

IN THIS CORNER



George Beahon

The traps are set in September and they are sprung the next Summer.

It is September of '73 when the Kansas City Royals make a flashy move in the stretch but of course do not catch Oakland. But they do catch the baseball experts, who naturally point to Kansas City as the surprise team of '74 — the club that will emerge in the playoffs.

Well, we all know what happened to KC last season. The morning glories of '73 beat one club, and beating California is no big deal.

Last baseball season traps were set for the unwary experts in each of the four divisions in the major leagues. Before making those silly predictions, a guy should examine closely for signs of false finishes that inspire false hopes.

National League East

I am going for the "trap" club, the Philadelphia Phillies, in the National League's weak division. The Phillies are young and strong with a super infield. They needed relief pitching last year, and they got it in the person of Tug McGraw, who will miss only a couple of weeks because of shoulder surgery. The Phillies are a team of the future, said the guy falling into the trap.

The Cardinals are the Cardinals, close but no cigar, and the Pirates are growing old. The Mets will finish fourth, thanks to Dave Kingman, Montreal and Chicago can fight it out for the basement.

National League West

The "trap" team is Atlanta,

which played 14 over .500 last season and won't be bugged by the Henry Aaron thing this time around. But Atlanta can't mix with the Dodgers, who will repeat in the West, because they are solid in every department and can expect improvement in some areas.

Make it Los Angeles, Cincinnati (growing old) and Atlanta a poor third. The also rans are Houston, hurt by the death of Don Wilson, and two real losers — San Francisco and San Diego.

American League West

The "trap" team is Texas, which made a gangbuster run last season, to finish only six back of Oakland. I am going for Texas, on the theory that the loss of Catfish Hunter will bring Oakland out of the stratosphere. Minnesota, Kansas City and Chicago are the second division, and California has the lock on the cellar.

American League East

"Trap" team — the Yankees. The New York press awarded the West championship to the Yankees long before the first ball. After all, they did finish only two back of Baltimore, and look what happened last Winter! They got the Goldfish from Oakland, and they probably got the best of the Bobby Murcer—Bobby Bonds trade.

I've got news for the Yankee lovers. The Baltimore Orioles are the most improved team in the AL East.

They added a ton of power getting Lee May and Ken Singleton, and the Orioles with power plus should be the best team in creation. With new ownership, particularly if it's operated by Bill Veeck, the Orioles might even draw enough people to make a buck.

Put the Yankees second, Boston a snake-bitten third, and concede the cellar to Milwaukee, back of Cleveland and Detroit, both long gone as contenders.

You cash these tickets in October.



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Girls' Section 5

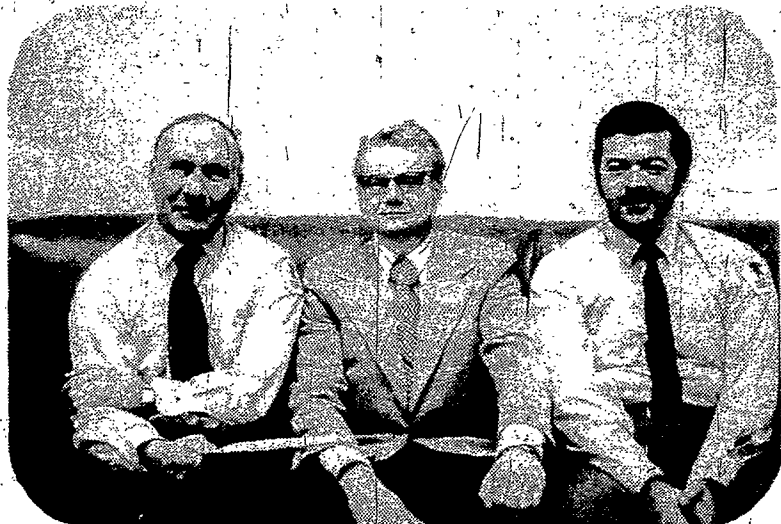
Diane Schmidt (10) for Mercy, photo left, moves the action down court during play against Penfield in girls Section 5 basketball. Following in close pursuit are Penfield's Mary Beth Sayre, left, and Shari Blain, right. Laurie Guthrie, handling the ball for Penfield, photo at right, dribbles by in spite of the efforts of Mercy's Ellen Hammele. Meg Tuttle (20) holding the ball for Cardinal Mooney center photo is closely guarded by Greece Olympia's Maureen Wegmen (41) and Liz Sprague (43) in Section 5 play.

Two Women Named To Fisher Board

Mrs. Marian Davison of Brighton, executive director of the Girl Scouts, and Miss Judith A. Schwan, of Irondequoit, a Kodak research director, have been elected to the board of trustees of St. John Fisher College. They are the first women thus to serve the college, which, in its fourth year as a co-educational institution, has 400 women students, 125 of them living on campus.

Mrs. Davison, a native of Syracuse, came here in 1973 from Pennsylvania State University, where she was associate dean of student affairs.

Miss Schwan joined Kodak in 1950 as a research chemist in the emulsion research division. She has been head of the division since 1971.



Post Office Holy Name

Working out details of the Post Office Holy Name Society's 25th family communion breakfast are (l-r) Al Voellinger, president; William Finn, postal service manager, and Anthony Pavia, incoming president. The breakfast, April 13 at 111 East Ave., will follow 8 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church. Father Charles Lavery, president of St. John Fisher College, will be the speaker.

World Hunger Topic At Auburn Service

Auburn — "While world hunger is not new, most of us are just beginning to grasp the full extent of the present food crisis given impetus by watching the scene of starving men, women and children on our TV sets and in our newspapers," said Sister Mary Ann Weiland of the Office of Human Development, speaking at the Union Lenten Service sponsored by the Auburn Interfaith Ministries at the Lake Avenue Christian Church.

World hunger is a symptom of a much deeper problem, she pointed out. This is the malfunction of the economic and social systems under which the world operates.

Unfair trade practices tend to keep poor nations poor as they are designed to keep affluent nations affluent, she said.

She pointed out population growth in the developing countries puts a strain on food supplies. And the rising consumption level and patterns of affluent nations use up more of the world food supplies than even population growth does.

Speaking of individual responsibility, she said Christ constantly called us to care for the poor and hungry, but this is such a complex problem. Individuals must take a look at their own consumption levels and patterns. The United States represents 6 per cent of the world's population, but uses 40 per cent of goods and resources, she said.

Individual families can help by

modifying their own energy consumption, releasing materials necessary for fertilizer. Gardening can help reduce the drain.

Fasting can be a meaningful kind of prayer and discipline and a way to identify symbolically with the hungry. These individual actions constitute a life style over which we do have control, she pointed out.

"The life style is marked by simplicity, sharing and cooperation and perhaps these are the values which Christ demands of us today and we must manifest these values to the world."

Sister Mary Ann also pointed out the need to act politically. People can support the direction of the Rome food conference and support can be voiced for the establishment of a grain bank administered by the United Nations and the creation of a food and development agency to coordinate agricultural programs.

She pointed out the need to increase efforts to decrease population growth, but that population control has never been effective until the standard of living is raised. Birth rates are high in nations where 40 per cent die before age 5. Children are needed to work and care for families.

"We can make decisions about our own lives," she stressed, "but certainly should be making decisions about the policies of government as well."

The Rev. J. Earl Miller, Pastor of the Lake Avenue Christian Church, led the prayer service.

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