK

John Baynes, former Aquinas nd University of Rochester basketball star, returns this winter as East Rochester High School basketball coach.

Baynes, who retired three years ago after a 13 year career as ER head cage coach, replaces his own successor, **Bill Merkovsky**, whose teams have endured three losing seasons in a row.

"I must be crazy, I guess," Baynes said, confirming his appointment.

He said he was no miracle worker and that a coach is only as good as his players. "If you have three or four good players, you'll have a good record, Un-fortunately Bill (Merkovsky) didn't have an abundance of talent to work with, but his teams always gave 400 per cent."

Baynes also said he wasn't coming back for the love of coaching and added that money was not a factor "When you consider the extra time coaches put in they earn about 50 cents an hour." Baynes said.

Baynes' cumulative Section 5 basketball record is 280-69 in-cluding 153-35 at ER. He won sectional titles at Clyde (Class B) in 1952 and (Class A) in 1955; and at ER (Class AA) in 1959, 1962 and

Thomas a Shark Now

Bob Thomas, McQuaid's gift-to the placement kicking industry via Notre Dame, signed a multiyear pro football contract with the Jacksonville Sharks of the new World Football League

He turned down more than \$2,000 more in bonus green offered to him by the LA Rams of the NFL to become the 71st player to sign with the Sharks.

Bob should know what he's doing, because his coach, Ara Parseghian, who has yet to lead him too far astray, handled his negotiations.

Bob said the WFL has become more credible since Larry Csonka, Paul Warfield and Jim Kiick joined the new league from the NFL, and he's in favor of the new WFL rule which makes kickers kick from their own 30 yard lines on kickoffs, giving them more room to place the ball than from

the 40 Boo is the second kicker lacksonville signed, but he has a no-cut contract. The other booter is Grant Guthrie, a Florida State with the Buffalo Bills.

Name Dropping

Mike Piehler, ex-Aquinas quarterback, resigned as head club football coach at St. John Fisher College to spend more time with dad's business, Piehler

Scott Delgatti, ex-Mooney, pitched three innings of no-hit relief to gain his second win of the season with Monroe Com-munity College's 8-2 win over Mohawk Valley CC.

New Red Wing batboy is: McQuaid sophemore John Rodgers of Brighton

Kevin Murphy, ex-Aquinas Mission Bouts champion, will headline a 12-bout boxing show at the Elks Club, 758 South Ave., Tuesday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.

Art Carlisi, Bishop Kearney, fired a 10-0 no-hit win over trondequoit, whiffing 16 and walking three

Tim Lawrence, McQuaid, ran a 1:58.9 third leg to help the Knights turn in an 8:01.7 for eighth place in the first section of the championship two mile relay in the Queens-Iona Relays in

St. Martin's Club Holds AAU Bouts

Bob Masilius, ex-Kearney, set another RIT shot put mark with a toss of 48-10 1/2 against St.

Kevin Benedict, ex-Mooney, pitched Scranton U. to a 7-2 win-

Martin de Porres Boxing Club, with support from the Ellwanger-Barry Neighborhood Association, will sponsor Amateur Athletic Union boxing Tuesday, May 7, at the Elks Club, 758 South Ave.

Headlining the card will be 73 champion, Robert Dixon, a '74 champion, Kevin Murphy, and a 74 runner-up, Pablo Delesus Also competing will be Danny

IN THIS CORNER

Just about everyone who's ever been exposed to professional football on TV, which should include everyone over three months of age, is wondering the same thing.

How can anyone guarantee \$3.2 million dollars to three veteran players to perform in a city (Toronto) which may not even get a franchise in a league (World Football) that exists only on paper?

Granted, a graranteed \$3.2. million is pretty good paper, because that's what those three Miami Dolphin defectors will receive even if Toronto never gets off the ground beyond a switch to Charlotte, N.C.

Curiously, even diehard Dolphin fans did not react bitterly to the three-man hopscotch from World Champions to Maybe Toronto in '75.

