



CYO Bike Tour

Bicycles belonging to participants in the CYO Bike-Tour group are loaded on a train for the first leg of a trek through the New England States. Seventeen CYOers are now pedaling to varied sights from Albany, N.Y.

Photo by Susan McKinney

IN THIS CORNER

Baseball is a game of numbers, sometimes cruel numbers. Nine years ago the Baltimore Orioles organization made a major decision in its recruiting, scouting and development areas. The organization needed infielders, primarily the three arful types, second, short and third. They were strong in pitching and outfielding, in the overall structure, not much better or worse in catching, where most clubs always hurt.

Sign and develop infielders was the order to all scouting, coaching, managerial and business personnel. Even the bird-dogs, or part-time scouts, would concentrate on infielders.

Now look at that Baltimore infield. At third base, a cinch Hall of Famer who continues to make the plays and has, probably, another two, three or four years to help the big club.

At shortstop a Golden Glove, Mark Belanger. A super fielder who helps whether he has good or bad years with the bat. At second base, one of the prime talents in all of baseball, Bobby Grich is even younger, and does it all, fielding, hitting, and hitting with power.

Now let's flash back to the organization's prime source of talent, its triple-A club of Rochester.

Third base — Doug DeCinces. Enough talent both ways to displace third basemen right now on half a dozen of the 24 major league clubs. He can wait for Brooks Robinson to apply for board and room at a home for aged. He won't get traded because Brooks is at an age where an injury could create an immediate opening.

Rob Andrews and Bob Bailor and Tim Nordbrook are currently sharing the two shortstop-second base assignments, with an occasional excursion into centerfield, so great are their defensive skills.

Don't hold your breath waiting for Belanger or Grich to step aside in Baltimore. Grich, in particular, probably has ten years of stardom ahead of him.

Down in double-A Asheville there's another middle infielder with breath-taking potential. He's

shortstop Kiki Garcia, and you could offer the Orioles half a million for him now and maybe not get the courtesy of a "Thanks, but No Thanks."

So the DeCinces and Bailors and Andrews and Nordbrooks sit and wait and contemplate the numbers game. The Orioles have more infield prospects than the law allows. But when will the swapping or selling materialize? Next winter? Next summer? Two years? They are caught by the numbers.

There's also a guy who's won more games in not quite four years of managing than any of his modern day predecessors. Joe Altobelli adopted Rochester as a home town when he was hitting home runs onto Norton Street nine years ago. He served as a player-coach under Earl Weaver when Earl was winning here and taking aim on the Oriole job. Altobelli went out to manage in the Bluefields and Ashevilles and came back here, doorstep to the majors, to spend four years at winning over 330 ballgames for Rochester.

Barring an upset, Altobelli isn't likely to find Weaver's job vacant in the immediate future. The numbers game. Winning and living here is nice, but Altobelli knows the perils of managing too long in a triple-A location. History says you can't keep the customers happy forever. Three years, says the book, is the limit. When does the big league job come up? If ever.

Altobelli is a man of wisdom and humor and compassion and dedication, all beyond exceptional managerial skills, which, after the mechanics, means treating and handling people — players, umpires, fans, officials, directors, big league supervisors — all in different ways.

In a city which has spawned many major league managers, some of them outstanding men, Joe Altobelli waits, with all his enormous talent, for the call. Because of the numbers game, it may never come. But he is a winner.

Drug Council Sponsors Auction To Raise Funds

The Drug and Alcohol Council will sponsor an auction on Aug. 17 at the Mendon Center Junior High School. Doors will open at 9 a.m. and the auction will run from 10:30 until 5.

Unusual items such as guest lectures, afternoon yacht cruises on Lake Ontario, medical examinations, subscriptions to the Community Playhouse winter presentations and professional services such as hair styling, tennis lessons, etc. will be auctioned off.

In addition, auctioneer Robert Loveless will ask for bids on standard items such as antiques, books, jewelry, furniture and new merchandise donated by local merchants.

Although the Drug and Alcohol Council is supported by community contributions and state funds, it needs additional help now because of a planned 30 percent cut in state funding for the current fiscal year.

Gasser Wins CPA Award

At the annual dinner meeting of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants at Skidmore College on Saturday, Aug. 10, the award for Outstanding Service of Professional Education was presented to William D. Gasser of Irondequoit, New York. Gasser joined the RIT faculty in 1967, after 28 years as a certified public accountant. He is also an active member of several civic and religious organizations including the Kiwanis Club of Rochester, Pope Pius XII Knights of Columbus and the Rochester General Assembly 4th Degree, K of C.

SPORTS FILM

Canandaigua — The Athletic Committee of St. Mary's is sponsoring a film of the 1973 Cotton Bowl between Notre Dame and Alabama on Aug. 16. The film will be shown in the Church Hall and proceeds will go towards the renovation of the school.

SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK

Tom Falk, Aquinas Institute, Class of 1948, is optimistic that the 1974 Aquinas Alumni Drive will hit 100 per cent of its \$50,000 goal.

The drive is nearing 99 per cent (\$49,000 in pledges) Falk, the fund drive chairman, reported.

Falk attempted to contact more than 11,000 scattered Dewey Avenue alumni in the drive and just in case an alumnus failed to get the message, pledges can still be sent to Rev. Albert Gacens, C.S.B., Aquinas Institute, 1127 Dewey Ave., Rochester, 14613.

Falk played baseball at Aquinas and was an all-city choice at first base. He later signed a pro contract and played professionally in the minor leagues.

Which class leads the pack? It's the Class of 1939, reports its chairman, Joe T. Steinkirchner. The Class of 1940 is second (Wendel B. Kleehammer) and the Class of 1953 (William P. Faraone) is third.

Lou Spiotti, ex-Aquinas griddler, was finally named RIT head football coach after a merry-go-round of prospects shot by following the resignation of Dick Wheaton who wasn't on the roster long enough to meet his personnel. Wheaton resigned less than two months after he was hired by athletic director Lou Alexander, Jr.

Spiotti didn't waste anytime taking over. One of his first moves was to relieve assistant coach Bud Sims who was an aide to Tom Coughlin last year. Coughlin resigned earlier to become an assistant coach at Syracuse University.

Sims was very outspoken about RIT treatment of the coaching situation, saying that RIT officials had badly mismanaged the whole affair.

Spiotti wouldn't comment on reasons why Sims wouldn't be on his coaching staff this season. Spiotti was previously defensive backfield coach at the University of Rochester.

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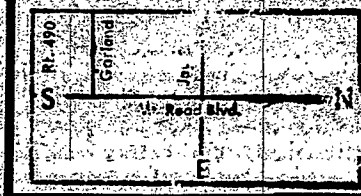
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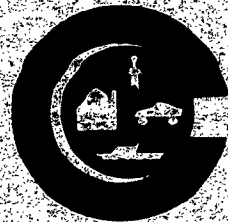


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