

## IN THIS CORNER

### George Beakon

News Item: Connecticut and the New York Racing Commission signed contracts to establish Off Track Betting in Connecticut that will include the world's first closed circuit telecasts of live horse racing.

This, friends, is the beginning of the trip to wide open, legalized betting on major sports events.

Two years ago I served as a consultant for a public relations firm dealing with an outfit competing for the contract to produce the sophisticated hardware needed to establish the shops that will operate in Connecticut.

It was all hush-hush at the time. I no longer see any reason to respect any confidences.

Call it, shall we, the "Connecticut Sports Carousel." Build five or six "clubs" or casinos, in Connecticut's bigger cities. As elegant as some of the Las Vegas traps. But strictly theater-type. You can eat, drink, read (study the Form) and relax in style. And bet and watch the races. Get paid immediately after each race, track odds minus a slight surcharge.

Belmont by day and Yonkers by night. You see the odds board changes, the jocks in the paddock, the races, the whole thing, just like being there. On a super color screen.

You suppose these people are investing this kind of money, in a handful of expensive buildings, simply to deal horse racing?

The answer is "No," because the long range plans, meaning only as long as it takes to push through legislation, is to deal professional sports betting, through state-controlled wagering boards, and televise the action while offering you every kind of betting possible — point spreads, total points, over and under, individual scoring matchups (in basketball), scores by periods, parlay action involving other events not televised but scheduled the same day — any kind of action that bookmakers

### Kearney Hires Hockey Coach

Steve MacAdam, who coached a Lions Club hockey team to the International Silver Stick Tournament of 1972, has been hired to coach varsity hockey at Bishop Kearney High School.

MacAdam was with the Lions youth hockey program for six years, and has been on its board of directors for the past year. In two of his three seasons with the Silver Stick entry, the team made it to the state tournament.

### TEEN SEMINAR

Teen Seminar, for high school juniors and seniors, has reserved the following dates at Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua: Nov. 4-6 and 18-20; Dec. 2-4 and 16-18. A similar program called Exodus, for young people who are out of high school, is scheduled for Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

The program is described as "a 43-hour experience in Christian community, focusing on family and sacraments." Applications may be obtained by writing Seminar Movement, Box 8454, Rochester, N.Y., 14618.

### MONEY FOR MOONEY

The Cardinal Century Club will round out its second year with a dinner dance at Barrys Saturday night, Nov. 2. The club has contributed more than \$12,000 to Cardinal Mooney High School, according to Dr. Charles W. Fineout.

have been dealing for most of the last century.

How long do you suppose it will take — once the Connecticut Sports Carousel, or whatever name, gets into action — for other states to follow suit? Like it or not, legalized sports gambling is in the near future. Several of the commissioners are grumbling and muttering about it. But they're moving too slowly and too late to fight it off.

Besides, wait until the politicians see the numbers involved in this one. Connecticut will be in action just long enough to show how wild the action will be, when New York will follow suit. Or did New York already declare itself, when: News Item: Connecticut and the New York Racing Commission signed



Joe DiLeberto uses his head as he moves the ball down field during Aquinas' 2-1 victory over East High School, Monday October 21. The victory over East secured a sectionals berth for the Little Irish who will go into the playoffs as team number 5.



Photos by Susan McKinney

### Aquinas Moves into Sectionals

Aquinas' Amadeo Battisti, at left in above photo, moves the action down field as he drives towards the East goal. Battisti scored both goals in the Little Irish win.

## SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK

John Doser

We don't remember the Red Wing Knot Hole Game when its annual summer admission was only a nickel, but we do recall when it was only a dime.

Kids under 15 used to get to a dozen or so Red Wing ballgames, mostly on Saturday afternoons in these days, and a few night games on otherwise bad drawing nights, for that one thin dime.

It was a sad state of affairs when you spent an hour in the long line of kids of all sizes, only to discover you somehow managed to leave your official Knot Hole pass home on the dresser. You then lost your spot in line, had to move to a different line, plunk down another dime (if you had one) and buy another pass.

Fred Weismiller, the man to whom thousands of young and old Rochesterians are indebted for their introduction to organized baseball, died last week.

Mr. Weismiller, 81, was the founder of the Knot Hole Game back in 1927. He died of a kidney disease.

Membership initially hit 1,500 back in 1927, climbed to an all-time high of nearly 30,000 in 1954, and has averaged between 16,000 and 20,000 in recent years.

Every Knot Hole pass comes complete with a set of rules which every kid in the stands then knew and understood, although in many cases failed to adhere to them completely.

There's one rule we never forgot, and we must admit we've gotten sloppy and mis-applied it now and then over the years: "I will be a good sport and not razz anybody."

We're not certain Mr. Weismiller wrote the Knot Hole rules, but we're sure he kept most of them throughout his lifetime, and helped a lot of young Rochester kids stay out of trouble by seeing that they did the same, at least on Knot Hole Days on those never-to-be-forgotten Saturday afternoons at Red Wing Stadium.

There are 16 nominees for 1974 membership in the Rochester High School Athletes Hall of Fame: Don Allen (golf), Guy Bonfiglio (soccer), Dick Buerkle (cross country, track, swimming), Al Butler (basketball), Jim Culhane (gymnastics), Walt Dukes (basketball), Jack Dianetti (track, cross country), Doris Fuchs (gymnastics), Betty Hushla (swimming), Trenton Jackson (football, basketball, track), Russ

Janneck (swimming), Bob Keegan (baseball), Chuck Maloy (football), John Parrinello (football), Janice Smith (speed skating) and Sam Urzetta (golf, basketball).

Area sportswriters were asked to vote for five choices. Ours were, in order, Keegan, Urzetta, Butler, Dukes and Jackson.

Les Harrison, former owner of the Rochester Royals, deserved to be inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame, says Bob Wanzer, an ex-Royal himself who is not athletic director and head basketball coach at St. John Fisher College.

Wanzer, then known as "Hooks," says Les was very good to him always, and always was (and still is) a man of word. "If Les said he was going to do something, that was it. He did it," Wanzer says.

Les is still much involved with basketball — he brings those big NBA games to town and of course is responsible for the growth and popularity over the years of the Kodak Basketball Classic.

Where do ex-baseball coaches go? Far, if you happen to be Dr. Clark Whited, former Brockport State head baseball coach. Dr. Whited recently returned from a five day assembly of the International Association of Leading Colleges and Universities of Physical Education at Prague, Czechoslovakia.

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How good is McQuaid's cross country team when it strays far from the Rochester area? Pretty good. Coach Bob Bradley's crew was first out of 40 schools in the recent St. John's University Invitational at Van Cortlandt Park in New York City.

Clarence Mephram, the soccer coach who resigned recently at Brighton High after a hot dispute with two soccer officials during a game, has a solid fan in David C. Reid who criticized Brighton school administrators for their treatment of the affair.

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