Listen to Pete Rozelle, strongest commissioner of any major league sport in the history of fun and games:

"I don't blame the men who are moving if they have that kind of money and will spend it, they (WFL) can get the job done. We (NFL) have a serious problem. If they are willing to spend more money than an athlete knows he's worth, I don't blame the player. I know the clubs in our league can't do the same. Then again, they have signed about 25 of our players, maybe 10 of them good ones. We still have about 40 players left who probably are worth anywhere from \$250,000 to \$1 million each."

As this is typed, NFL owners were starting special sessions in New York City. Nowhere on their published agenda was anything about curtailing exhibition games, which they like to call preseason games.

These are counterfeit, fake football games, played without honesty from coaching standalthough coaches rationalize their use or non-use of

How do they rationalize a 14 game schedule for the money, and a 7-game exhibition schedule? How to rationalize the risk to valuable beefsteak in seven no-account games? How do you need seven games, after training camp, to get in shape for 14 games?

By the same proportion, NBA and NHL teams would play nearly 40 exhibitions: And the baseball season would not commence until all 24 big league clubs had played 81 exhibition games.

How the NFL rationalizes it is by taking the money. The courts have ruled it is not gouging the public to force seven exhibition tickets on a customer who really wants only the 14. Perhaps can't

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even afford the 14, much less 21 except that's the only way to guarantee seating.

The prices? How about \$7 per ticket for the exhibitions?

Now let's look at the WFL schedule. It starts in July with 5 Wednesday and then 17 Thursday night TV games. No exhibitions. But \$3.2 millions for three guys from Miami. Guaranteed.

The NFL players are hollering about curfews, health plans, per diems, pensions, et cetera. They also will holler about that unreal exhibition schedule that our courts say is just what the public

You hear more and more these days about professional athletes being spoiled, inconsiderate disloyal, and overpaid

I'll buy that about basketball and hockey, with its \$90,000 and \$65,000 average salries, respectively. Baseballers average a miserly \$36,000.

Bringing up the rear are the poor pro footballers, who knock each others brains out for a lousy \$29,000 average.

Worse yet. The pro footballer's career average is by far the shortest of all. This is a pretty good reason not to blame a guy for jumping. Especially when he can play the championship season without seven warm-up games in which he can get hurt just as seriously as in a Super Bowl. Football jocks of the universe - get all you can get!

RETREAT SCHEDULE

The following parishes have scheduled men's retreats for the weekend of May 3-5. Either the Notre Dame Retreat House or the parish rectory may be contacted for retreat information: St. Francis, Auburn; St. Mary, Horseheads; St. Casimir, Elmira; St. Patrick, Elmira; St. Cecilia, Elmira; St. Sts. Peter and Paul, Elmira; St. John, Elmira; St. Mary, Elmira; St. Charles, Elmira; St. Vincent, Corning; St. Mary, Corning; St. Patrick, Corning; St. Michael, Union Springs; St. Patrick, Aurora; St. Catherine, Addison, Immaculate Heart, Painted Post. for retreat information: St. Painted Post

Roselle of Geneva, "Sluggo" Herndon of Ithaca, Pat O'Dea, Ken Wyatt, Mike Barbarita, "Beaver" Kellerson, and Greg Delregno.

Junior Olympic bouts for youths under 16 years are also

CYO SEEKS POOLS

The CYO is seeking to expand its outdoor swim program this summer with the addition of more neighborhood private pools. All interested in offering the use of their pools, may contact CYO, 50 Chestnut St., 454-2030. The pool should be an in-ground type, preferably heated and large enough to accommodate a group of 10 to 12 children Swimming instructions are handled by qualified CYO instructors. The program will begin June 24 and continue through August 31. Local participating clubs besides St. Martin's will be the Norm Rollins Club, Baden Street Settlement, South Avenue Recreation Center, Greece PAL, and clubs from Ithaca, Elmira, and Geneva.

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