

Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap Are

Baseball Teams Size up Chances

By Terrance J. Brennan

Ah, Spring! The time when a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love. Right? Well, yes, in a sense.

For the dozens of young men who wait patiently for the completion of winter, the words of Lord Alfred Tennyson have a slightly different meaning. They are interested in Spring for it is synonymous with the coming of America's favorite pastime, baseball.

Even though the weather of late often appears to represent Old Man Winter still kicking up his heels, the boys at McQuaid, Aquinas, Cardinal Mooney and Bishop Kearney have been practicing for their season openers. This, then, is a preview report on the upcoming season.

The four schools mentioned above all play in the City-Catholic League in the Carter Division. Last year's champion in the division was Aquinas Institute.

The Little Irish finished their 1978 season with a 16-8 overall record, but tied for the division lead with Cardinal Mooney. Both had 11-3 league records. Aquinas won the division in a one game playoff then went on in the sectionals until losing to East High in the semifinals.

The big stumbling block this year, according to coach Richard Pilliter, will be overcoming inexperience caused by the graduation of the whole infield from last year's team.

"Our success this year depends on how fast our infield gets," said Pilliter. "We have to get hitting from the young kids."

Pilliter's infield has sophomores Bob Magee at first base and Keith Harrison at third, junior John Liocono at short, and a freshman, Tony Alomar at second base.

Among the few returnees are starters Greg Tuttle,

pitcher; Lonnie Kaczka, pitcher-outfielder; Mark Magliocco, catcher; and city centerfielder last year, Mike Visconte. All four are seniors.

"If we catch on early and build up our confidence, we'll be tough," said Pilliter. "Other than that, it could be a long year."

Aquinas opens its season April 12 at Hilton.

Runner-up in the Carter Division last year was Cardinal Mooney, coached by Ed Nietopski. The Cards had an overall record of 19-5 but couldn't get past East High in the sectionals. The Cards lost to the Orientals in the quarterfinals, 5-4.

Nietopski has six returning senior starters. Among them, he singles out catcher Greg Egan and outfielder Len Rozzatti.

"Egan is a big, strong boy," said Nietopski. "He's

got all the tools, good power and good arm. He could be the area's outstanding player. Rozzatti is a key because he is a switch-hitter and is extremely fast."

Other returning starters are Tim Parsons, first base; John Carbone, second base; Mike Duell, outfield; and Mike Roncone, pitcher. Nietopski says the Cards will be a good hitting and good defensive team. The big question mark will be the pitching staff, loaded with young lefties. They include juniors Frank Carnevale, Tim Barone and Ray Ranaletta.

The Cardinals opened their 1979 season April 10 at Brockport.

Bishop Kearney coach Carm Urzetta won't predict his team's season but promises that the Kings will be competitive.

Last year the Kings finished 13-8 but lost in the

sectional quarterfinals to East Rochester. This year, Urzetta has only five returning starters: Eddie Sands, second base; Doug Caliri, first base; and pitchers Kevin Rodenbeck, Brian Mack and Jim Ozminkowski.

"We were hurt in the outfield by graduation," said Urzetta. "We lost some hitters, but I think that Caliri, (Jerry) Carges and (Paul) Wollke will carry the load."

Carges will be the starting catcher this year. He was the designated hitter last year. Wollke was a utility infielder last year, but this year has the job at short. The Kings open April 14 against Eastridge.

"I'm not one for predictions," said Urzetta. "But I will tell you it's going to be a dogfight between the Catholic schools and East High for the League title."

McQuaid coach Tim Jordan is very optimistic

about this coming season. The Knights will have eight returning starters on the roster. They are: Tom Schott, shortstop; Bob Burke, second base; Ed Watson, outfield; Bill Gibbons, third base; Mike Thomas, outfield; Art Constantine, pitcher; John Taille, catcher; and Mark Zabkar, pitcher.

"Zabkar has been with us (varsity) since his freshman year," said Jordan. "Last year he beat Cardinal Mooney, 1-0. Anytime you beat Mooney, you're doing well."

Jordan says his team will better last year's 8-10 record. The McQuaid JV team is coming off a 14-4 season, so the outlook is good. Upcoming juniors include Chris Adelman, Chris Leo and Chris Heier. The Knights open today against Sperry.

"The team has a very positive outlook," said Jordan. "But the season all depends on our hitting."

Sports Who's Who

Tim Jordan has been relieved of his duties as basketball coach at McQuaid. In eight seasons under Jordan, McQuaid teams won 59 and lost 97. Jordan will retain his duties as athletic director, baseball coach and chairman of the school's physical education department.

Becky Kaltenbach, Mercy junior, has been named Private-Parochial volleyball player of the year by the Rochester Times-Union. Members of the all-star team include: Kaltenbach and Michelle Miller of Mercy, Marian Rhodes and Debra Berl of Cardinal Mooney, Joanne Wedow of Nazareth Academy, and Antanina Zmuidzina of Bishop Kearney.

Bob Rezny, junior guard on St. John Fisher College's basketball team, has been named to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics District 31 all-star team. District 31 includes the states of New York and New Jersey.

Sue Mulrone, senior forward for Fisher's women's basketball team, has been named to the Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Small College Top Ten.

