

# IN THIS CORNER

George Beaton

Selling a foreign product has to be a big order, if you concede that Canadian lacrosse players constitute a foreign product. Still, I am stuck on the Rochester Griffins in particular and the new National Lacrosse League in general as a winner in professional sports.

Most of the talent on the Griffis squad is on the young side, 19 to 25, and so far it's mostly Canadian. They are refreshing, unspoiled young men who are not making a living playing their game. They are, instead, supplementing their regular incomes with lacrosse. In a few cases, they are supporting their lacrosse careers with outside, part-time jobs.

They are making from \$50 to \$90 per game, which may shock some of the customers. Especially in this day of \$200,000 New York Ranger hockey players who both loaf and choke.

The lacrosse players are convinced their sport will make it in the NLL, which has large plans for expansion. Rochester and Syracuse may be fortunate to be part of the ground floor, hooked in with major league areas like Baltimore, Philadelphia, Toronto and Montreal. (Notice how easy it is to refer to Philly as big league now that it owns a Stanley Cup, and the baseball Phillies have enjoyed some high altitude exposure?)

Rochester could become the Green Bay of the NLL. Because its early boxoffice performance was spectacular. With an advance indicating only about 1,000 paid-for tickets, and with probably 500 "freebies" carefully distributed to high school and college lacrossers, the operators looked for somewhere between 2,000 and 3,000 bodies.

The window sale was, according to War Memorial ticket manager Percy Klingenberg, the biggest in the history of the building. The crowd was predominantly young, meaning maybe it had to wait until Friday for the paycheck to buy ducats.

A young crowd is a promoter's dream, and that's what the Griffins got. My friend Bruno Sniders complained about scoring (26 to 21) being too high, too cheap. He must have eaten a bad hot dog between the time I left his side, when he was enthusing about the sport, and when he got to punching his mill. But then, "Broons" likes to sweep out the dusty corners.

## CYO Plans Day Camps

The Catholic Youth Organization is accepting applications for its 30th Day Camp season.

CYO Day Camp 1974 will begin Monday, June 24, and continue until Aug. 16, Monday through Friday.

Boys and girls ages 6 through 13 years may attend for one week or more at one of the six regional camps in Monroe county.

Each of the six day camps will have a ceiling limit of 60 youngsters per camp per week for better camper-counselor ratio. Every CYO camp counselor will be a properly trained leader.

Each of the six regional day camps has pickup points within each region. Campers will be picked up and returned each day by bus.

For more information on CYO Day Camp 1974, call the CYO office (716) 454-2030 or write CYO Day Camp, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, 14604.

There is a technical explanation for particularly high scoring in that opener. The new wood-structured floor was slate white, installed only hours before the first face-off. It is to be painted green, to specifications. This will provide a better sight contrast between the ball, either white or orange, and the deck.

Coaltenders had a terrible time picking up the ball against the white flooring, especially short-hoppers. Hence the free-scoring. (Have you ever sat through a 1-0 soccer game, 90 minutes duration?)

At a post-game get-together the Griff players and their enormously talented general manager-coach, Morley Kells, mixed with what is a mostly-local board of directors.

Many of the Griffins are part-time students, part-time laborers, and full-schedule (40-games) lacrosse players. For the most part, they are eager, excited, ambitious, and as noted earlier, refreshingly unspoiled. The majority has some association with college classes. They have good expenses; they have good bonus clauses.

There are 250,000 lacrosse players in Canada. The National Lacrosse League has captured the services of the best of these. Rochester's share looks to be better than most others. I call the Griffis and the NLL a winning combination. Here to stay and to flourish. With this kiss of death, what can happen to them now?

## SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK

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It's been reported that Aquinas, Mooney, Kearney and McQuaid will be unable to use Holleder Stadium this fall for football games because the City of Rochester, which now owns the stadium, will rip up the turf and reseed it, so it will be in much better condition for both football and soccer games next year.

Aquinas sought Franklin Field, according to the report, for its games, but was denied use of the field because Aquinas is a religious organization.

