

# IN THIS CORNER

## George Beaton

Sixty of the nation's finest young football players, crossing the line from college stardom into the rookie professional ranks, were in Lubbock, Texas, for this summer's Kodak Coaches All America action.

Fifty nine of these 60 had been drafted by the pros. The established and strike-bound National Football League had the rights to 54 of these, while the new store had only six bodies under control.

Does that look to be an un-balanced situation?

The answer is yes and the reasons are connected with the coaching group that selected the team.

To begin with the coaches are establishment-minded, even though the NFL has discouraged rookies from playing in this annual charity game in past year.

If the WFL was slighted in the selection process, there was some reason behind the coaches' thinking.

Because the WFL begins its championship season in July, its training camps already were open. The coaches reasoned that the clubs would not permit their players to break camp for the All America show.

As it turned out, only seven WFL players were invited, and six appeared, the seventh, Lucius Selman, having a valid excuse.

It seems the WFL was eager to send its few invitees, and did. The WFL appreciated the exposure on network TV. Also, the WFL operators were eager to prove their willingness to cooperate with college coaches.

The NFL had a new look in its dealings in the West Texas football capital this time around.

Instead of resisting player invitations, the NFL encouraged them to play. Training for a couple of weeks in Texas is better than no training camp, right?

Also, the 54 NFL rookies would be in one place where they could be reached with advice.

The "advice" from management was that the players had better not honor any players' picket line in NFL camps. Or else their contracts would be voided. Also, any bonus money would be canceled.

Now put yourself in the position of a ranking rookie. If you signed for a bonus, you blow that, and possibly your job, if you don't cross the picket lines being planned by the NFL Players Association.

Suppose you honor your contract, and head for training camp, and cross the picket lines?

Ohio State's Randy Gradishar told this reporter he actually was

### ANYTHING GOES

Cole Porter's musical, Anything Goes, will be performed tonight outside the Irondequoit Town Hall. The King's Players will repeat their performance Friday and Saturday nights, July 5 and 6, on a multi-level stage constructed over the steps of the hall, on Titus Avenue at Kings Highway. Curtain time is 8:30. It's free.

The theatre group, an outgrowth of a Bishop Kearney High School alumni project that began in 1969, is made up of college students and other young people who work in the area.

frightened, not physically, but by the situation.

"The player reps said they would not condone any violence," said the 6-3, 236-pound super linebacker.

"But they said they couldn't guarantee control over the other players if we tried to enter camp and help the owners play their pre-season games. They said, again claiming they did not condone this, we might have to worry about reprisals later on, once the strike is over, if we opposed them or helped the owners this summer.

"I hope the thing can be settled before our camps open in early July," said Gradishar. "Otherwise I'm afraid the whole thing, including our careers, will go up in smoke. To me, and for some other rookies here, it is an impossible situation."

# SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK

## John Dawson

Former Bishop Kearney track star **Bob Masiulis** has been named co-winner of the senior athlete of the year award at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Masiulis, known as RIT's weight-man on the Tiger's track squad, shared the honor with swimmer **Don Carlson**.

Competing in the discus, javelin, hammer and shot put, the 6-foot, 5-inch, 230-pounder totaled an unbelievable 7.16 points in four years, helping coach **Pete Todd's** Tigers roll through an unbeaten string of dual meet victories which now adds up to six seasons.

An engineering student, Masiulis led RIT to a pair of first places in the ICAC championships and he holds several state records in the RIT dominated Upstate N.Y. championships. Three times Masiulis won the Henry Clune trophy, presented to the highest individual scorer at the state meet.

At one time or another during his RIT career, Masiulis held records in every throwing event, and in the discus he lost only once, to a teammate, in four years.

Todd simply describes Masiulis as the greatest trackman in RIT history.

**Horace Thomas**, Bishop Kearney track star from the current 1974 edition, has been named athlete of the year at the Irondequoit school.

Thomas recently did the 440 dash in :49.9 at a Niagara District AAU meet in Buffalo and in :51.9 at a Rochester Junior Chamber of Commerce meet at RIT. Thomas is a junior at BK.

Other June awards at Kearney included these MVP's: **Paul Young**, football; **Mark Bezek**, soccer; **Bill Kuebel**, crosscountry; **Gene Burt**, hockey; **Ted Wagner**, basketball; **Ernie Hanna**, wrestling; **Larry Lapa**, bowling; **Kent Youngman**, indoor track; **John Matthews**, track; **Horace Thomas**, spring track; **Art Carlisi**.

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"But ump... er, I mean Sister," is the plaintive plea of Joe Meiners as he argues his point during a recess baseball game at Cincinnati's St. Bartholomew School. Sister Janice, OSF, a physical education teacher at the school, serves as umpire. Needless to say, Joe was out. [RNS]

### HOLY APOSTLES GROUP FACES AREA'S PROBLEMS

The human development committee of Holy Apostles parish is organizing an attack on what it sees as the neighborhood's main social problems — the deterioration of housing and the isolation of the elderly.

Having just completed a training course given by the diocesan OHD, committee members will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, in the school hall. Those interested in joining the group or helping with its work may contact **Dick Lippa**, chairman, at 227-3736; **Dolores Cringoli**, assistant chairman, 458-3642, or **Mary Walsh**, secretary, 458-1514.

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