GRAD-NOTES — Rich Salamone (ex-McQuaid), Bucknell junior, will wrestle on the U.S. team that will face

the Russian national team in Anaheim, Calif.

Bob Thomas (ex-McQuaid) placekicker for the National Football League's Chicago Bears, was one of four other former Rochester-area athletes recently inducted into the Rochester-Monroe County High School Hall of Fame. Also honored were: Mauro Panaggio, Peter Liebschutz, Al Masino and Ed Storto.

Larry Lane (ex-Cardinal Mooney) of Nazareth College and Hobart's John Wheeler were named to the Upstate New York portion of the Eastern College Athletic Conference's Division III all-star basketball team.

Red Cross Members Are Busy

Cardinal Mooney's Red Cross Organization, under moderator Mrs. Florence Selmyer, has been active this year. Between once a month parties for the senior citizens, bowling with retarded teenagers every Thursday and the annual blood drive coming up, club members are always on the go. Another successful project, this year, was collecting money for a needy family at Christmas.

"Each year we try to remain active in the IHC (Inter High Council) which is a of area high school representatives who meet once a month to discuss and plan joint school activities benefiting the community," stated Karen Kuhn, a junior and president of the organization. An example of this joint cooperation was the Rochester Psychiatric Carnival held in March.

Spring Shows

The Spring Theatrical season is here with the high schools in full rehearsal swing.

Bishop Kearney will present "The King and I" on May 3, 4, 5 with two performances scheduled for May 6.

"Annie Get Your Gun," is on the St. Agnes marquee and will be presented, May 11-12.

On The Go

AQUINAS

April, 11-23 — Easter recess.

BISHOP KEARNEY

April, 11-23 — Easter recess.

CARDINAL MOONEY

Wednesday, April 11 — Reports distributed; Easter recess begins.

DESALES

Thursday, April 12 — Easter recess begins.

MCQUAID

Thursday, April 12 — Easter recess begins.

NAZARETH

April 12-22 — Student trip to Italy.

April 12-22 — Easter recess.

April 16-22 — Catholic Library Association Convention, Philadelphia.

NOTRE DAME

April 11-22 — Easter recess.

OUR LADY OF MERCY

April 12-22 — Easter recess.

ST. AGNES

April 11-22 — Easter recess.

WILL YOU SHARE A CATHOLIC EDUCATION WITH A WORTHY CHILD?

For over 80 years, a strong Catholic school system served children in Rochester's central city neighborhoods.

But there aren't very many Catholic schools left in central Rochester these days.

Saint Monica's Catholic Elementary School, located on Rochester's southwest side, serves children living in neighborhoods ranging from the city's 19th and 3rd Wards all the way to downtown Rochester.

Many children are from genuinely poor families. Families which are plagued by sickness or suffer the death of a parent, for example.

These worthy children and their families find themselves in real poverty through no fault of their own.

These parents desperately want their children to be educated in a Catholic school, to be exposed to high academic standards, a healthy sense of discipline, the values of patriotism and good citizenship, and most of all, to Christian teachings.

Saint Monica's has established a CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND to help pay the costs of educating children who are needy and worthy. So many good people have helped bring Catholic education to Rochester's poor over the past few years.

Would you be willing to help?

Your contribution, large or small, will help make it possible for Saint Monica's to serve more deserving children next year. You can share a Catholic education with a worthy child.

Sister Clare Francis Mogenhan
Saint Monica's School
241 Genesee Street
Rochester, N.Y. 14611

Dear Sister:

I'd like to help. Enclosed is my contribution of \$_____ to Saint Monica's CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND.

(Your Name)

(Address)

(City and Zip)

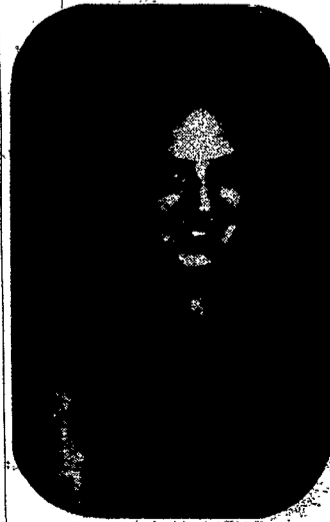
Clip and mail to the address above. All gifts are tax deductible.

Speaking Out

Individualism is one factor that makes life interesting. If everyone was the same the world would be dull. I don't think people are supportive enough of individualism. Often, they put person down for being different from the crowd.

This is unfair. Individualism is being yourself and not trying to be something else. You should learn your limits and what goals are possible to attain and then do what you can do according to your individual abilities.

The one mistake many people make is letting others' opinions influence them. If you follow your heart and mind, you can develop



By Christine Elliot

OUR LADY OF MERCY

confidence. With confidence you develop your personality and help support

others in their quest for self-identity and individualism.

It is important to stand up for what you believe is right because it results in change. Worrying about what others think, causes you to lose your identity which is wrong. You should be yourself and proud of it!

Everyone has something special they enjoy or are good at. If you worry about what others think, you will be conforming to the crowd and unable to expand upon what is right for you.

Being an individual is looking in the mirror and saying with ease, "That's me!"