

# Football Preview

## Mooney . . . Key Players Gone

By JOHN DOSER

Cardinal Mooney head football coach Tony Merola should moonlight as a poet.

Consider these lines: "Last year we were agile, mobile and hostile; this year we're lean, mean, and green."

The Cardinals, 6-2 last year after winning their first City-Catholic football title the year before, don't expect to fare as well this season because of the fact only four starters are back: halfback Virgil Cotton, quarterback Dennis Murray, tackle Terry Testa, and linebacker/guard Bob Short.

And you just don't replace the gaping holes left by All-Greater Rochester graduate gridders Tony Shaw at halfback and Jeff Weston at tackle.

Shaw went to the University of Wisconsin and is expected to see limited varsity action and Weston

went to Notre Dame where he's playing second team offensive tackle.

Cotton gained 800 yards last year while taking a back seat in headlines to Shaw. He's a senior, 6-0 and 175 pounds this year, and ready to move on his own.

Murray, a 6-2, 185-pound quarterback, held the starting QB role last year as a sophomore. How good is he? Merola says he's a good runner, a good thrower, and he has to see other QBs do their things to prove they're any better than Murray.

Testa, a strapping, 6-2, 195-pound senior, has started at tackle for the past two years. Enough said.

Bob Short, a 5-11, 185-pound senior plays defensive, linebacker and offensive guard. Enough said here, too.

Other first team prospects include junior center Tony

Agostinelli at 6-1, 185; senior guard Tom Capuano at 5-8, 180; senior tackle Ed Dorris at 6-1, 220; junior end Rick Lanpher at 6-0, 170; and a pair of junior ends, 5-10, 150-pound Dave Walker and 5-7, 140-pound Sam Cotton (Virgil's brother).

Merola has some bench strength in fullback Joe Bianchi who played behind Shaw last year—Bianchi is a junior, 5-10, and 170.

Another threat to break into a fullback starting slot is Jim Paternoster, a junior transfer from Greece Athena. Paternoster is 5-10, 170.

Then there's senior defensive end Tim Burke at 6-1, 170; senior defensive halfback John Ferrari at 5-7, 177; junior tackle Bill Devitt at 6-1, 205; senior tackle Sam Cuckovich at 6-2, 220; sophomore fullback John D'Martino at 5-9, 195; and junior halfback Jim Lagnese at 5-9, 160.

"I think we have some talent and these kids have something they want to prove," Merola said.

He considers Aquinas and Madison to be the favorites for the City-Catholic League championship this season.

Merola's assistant coaches include Bob Ruster, Carl Leonardo, Al Cretney, Brian Scanlon, Jim Harrington and Frank Camiola.

The schedule:

Saturday, Sept. 14, at Notre Dame of Batavia, 2 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 21, Franklin, at McQuaid, 2 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 28, Kearney, at Eastridge, 1 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 5, at East, 1 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 13, at McQuaid, 2 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 19, Madison, at McQuaid, 10 a.m.; Sunday, Oct. 27, Aquinas, at McQuaid, 2 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 2, Edison, at Franklin, 11 a.m.



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# Kearney . . . Good Nucleus

By JOHN DOSER

Bishop Kearney High won three of nine football games last year with a team which coach Don Della Vella describes as young and inexperienced.

This season Della Vella has no less than 11 returning letterman, all starters from a year ago.

"We're going to be lacking in size, but we have speed, we're strong and we're quick. We've a good nucleus back. We think we will be competitive if we can use our speed to advantage," Della Vella says.

The 11 veterans, all seniors, include 5-7, 145-pound quarterback Dan Verrenti; defensive and running back 5-6, 140-pound Tom Vinci; defensive back and end 6-2, 160-pound Tom Krowl; end Carm Cellura, 6-0, 170; tackle Bob Hahn, 5-11, 170; end Matt

Kellman, 5-11, 170; defensive back Bill Lapple, 5-9, 150; center Frank Rinere at 5-8, 170; guard Paul Young at 5-10, 150; running back Ralph Walkowicz at 5-5, 135; and guard Dave Kausch at 5-7, 160.

Kearney will have a bench to turn to this year, a luxury which was practically non-existent last season.

Della Vella expects to get some help when needed from these reserve backs: fullbacks Bill Bollin, a 5-6, 155-pound senior, and Leo Fusilli, a 5-11, 170-pound junior; halfback Danny Klein, a 5-6, 145-pound junior; and halfback Kyle Newport, a 5-9, 160-pound junior.

Up front the Kings have these reserve linemen: offensive guard Mark Francek, a 5-11, 170-pound senior; center John Schmitz, a 5-7, 160-pound junior; tackle Mike

Long, a 5-11, 175-pound junior; tackle Jim Hartman, a 6-0, 180-pound junior; guard Kevin Hanlon, a 5-11, 160-pound junior; guard Dave Rothfuss, a 5-10, 150-pound senior; end Dan Bouchard, a 6-0, 160-pound senior; and end Larry DeBusk, a 5-10, 165-pound senior.

Della Vella believes the race for the City-Catholic League title will be fought among Aquinas, Madison, Cardinal Mooney and Franklin.

New to the BK schedule this year are games with hometown Irondequoit rivals Eastridge and Irondequoit.

Della Vella said he didn't know very much about either opponent, but added he's looking forward to both games. "The games are naturals; it's good for the town and it will be good competition. The kids will enjoy it—they're all friends."

Assisting Della Vella with coaching duties on the varsity level are Ben Rotolo and Howie Goodman. Brian Chadwick and Floyd Clossen handle the JVs and four coaches, Brother John X. Sullivan, Carm Rinaldi, Father Lawrence Gross and Paul Copinni will coach the freshmen — two teams of future Kings' grid stars.

