

COURIER Sports

IN THIS CORNER

George Sisler

George Sisler Jr. could sell his figures to any number of big players in baseball. By big players is meant some high life gamblers who bet up to and sometimes above units of \$100,000 on any given major league ballgame.

Sisler isn't selling. He isn't even making them available to anyone except the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball. He could peddle his "formula" to oddsmakers in Nevada. Legitimately. But he's not so inclined.

A couple of times Sports Illustrated has published some of Sisler's ratings. Actually, the ratings were the product of hundreds of hours of work by two George Sislers, the president of the International League who lives in Rochester, and his late dad, the Hall of Famer.

"The formula is merely Branch Rickey's theory on pitching set to music. The music," says Sisler, "is making mathematical order out of the figures."

Sisler Jr. got stuck on statistics when he was a student-athlete at Colgate. He spent one summer in his old home town of St. Louis doing pitching and hitting stats on semipro baseball for the Globe-Democrat. Remember semipro baseball?

Sisler's ratings of pitchers have come to the attention of general managers in every big league area. His ratings overcome such handicapping blindfalls as working for a high scoring club; staying in games longer because you're an American Leaguer, with its Designated Hitter, the Chinese "wall" in Fenway; the various types of manager, some leaving a pitcher in longer than others.

The earned-run-average, the measuring stick for value by so many baseball people, isn't that big in Sisler's formula. "It's often," he insists, "a very poor indicator." Now he tells us.

In Sisler's ratings, a pitcher with a bottom line of 1,000 or more is most likely a winner, or a better than average pitcher despite the personal or team record. Under 1,000 make the flinger a suspect. He may be taking money under false pretenses.

Are you ready for this formula?

As simply as possible, herewith the Sisler formula for rating pitchers:

Two times innings pitched minus hits yielded, plus total strikeouts, minus 4/3 (that's right, 4/3) of the total walks, minus earned runs divided by four, ALL divided by total innings pitched.

Sisler says it's not revolutionary, but is pretty basic. He has not tried to copyright it.

In baseball, general managers will tell you they have used the Sisler formula as a basis for making a pitcher trade bait, or will consider same in salary negotiations.

Just as Sisler's end of 73 ratings foretold big 1974 seasons for people like Detroit's John Hiller and Gaylord Perry, they also tipped off impending troubles for people like Fritz Peterson and Dave McNally.

There has to be a way to market this property.

Contact George Sisler Jr., former Colgate and Class D pitcher, who learned early in his athletic life that his end of the game was in administration, not on the mound. Thanks to his and his dad's formula.

SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK

John Doser

There's good news and bad news at Bishop Kearney High.

The good news, of course, was coach **Carmen Urzetta's** baseball team which entered the Section 5, Class A tournament for the first time, and won it.

The bad news is that nine BK varsity baseball performers are graduating this month. But wait, there's more good news!

BK's junior varsity ballclub won all 16 games in its City-Catholic League race and finished 21-1 overall.

Kearney won the Section 5 crown with a resounding 10-4 win over Corning East. The victory was sweetened by the knowledge that arch-rival C-C League champion Cardinal Mooney (which pinned a pair of defeats on the Kings in C-C action), was eliminated by Canandaigua in an early round sectional contest.

While pitcher **Greg Tellex** picked up his ninth win without a loss for a BK school record, his teammates were bombing. Corning East pitching efforts with 17 hits, including three each from **Joe Dellavilla**, **Art Carlisi** and **Luke Sementino**; and two hits each from **Nick Urzetta** and **Ted Wagner**.

The Kings finished 21-6 for the season.

DeSales of Geneva, also entering sectional play for the first time, won the Class B crown with a 6-3 win over Oakfield-Alabama.

Pitcher **Dan Murphy** closed out his junior year for DeSales (that's bad news for Wayne-Finger Lakes opponents) with a one hitter, getting 13 batters on strikes.

While Bishop Kearney was wrapping up the sectional title, and Mooney was celebrating its league title, and Aquinas was delighted with its track title, McQuaid was pleased with winning the Carter-Smith Trophy for 1974, emblematic of the all-around interscholastic sports champion for the City-Catholic League.

Perhaps the true significance of winning it was the distinction for breaking East High's three year hold on the award.

McQuaid won the football, cross country, swimming and tennis championships, and was co-champion in wrestling.

The trophy honors the contribution to City-Catholic sports of the late Father Cyril F. Carter, CSB, former athletic director at Aquinas, and Barney Smith, veteran teacher-coach of the City-School System who retired as



Bob Laird, right foreground, a youth development consultant at the CYO discusses camp work with Shirley Brown, at an orientation program for counselors held Saturday at the 111 Hotel.

Photo by Susan McKinney

Cubs Win Parvuli Dei Awards

Eighteen members of Cub Pack 91 completed the Parvuli Dei requirements and were presented the awards by Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey at a special Mass last Thursday night at St. Augustine's Church.

Father Paul McCabe, co-pastor of St. Augustine's and chaplain of the pack, listed the following award members:

Leonard Brzezinski, David Bump, David Cragg, Alan Dawson, Dan Farrell, Louis Frediani, Matthew Grandchamps, Joseph Lo Castro, Thomas Macaluso, Chris Murty, Gregory Palmer, Chuckie Saia, Michael Saia, Chris Scalzo, Chris Stefano, Paul Stefano, Peter Stefano, Michael Wuest.

In the 24 years Pack 91 has been chartered by the Boy Scouts of America, this is the first time this award has been earned by the Cubs at St. Augustine's.

COURIER DEADLINE

The Courier-Journal deadline is noon Thursday for articles intended for the following Wednesday edition.

Outdoor Opera Opens With Aida

Opera Under the Stars opens its 22nd Highland Bowl season tomorrow night, June 20, with a lavish production of Verdi's Aida, a romantic tragedy set in ancient Egypt. The show will be repeated Saturday night, June 20. Curtain time throughout the season will be 8:45 p.m.

Two Menotti inventions will be performed July 4 and 6. Help! Help! the Globolinks features fireworks and visitors from outer space. The Telephone has a cast of two, a couple at odds over the use of the telephone.

The Student Prince is due July 18 and 20, and Fiddler on the Roof, Aug. 2 and 3.

Opera Under the Stars is produced by the Eastman School of Music, with financial assistance from Monroe County.

PIZZA PARTY

Van Etten — The 10 St. Pius parishioners who are being graduated from Spencer-Van Etten High School will be guests of their pastor, Father Bernard Kuchman, at a pizza party on Saturday, June 22. Their Baccalaureate Mass will be at 7 that evening.

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'68 OLDS	Delta, Full power	\$495
'72 MALIBU	4 door, hardtop, AM-FM, factory air, automatic transmission, full power, V-6, low mileage, Cruise control	\$2495
'73 BUICK	Century, 4 door sedan, tilt steering wheel, family car, blue with matching vinyl top	\$2795
'73 PONTIAC	Catalina, 4 dr sedan, auto, pwr. steer., brakes, white, SAVE	\$2495
'72 BUICK	Century, 4 door hardtop, air conditioning, full power, vinyl top	\$2795
'67 FORD	Country Sedan, Wagon, automatic transmission, power steering	\$395
'72 BUICK	Electra, 4 door, fully equipped, air, Stock No. 141A	\$2895

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