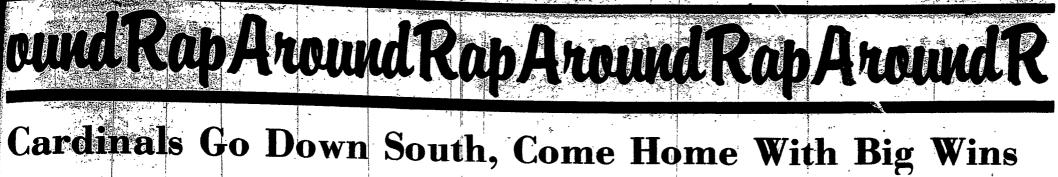
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By JOHN DOSER

Ed Nietopski, who used to play a mean shortstop for the Rochester Red Wings, says he can still hum the ball from the pitcher's mound in Cardinal Mooney batting practice.

Nietopski, head baseball coach at Mooney, says he's glad to see the snow go, but this year he didn't let it interfere with his team's "preseason" training.

"We took a team trip with some of the parents, myself and my family down to Virginia. The kids paid for their own shot and we had some good days down there," Nietopski says.

"That is baseball country," Nietopski says unequivocally. "We went to Fairfax, Va., about 20 miles outside of Washington, and I've never been as impressed with schools and, with athletic facilities and programs as I was with those people. It was fantastic."

Nietopski visited two of the most beautiful high schools he's ever seen; Robinson and Fairfax, both public schools. They were big schools, bigger than any high school Nietopski has. seen back in the Rochester

area. You could put at least tour Cardinal Mooney gyms inside the Robinson gym maybe five — it seats bet-ween six and seven thousand.

"I've never, 5 met such congenial and and hospitable.

people in all my life. We were treated just like kings. They showed us a tour of their school, and the athletic director invited us to use their gym facilities.

"We had a full infield practice on a floor like we have + Chem Turf - and while we were doing that we had some of our kids hitting in two batting cages with pitching machines; and there were basketball games going on at each end, all at the same time."

Enrollment at Kobinson, incidentally, is 4000 students compared with about 1300 at Mooney.

Fairfax High School was about the same size, gym'and all, except that it sat only 5500 people.

Then they showed us the entire sports complex. They had a sauna bath room, a separate room for wrestling, a separate room for ap-paratus, a dance studio, just anything you could think of and on top of that - first

class all the way." Fifteen players, two assistants, two managers, ten adults and Nietopski's family left Easter Sunday in six cars and drove all the way. They arrived back home the tollowing Saturday.

"It was an educational tour too. We went to Arlington Cemetary to see President Kennedy's grave, and the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier we had a tour through the Capital; we went through the Aerospace.

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Center; we spent a half day at Annapolis - they really gave us royal treatment."

One time the Mooney auto fleet got lost trying to find Bishop O'Connell High School, the only Catholic school Mooney scrimmaged.

"We stopped at an intersection and talked with a sheriff in his car for directions. He just turned on his blinkers and said, Follow me.' He gave us a 10-mile escort right to the high school field.

"One guy who owns some theaters invited us over to see some movies for nothing; one of the people at Fairfax treated us to a lunch; you know, it was just give, give, give.

One aspect Nietopski noted was that most every Virginia high school baseball field is lighted, complete with fences, dugouts, and big league manicures.

"They play all their games at night and charge \$2 a head for spectators. Baseball pays

for itself there; it's one of the we beat them. three big sports — baseball, football, basketball."

Mooney had three scrimmages and didn't put New York State high school baseball to shame at all.

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Then we met Robinson, the top team in the state, and they beat us. Robinson is one of the finest high school teams I've ever seen; just loaded, an unbelievable team; they play just like a professional club."

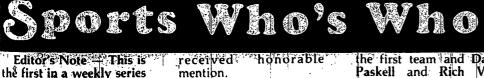
Nietopski says Mooney will have a good team this year. There's no reason to doubt him - at least that's what two out of three Virginia high school teams will confirm.

