

### Fisher Clinches Title

Photos by Susan McKinney

Sue Mulrone (33) helped St. John Fisher (14-0) clinch the Rochester Area Colleges second annual Women's Basketball Tournament title defeating the UR 66-60. In the photos below Mulrone readies for a rebound as a foul shot is taken, aims at the basket as she outjumps UR player Jayne Freedman, and takes a foul shot.



## Diocese Will Sponsor LPGA Tournaments

Trenton, N.J. [RNS] — In an effort to "tee off" on problems such as drug abuse, alcoholism, child abuse and health care for the poor, the Catholic diocese here is sponsoring, at least for the next three years, a Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) tournament, that could net the diocese \$500,000 for its programs.

Some of the nation's top women golfers are expected to take part in the May 19-23 tourney at the Forsgate Country Club, Jamesburg, N.J., opening with a celebrity Pro-

Amateur Day. The total prize money, \$76,000, is geared to fit the Bicentennial theme of the tourney.

Msgr. William T. Fitzgerald, chancellor of the Trenton diocese and coordinator of the program, said the growth of the central New Jersey diocese has necessitated the rapid expansion of diocesan services.

He told a press conference that the diocese plans to devote the profits to non-sectarian charitable and service endeavors. "The money

is to help fight against alcoholism, drug abuses, child abuse, and to aid Trenton General Hospital and organizations that serve all the people of the eight mid-Jersey counties of the diocese."

The tournament, believed to be the first professional tour event — men's or women's — to be sponsored by a church organization, will have the advantage of an unusual "clout," according to Peter Busati, project coordinator. He noted that there are 218 parishes where \$5 gallery tickets will be sold.

realized that watching the horses warm up for handicapping purposes was a sucker's game. Forget it.

Now here comes this winter edition of Gambling Magazine, which features things like analyses of the world's greatest poker players; advice from a professor who is a genius at blackjack; and a friendly article called "Anyone Can Cheat at Bridge."

Also, "Inspection Handicapping," by Igor Kuszyzn, PhD.

You got it, Igor says the way to handicap the jugheads is by watching their pre-race warmups. Watch their jogging a couple of hours before their actual races before you order that first cocktail. Watch the warmup mile one hour before the race. And watch the final scoring period just before the race.

Are you ready? Look for the guys who are moving easily and effortlessly. Forget the animal that is trying to run away faster than his teamster wants it to go; this is not a sign of good spirit, rather an indication it can not be controlled or rated. Any horse trying to run away in the early warmup, says Ph.D.

Igor, rarely wins two hours later.

More goodies: A horse breaking stride and moving into a gentle gallop is not necessarily a bad bet unless he is breaking consistently. Speed of various horses during the second warmup, about an hour before posttime, means virtually nothing, regardless of class. The guys with the clocks are literally wasting their time.

Gait and posture are of more importance during this warmup, says Kuszyzn. "If a horse breaks stride here, throw it out." Also, in this warmup, eliminate a horse carrying its head high, because it's either spooky or having breathing trouble. Be suspicious also of the horse with its head turned; and avoid the animal that is sweating profusely — "washy."

On the plus side: Look for the young horses shaking their heads, side to side, not up and down; they are frisky and want to win. Side to side, that is. Up and down is a loser.

There now, I have written something positive about harness racing. Look for the guy who is shaking his head "No," not "Yes." Now, will remember that correctly?

### IN THIS CORNER



George Beahon

Away back in the trolley car days when I wore knickers and a little flat cap there was harness racing in the daylight. I saw it at a state fair and I remember trying even then to solve the mysteries of handicapping.

Somehow, even at the state fair before the pari-mutuels, there was some wagering going on as the jugheads tore around a dusty half-mile oval.

It took me very little time to perceive that the real wise guys doped, pardon, figured out the winners by watching them trot or pace in their pre-race warmups.

When I grew up slightly and graduated to the glitter of the Batavia Downs clubhouse and the Cloud Room at Roosevelt Raceway and the martini and prime ribs treatment with the sophistication of the many gimmicks of mutuel machines, I did not forget my early training. Watch the horses during warmup time.

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