

Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap

Another Top Spot For Cards

By JOHN DOSER

Cardinal Mooney has traditionally been in the thick of the race (or has been the whole race!) in City-Catholic League baseball.

This season is no exception — except that the time this is written, Coach Ed Nietopski's Cardinals apparently will have to settle for a share of the C-C baseball crown with arch-rival Aquinas.

Mooney was 12-4 with its league season over when Aquinas defeated Madion in its final game to tie for first place.

Mooney topped tough Edison Tech in its league finale, eliminating the Inventors from a piece of a possible three way tie for the top spot.

Nietopski doesn't like ties and had hopes of playing off the tie with Aquinas — but the Section 5 Tournament was also due to get underway last week.

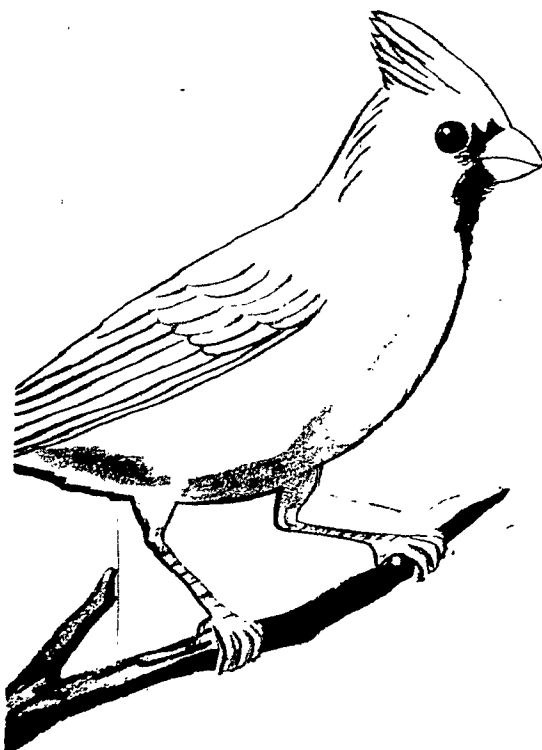
"I don't want to end up as a co-champ; I think if you have a tie for the championship you should determine who the champ is," Nietopski says.

Mooney fielded a young team this season with only two seniors in the starting lineup which also included five juniors and two sophomores.

Randy Delgatti, one of the seniors, plays first base and is also Mooney's No. 2 pitcher.

"He's been playing a heckuva first base, he's my cleanup hitter, he's hitting well over .400, and he's one of my leading rbi hitters along with senior centerfielder Art Eichas," Nietopski explains.

Rich Eichas, Art's cousin, is the second baseman and has been a steady performer all season. He hits well and



has been doing an exceptionally good job on double plays.

"I think we've had more double plays this year than we've had in the past," Nietopski says.

Rich Eichas is a good "bad-ball hitter," according to his coach.

"I've seen him hit balls that are completely out of the strike zone; he's a real competitor, he gets good wood on the ball, and when we need things to happen, he's the guy who usually starts something."

Mooney has a pair of talented shortstops in sophomores Mike Duell and John Carbone.

Duell has a good fielding range, a pretty strong arm and is fast; he also turned his ankle in practice and missed the final week of play.

That's where Carbone filled in well; he also has good fielding ability, and real good hands.

"They're both young, but they're holding things together for us."

Joe DiPonzio, a junior, owns the hot corner at third base. He's a former catcher who easily made the transition from behind the plate. He also has a good glove and arm and bats fifth in the Cards' lineup.

Art Eichas has a lock on the centerfield spot while left and right finds different heroes for different occasions.

Eichas, the team captain, is a steady performer who bats third and is a real good hitter.

"He hits to all fields and he has some power, he's got four home runs which for high school ball is pretty good," Nietopski adds.

Jim Verdi, a junior, is the current leftfielder and is the team's leadoff hitter. He's a fair hitter and gets on base frequently.

Two juniors, Larry Keenan and Tim Hogan alternate in right field.

Keenan, a wrist hitter who pops the ball every so often, is considered a good outfielder with a strong arm.

Hogan is also a strong outfielder, is quick, is good defensively, and hits well.