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the first in a weekly series of short, brief sports news items about athletes (mostly high school) in the Diocese of Rochester.

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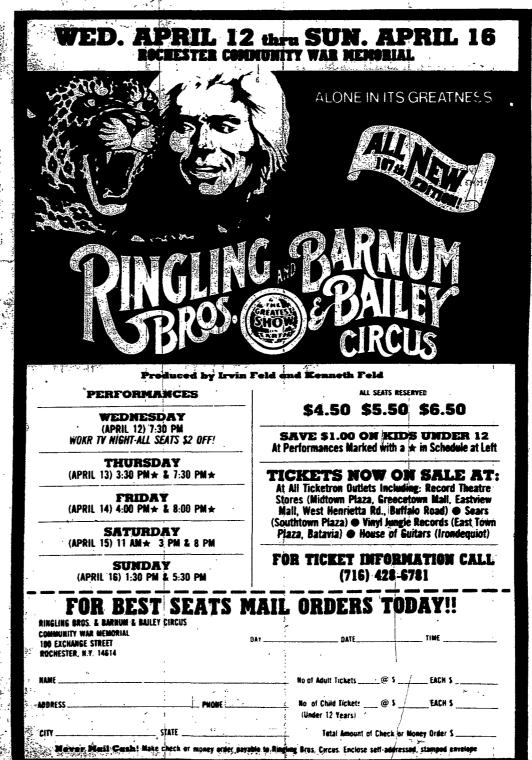
Mancarella is the son of Monroe Community College soccer coach Joe Mancarella; James also received honorable mention in the 1977-78 honorable Rochester

All-Greater high school basketball roster selected by Democrat & Chronicle sportswriters and Section S coaches.

Jody Lavin (DeSales) ember.

the first team and Dave Paskell and Rich Vercruysse for the second. Named to the second leam in the Southern Division were Tony Salazzo and Tim Kelliher (McQuad).

Eight members of McQuaid's cráck McQuaid's cráck swimming team were picked for the City-Catholic League's all-star team: Ned Nicosia, Marty Mahoney, Henry Rohrer, Tim Holly, Jeff Talbot, Jerry - Schneider, Bill



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Named to the City-Catholic Basketball League's second all-star team were Randy Lockhart (Kearney; Tom Beattie (Mooney) and Mike Sheehey (McQuaid)

Drawing honorable mention in the voting-were **Bob** Keenehan (Mooney), and Mike Beebe and Mike Banachowski (Kearney).

Randy Benjamin and Chris James (Aquinas) were first-team selections in City Private League basketball voting, Steve DiLauro and Mike Mancarella (Aquinas). 23

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was. picked as a m of the D&C's second team in its area high school girls' basketball voting. Honorable mention went to Mary Ellen Hart (Mooney).

Scott Delgatti (former Mooney), was the winning pitcher as Tacoma downed the Rochester Red Wings, 4-1, in exhibition baseball at Biscayne College in Florida.

Bill Nealon (former Kearney) reached the 18and-under final "consolation of the East Bowl tennis tournament in New York City before losing, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, to Dave Lenhoff of San Diego.

Bishop Kearney's ice hockey team placed two players each on the first and second Monroe County High School Hockey League's Nor-thern Division all-star teams.

Defenseman Bob Hogan and forward Mike Geitner were selected for Schneider and Neil Brophy. Also on the team is Greg Tuttle (Aquinas).

Sam Romano (Kearney) was picked for the City-County Volleyball All-Star squad. Romano served for seven points, had nine spikes and made nine saves in the Kings' victory over East for the City-Catholic, League title.

Biamonte Vince (McQuaid) was the winner of the 178-pound title in the Leo Bernabi Freestyle Wrestling Tournament at Spenerport High.

Rich Salamone (former McQuaid) won two matches for the U.S. team in World Cup wrestling at Toledo. His two decisions in the 105.5 pound class gave his team 44 points in matches against Japan and Cuba. Earlier Salamone won the 105 pound title in the U.S. Wrestling Federation Championships at Hofstra University. 1 2 2