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Olympic Woes

By JOHN DOSER

Spencerport High School wrestling coach Walt Teike, who used to coach football at Bishop Kearney High, tells the story and Brockport State head wrestling coach Don Murray confirms it.

Four years ago in Minnesota, Teike, Murray and the parents of Dan Gable, America's foremost amateur wrestler and Gold Medal winner in the 1972 Olympics, sat in the stands alone to watch a portion of the U.S. Olympic Wrestling team qualifying finals — there just wasn't anybody there — Teike recalls.

Times have changed; the 1976 U.S. Olympic Wrestling team is training at Brockport State and crowds for its training sessions and qualifying title bouts have been excellent according to Murray.

While crowds have been a "minor" problem, America is slowly awakening to another problem which is major — money.

Stan Dziedzic, from Allentown, Pa., who defeated highly touted Wade Schalles for the 149.5 pound Olympic freestyle title at Brockport, says he has spent $5,000 of his own money to compete in the present training sessions at Brockport.

Dziedzic (pronounced DES-IK) has a good chance to win a Gold Medal considering he defeated Shalles in nine of 16 matches over the past couple years.

Admittedly, Schalles came up with a fractured vertebra in his title match with Dziedzic, but the latter believes he would have beaten him anyway.

Even Schalles agrees that Dziedzic is America's best chance for a Gold in the 149.5 class.

What's the money needed for? Plenty.

U.S. Olympic Greco-Roman team manager Vaughn Hitchcock explains it costs about $500 just to fly a potential Gold Medal winner from one site to another in this country alone in order to compete in national or international meets — the type where Americans bang heads with the Soviets in mini-Olympic matches.

Another freestyler, 198-pound Buck Deadrich, explains that he experienced a pinched nerve operation which cost him $8,000 of his own money because the Olympic Committee or the U.S. Government could not help him financially.

Would such personal sacrifices be tolerated in Communist countries? "No way," replied Deadrich.

He also points out that his wife has sacrificed more than he has, that they both have been on welfare, and that his junior college coach loaned him $1,000 without asking questions, and still hasn't been repaid.

As if finances aren't enough to be concerned about, there is understandably concern for safety after the Munich Affair.

Hitchcock says there will be 10,000 athletes living at the Olympic facilities in Montreal, and some 15,000 security guards there to watch them.

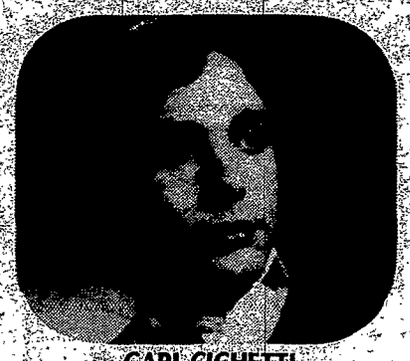
"But," he adds, "there's no way to stop anyone from getting into the Games if they are determined to do it."

He says the Germans had excellent security in comparison with the Mexicans in 1968, but still the tragedy unfolded there.

The saddest part of the Munich tragedy, Hitchcock says, is that he believes there were no lessons learned — and the same thing could happen again in Montreal.

Signs of promise? U.S. Olympic freestyle champion Lloyd Keaser, a Marine lieutenant, and a Black, says he has been accepted with dignity and appreciation everywhere in the world his wrestling talent has taken him. Things may be looking up.

KATHY BUONACCORSO



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A Fine Coordinating Effort

School is out, graduations are over and four Courier-Journal representatives have joined the RapAround Alumni.

Carl Cichetti, a 1976 graduate of Cardinal Mooney, will be attending St. Bonaventure for Journalism; Kathy Buonaccorso, a Bishop Kearney graduate, will take courses at Niagara University for a nursing degree; Lynne Crough, Geneva DeSales graduate, is headed for The Community College of the Finger Lakes while Notre Dame graduate, Martha Ungate, heads for Franklin and Marshall College.

These young adults were quick to respond to challenges: Carl Cichetti pursued Courier business even though his arm was in a cast; Kathy traced down students and found them — no easy task in a school of 2000; Lynne battled the clock throughout the year to get photos developed and mailed to the Courier by deadline time; and Martha surmounted the impossibilities of distance to meet her deadlines and keep RapAround notified of Notre Dame happenings.

RapAround is proud of its association with these young people and it is their willing cooperation and enthusiasm that will be the basis on which their future successes will be built.

DeSales Student Ambassador

Kathy Rice, a junior at DeSales High School will leave for State Department orientation at George Washington University, in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, June 30 before departing as a Student Ambassador.

Six orientation meetings will prepare her for the responsibility of representing the United States in Europe during this bicentennial year. The mission will last thirty-eight days during which Kathy will visit Amsterdam, Munich, Vienna, Venice, Florence, Rome and Athens. She will reside with families in Germany, Austria, Greece, Hungary and Yugoslavia.

Kathy will conduct several informational meetings on her return to DeSales.

Young Adults To Aid Law

For the third year in a row, city and county teenagers will be working in the 10 county parks as members of the Sheriff's Teens on Patrol, Sheriff William M. Lombard said today.

The teens will try to head off trouble incidents, promote good will with other teenagers and assist the Sheriff's Department's Parks Security patrols, the Sheriff said.

The program, developed by Sheriff Lombard when he was Rochester police chief, involves teenagers with police work, creates a better understanding between youth and th elaw, and interests young people in law enforcement careers.

Eastman Kodak Co. funds the program through Rochester Jobs Inc. and its director, Edward Croft.

The STOP members will wear blue nylon jackets and T-shirts bearing Sheriff's Department insignias and STOP markings.

The New York State County Officers Association has recognized the program with an award of Excellence, honorable mention, Sheriff Lombard said. Lt. Edward Gerew will head the Sheriff's Teens on Patrol who include; David Bryant, Scott Feist, Marvin Hankinson, John Piccarreta, Edward Tofany, Peter Carey, Peter Dianetti, Robert Cline, Brian Sipple, Debbie Doyle, Mike Gruschow, Eric Fioravanti, Sam Kalen.

On Parade!

Photos by Susan McKinney

Preparing for their appearance in Irondequoit's Fourth of July parade, these members of Bishop Kearney's "Marching Kings" used their spare time practicing. Kim Haehl is the expert sword twirler. She as well as Kim Jackson (in white) lead a line of marchers including Jim Tofah, Chuck Walley, Fred Scheible and Doug Morrow. Jim's wrists were limber as he warmed up his drums in work-out.