



Last Kick

Here is one last kick for old Summer's sake, muses Dennis Duggan, whose hours of leisure are ending and days at school about to begin.

Photos by Susan McKinney

SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK

When the city of Rochester decided to re-seed Hollender Stadium's lawn beginning soon after Labor Day, it might not have appreciated what its decision was going to cost three of the four Catholic high schools who play their football games there.

The decision has forced Aquinas, Cardinal Mooney and Bishop Kearney athletic officials to seek other sites for their home football dates, no easy task.

Only McQuaid, which owns its own football field on Elmwood Ave., hasn't got a total problem, but will have a situation of sorts when its traditional Catholic rivals fill the Knights' grounds with the usual overflow crowds.

The City School District said Aquinas could not use Franklin Field, and the Greece Central School District turned down Mooney's request to use any of its three fields.

Over in Irondequoit however, the climate is entirely different.

Bishop Kearney athletic director Marty LaFica said all BK's home games will be played at Eastridge High, based on permission from Eastridge athletic director Florence Bojinoff and presumably the East Irondequoit Board of Education.

"Our principal wrote Eastridge a letter a long time ago and we see no problems," LaFica said. He added that Kearney has always enjoyed good relations with both East and West Irondequoit schools.

Last year West Irondequoit permitted BK to use its football field on a Sunday afternoon for a nominal rental fee and BK charged its usual admissions.

We wholeheartedly applaud the generous action of the East Irondequoit School District and suggest that both the City School District and the Greece Central School District surely are not acting in a manner consistent with the spirit and attitude asked of all Americans by President Ford last week when he openly appealed for God's help and his fellow countryman's prayers.

Paul Reason, assistant superintendent for business affairs, City School District, wrote Father Albert Gaelens, Aquinas

principal, that his request was rejected because such use of public school property is prohibited by Section 414.4 of the state education law, which defines purposes of use of school grounds.

Norm Fullerton, Greece School District physical education supervisor, cited the same reason, but admitted the legal interpretation varies from town to town.

McQuaid apparently has offered its field as a last resort to help its brethren schools out of their problems.

Aquinas athletic director Dave Missell is trying diligently to negotiate the use of other facilities, including Edgerton Park (operated by city recreation) and Silver Stadium. Jefferson High also plays its home games at Edgerton Park however, and the two schools may be in conflict on several dates.

Aquinas' biggie, its annual confrontation with arch-rival McQuaid, will be played Sunday, Sept. 29 at the U of R's Fauver Stadium.

Father Gaelens said it's definitely the old "religious hassle" when it comes to using public school fields by Catholic schools. "It's all right for charity events, but not for religious affiliated schools," Father Gaelens said.

Local school boards can oversee the state law, if no one objects, Father Gaelens added.

We're very proud of our hometown, Irondequoit, our Alma Mater (Irondequoit High), and neighboring Eastridge for their traditional cooperation with their Catholic neighbors over the years.

We have five \$5 tickets to the Kodak Celebrity Golf Classic, Sept. 28, purchased by us, which we will give free to the first five readers who send a self-addressed stamp (10c) envelope to Tickets, 51 Boxwood Lane, Fairport, N.Y. 14450.

There still are a few openings for amateur golfers who wish to play with the celebrities at \$250 deductible dollars each. Call John MacDonald at WAXC, 546-2325, for details.

Serendipity Course Set

Naples — Serendipity, a mini-course in personal relationships, for high school students, will be offered to parishioners of St. Januarius on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The leader is Dr. K. Arnold Nakajima, known nationally for his work in the human relations field. Registration blanks are available at the rectory and must be returned by Sept. 7 with a \$2 deposit on the total \$5 cost of the course.

COURIER Sports

IN THIS CORNER

Dennis Duggan

Enter Mr. Ford Charles (Whitey) Ford, that is into baseball's Hall of Fame, within a few days of the other Mr. Ford's move into the White House.

Statistics fail to rock me, but Whitey Ford's pitching credentials and his class move me. When the Ford ground to a halt, the Yankees stopped. When Ford and his every day (and night) playing partner Mickey Mantle were welcomed into baseball's dumbly labeled "shrine" it got a guy to thinking about these two.

There was a moment in a World Series, or rather about 90 minutes before a World Series game in Yankee Stadium. Mantle was a doubtful starter, because of serious and painful set of injuries, right hip and left knee all torn up.

Some men with similar problems would not have left home for the office, much less report to Yankee Stadium for a World Series game.

Mantle came into the dugout from the tunnel ramp and sat next to Casey Stengel.

"It's up to you," said Casey. "Whaddya think?"

"I'm in there," said Mantle.

At that precise second I glanced at Mantle's uniform pants, where a steadily spreading blood stain had soaked through from his hip, through his heavy underpants, and through the even heavier sliding pad.

Stengel saw it too and he looked at his Main Man.

"I gotta change my pants," said Mickey, who left and returned to help run and field and hit the Yankees to victory, that afternoon.

Ford and Mantle were constant swingers on the road. Ford a talker, Mantle a doer. Mantle could be funny in a country way. Ford has a sharp dry wit.

In one World Series game the Yankees' Bobby Richardson was demoralizing and demolishing National League pitching. Every time Richardson popped a foul over a light tower, or worked a count to 3-and-2, it seemed he tied or equalled a previous Series record attributed to the Yankees' Babe Ruth.

All afternoon the scoreboard flashed statistics reporting that this or that Babe Ruth record in a World Series on a sunny day in October had been tied or busted. Now the game was over and the press waited like cattle for the clubhouse to open. Someone noted that even one of Babe Ruth's pitching records had been popped. At the very announcement of this vital statistic, along came Whitey Ford from the bullpen, last player to reach the clubhouse door.

Whitey heard the latest stat on another Ruth record tied. He turned and screwed up his face like he might cry. "Gee, fellas. What a tough Series The Babe is having, huh?"

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