"Our main interest in having two frosh teams is to get the boys as much game experience as we can," Della Vella explains.

"We want to give as many boys as we can as much experience as we can. Of course we like to win at the frosh level too, but the important thing is that the youngsters get to play and build up some confidence."

The schedule:

Saturday, Sept. 14, at Franklin, 1 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 21,



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Madison, at Eastridge, 10 a.m.; Saturday, Sept. 28, Mooney, at Eastridge 1 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 5, Aquinas at Kearney, 1 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 12, at Irondequoit, 2 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 19, Edison, at Franklin, 2 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 26, at Eastridge, 2 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 2, at McQuaid, 1 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 9, East, at Eastridge, 1 p.m.

# Area Missioners Discuss Brazil

By SHARON DARNIEDER

Although the interior of Brazil has become home to many Sisters of St. Joseph since the order began missionary work there in 1964 they still look forward eagerly to occasional visits with their families and congregation here.

Three of the nine SSJs that are serving in Brazil now, Sisters Barbara Orczyk, Virginia (Loyola) Schmitz and Christel Burgmaier have already visited Rochester this year. Sisters Mary Ann Mayer and Marilyn Dewey will arrive later this fall.

Sister Virginia, a missionary for nine years, returned to Brazil in July. Sister Barbara, a six-year veteran, will go back with Sister Christel at the end of October.

While she was in the States, Sister Virginia, an Auburn native, took a clinical-pastoral education course at Bellevue Hospital in New York City.

Much of her time is devoted to catechetics in Brazil and she works through Bom Jesus parish, Uberlandia; Minas Gerais, which is run by the missionary order of the Oblate Fathers of the Immaculate Heart.

Uberlandia is a rapidly developing industrial town with a population of 120,000. Sister Virginia works in a fringe area called the Presidente Roosevelt Vila which isn't as developed as the city proper.

There are three other vilas in the parish where Sisters Mary Ann Mayer and Laurel Davis work.

"The main thrust of all our work is that we're interested in building basic community groups through gospel discussions, prayer groups and, of course, religious education," she said.

"She noted that the Brazilians have always treated them 'beautifully' and have always been 'very appreciative and very receptive.'"

"When we first came we drove jeeps to get around," she commented. "Now we use a Volkswagen. In the 10 years since the Sisters of St. Joseph have been there, there's been a lot of economic progress. There used to be a lot of dirt roads but there's more asphalt now."

Sister Barbara faces many of the same problems as the others but she works in Itaguacu, Goias, a small village with a population of about 4,000. In many ways it's very different from Uberlandia.

Built around the Claro River and a waterfall, the 10-year old village sits in the center of a valley with lush vegetation.

Sister Barbara concentrates on catechetics and social services — getting the people to improve hygiene, helping expectant mothers and beginning food and health programs. She receives help with medical questions and problems from Sister Christel, a nurse who works in a state clinic in Paranaiguara.

She works closely with Father Anthony Boyhan, the only Oblate priest at Itaguacu's parish. Our Lady of Lourdes; and in addition

to her other duties is also the principal of a state run secondary night school in the area.

Although her position as principal is in contradiction to a law prohibiting a foreigner to hold the office, she accepted it when the people asked her to after political conflicts threatened to close the school earlier this year.

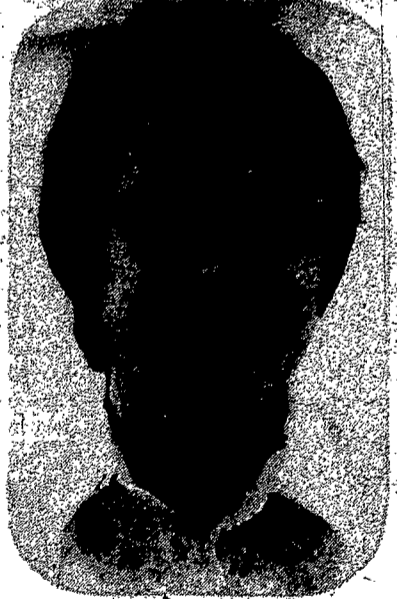
"Once a person is educated they can read for themselves, they can use their minds," she emphasized. "Education is a building block for everything else."

"As a whole, the people are very energetic and eager to learn," she continued. "However, their educational system is quite different from ours. Their primary education is very poor so when they get to our level they find it very difficult."

The Sisters are conscious of the area's problems and realize that both religious and secular education are needed.

"My goal is to create a Christian community among the people, to motivate them and initiate a respect among them for their own humanness," said Sister Barbara. "Ninety five per cent are Catholics in name only. They haven't got the slightest idea of what it means to be a Christian let alone a Catholic."

"Because many of them have lived all their lives on ranches, where they're isolated and deprived of the opportunity to study, they find it difficult



SR. BARBARA

She noted that Itaguacu's economy is poor and that her people, for the most part, are poor, simple, hospitable farm workers who founded their village to provide religious and educational opportunities for their families.

Since the beginning, the church has been the heart of the village, she said. The villagers built it themselves over the years and also constructed a parish house.

Most of the workers in her area labor from dawn to dusk for about 150 cruzeiros per month, which is about \$20 in American money. As an example of their cost of living she pointed out that shoes cost about 60 cruzeiros.

Like those in other Latin American countries, the people



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of Itaguacu who are poor and uneducated feel that no matter what happens to them God wills it and as such they resign themselves to their fate.

"We try to break this down by telling that God doesn't want them to be dirt poor if they can help themselves get better jobs or stay sick if there are medical facilities available," she said.

Is she looking forward to returning to Brazil?

"Very much. After working so hard on the language and getting to know the people, I'm just at the point where I'm beginning to understand the culture and to know the people. It would be a shame to stop now," she said with a smile.