Jeff Worthington, another junior, has played in both left and right; he's fast, good defensively, and not a bad hitter, Nietopski says.

Greg Egan, a young sophomore, has a good, strong, but sometimes erratic arm who handles Mooney's throwers well.

"He's a hustler, quick behind the plate, and is going to be a good player. He's got good power for a little guy. He gets a little over-anxious once in a while and this can be a problem."

Kevin Wilkins plays first when Delgatti is on the mound; he's a senior who also takes a pitching turn as the Cards' No. 4 pitcher. He won two games this season.

Roger Klimak, a sophomore, is the No. 3 hurler who managed to win three of four games this season.

Delgatti, who had a little wildness problem earlier in the year, has come along well and is the No. 2 thrower.

"He's got as good an arm as his brother Scott (now in the New York Yankee chain); he throws hard, has a pretty good curve and shows good control," Nietopski says.

Number One pitcher honors goes to junior Dick Booth who won six of seven decisions.

Booth, who lives in Brockport, has a real good curve, a good fast ball and is very intelligent on the mound.

The future looks good for next season considering Mooney has only two seniors on the roster.

CITY-CATHOLIC-PRIVATE BOYS' BASEBALL

Previous Results

Charlotte 5, Marshall 1; McQuaid 11, Madison 1; Jefferson 12, HAC 2; East 7, Franklin 4; Aquinas 5, Kearney 0; Mooney 10, Edison 4; Kearney 6, Madison 2; Charlotte 4, Jefferson 3; Mooney 12, East 1; Edison 1, Aquinas 0; HAC 6, Marshall 5; McQuaid 8, Monroe 5; Kearney 10, Monroe 3; Aquinas 6, Mooney 5, Edison 11, Madison 3.

This Week

Section 5 Tournament; check daily newspapers for details.

CITY-CATHOLIC-PRIVATE BOYS' TRACK

This Week

Saturday, June 11 — Intersectional Tournament at Hobart College.

CITY-CATHOLIC BOYS' LACROSSE

Previous Results

Marshall 6, Webster Thomas 5; Waterloo 15, Corning West 12.

This Week

Section 5 Tournament; check daily newspapers for details.

CITY-CATHOLIC-PRIVATE GIRLS' TRACK

Previous Results

Section 5 Tournament

Brockport 28, Fairport 23, Penfield 19, Corning West 18, Franklin 16, Corning East 12, Palmyra-Macedon 11, Livonia 8, Avoca 8, Genesee 7, Kearney 7, Mendon 6, Holley 6, Irondequoit 6, Hornell 5, Lyons 4, Byron-Bergen 4, Penn Yan 4, Monroe 3, Geneva 3, York 3, Williamson 3, Newark 3, Madison 3, Hilton 3, Whitman 3, Midlakes 3, Sodus 2, Brighton 1, Marion 1, Arkport 1, HAC 1, Honeoye Falls-Lima 1.

CITY-CATHOLIC-PRIVATE GIRLS' SOFTBALL

Previous Results

Section 5 Tournament

Class A — Mercy 27, Franklin 11; Churchville-Chili 11, Hornell 8; Arcadia 7, Athena 0; Fairport 9, Kearney 1; Thomas 7, Mercy 0; Gates-Chili 5, Churchville-Chili 2; Arcadia 11, Newark 3; Fairport 11, Marshall 10.

Class B — Livonia 19, Edison 5; Wheatland-Chili 13, Haverling 11; Victor 12, Dansville 11; Wellsville 13, South Seneca 10; Letchworth 16, Attica 4; Waterloo 39, Byron-Bergen 10; Perry 37, Charlotte 1; Victor 9, Wheatland-Chili 6; Sutherland 16, Livonia 13; Letchworth 15, Wellsville 9; Perry 10, Waterloo 6.

Class C — HAC 19, Friendship 8; Belmont 7, Campbell 0; Arkport 6, Rushford 0; Kendall 9, Wyoming 5; Alfred-Almond 25, Hammondsport 8; Alfred-Almond 15, Honeoye 14; HAC 16, York 6; Naples 20, Belmont 7; Arkport 32, Kendall 17.



Winner's Circle

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