Franklin Field, of course, is owned by the Rochester City School District, a public organization.

We're not certain of the details, but it is a fact that Bishop Kearney (religious) used Irondequoit High (public) for a football game one Sunday afternoon last fall.

Why can't Aquinas explore the details of the arrangement and work out a similar deal with the city?

Breaking a coaching-change story in a newspaper before the school district got around to announcing it got East Rochester Post-Herald reporter Louis "Cabby" Providence into hot water with the ER school board recently.

Cabby, who has watched many ER athletes come up through the ranks from elementary sports at St. Jerome's in East Rochester, was called by the school board to defend a story where he reported John Baynes, former Aquinas and U of R basketball star, was to return to basketball coaching at ER, succeeding Bill Merkowsky.

Three members of the ER school board claimed Cabby was guilty of improper reporting. Cabby claimed the front page story was accurate and not improper. A few days later Cabby's story was confirmed in the daily newspapers.

# CYO Elects Officers

The Board of Directors of the Catholic Youth Organization has announced its new officers for 1974-1975. They are:

Charles E. Reller, president; Raymond E. Grandchamp, vice president; Kevin M. Considine, treasurer; Franklin D'Aurizio, secretary.

Reller, past vice president of the CYO board, has been a director since 1971. He is senior vice president of finance and administration for Hutchins/Darcy. He lives in Brighton.

Grandchamp has been active with the CYO board on the Youth Development Committee for the

## Kearney Sets Sports Dinner

Bishop Kearney Sports Committee will hold its annual Sports Dinner June 4 at Valles Steak House. This affair gives recognition to those Kearney students who have excelled on the athletic field and in the classroom.

Featured speaker will be John Leypoldt, premier placekicker for the Buffalo Bills; who numbers among his achievements a record equaling 52-yarder against Baltimore, a feat which helped in naming him AFC's best kicker from the midfield mark or beyond.

Tickets may be obtained from:

John Canepa (266-9073); Marty LaFica (342-4000); Jim Burns (266-2425); Florian Wesley (544-5355).

Jefferson High athletic director Jim DeBell, who is also the City-Catholic Baseball League chairman, has threatened to pull all eligible C-C schools out of this year's Section 5 playoffs.

DeBell said that when Section 5 baseball chairman Ken Slater of Irondequoit announced the tournament dates, they were in conflict with important final C-C league games, and a week ahead of the anticipated sectional dates.

It's impossible to begin league play any earlier, according to DeBell, because of inclement spring weather. DeBell felt that in some cases C-C teams which qualify would be unable to compete in the sectionals because of the conflicts.

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The weekly bulletin of the N.Y. State Sports Writers Association reports that seven of the ten top high school performers in any track and field event in N.Y. State are ineligible for the "state track meet" because (1) they are from New York City schools; or (2) they are from Catholic schools in Sections 1-2-6-7-8-10-12.

The track meet is really an intersectional meet, not a state meet. We can be proud of our Section 5, however, which last fall voted to allow Catholic and private school participation in its tournaments — and subsequently, if they qualify by winning, in the intersectional tournaments.

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past year. Grandchamp of 30 Hancock St., Rochester, is assistant director at Strong Memorial Hospital.

Considine is on the CYO finance committee. He is audit manager for Price Waterhouse & Co. and resides in Pittsford.

D'Aurizio has served since 1973 on the communications committee and the community services committee. He is an attorney with the law firm Holbrook, Nellis, Tofany, D'Aurizio & Darweesh and resides in Irondequoit.

Nine others have been named to the Board of Directors:

George Bott, Jack Bready, Viola A. Brown, F. Daniel Caputo, Sister Carol Fox, Pedro Maneiro, Howard Meath, Roy Rugless, Father Conrad Sundholm, pastor of St. Salome's Church.

### PROJECT LEADERSHIP

**Camp Stella Maris** — Boys from the Southern Tier of the diocese will attend a Project Leadership Weekend here from May 24 to 27.

Reservations for the weekend should be made by contacting Father Gerald T. Connor at Becket Hall in East Rochester.

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