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Enterprising umpire

Last November, 20 renowned figures from the world of sports joined the head table at Ken Kaiser's third-annual Sports Celebrity Night.

For those unfamiliar with the American League umpire, the Rochester native is considered one of baseball's most colorful umpires in the major leagues. Kaiser is a very special friend of St. Joseph's Villa, a non-profit agency providing a variety of mental health and support services to children, adolescents and their families.

The \$100-per-plate dinner resulted in a \$25,000 check for the villa. Compeer and the Northwest Hearing and Speech Center also benefited from the success of last year's event.

Kaiser started the Sports Celebrity Night in 1983 as a way of raising private funds to support the villa. The event has since grown in stature and success each year.

Just another case of a good call by the Flower City native.

A round for the coach

A former Syracuse University golf coach has agreed to serve as honorary chairman of the first-ever Charity Golf Tournament of the Rochester Chapter of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association (ADRDA).



That former golf coach happens to be Jim Boenheim, whose Orangemen came within seconds of winning college basketball's national championship this year. A graduate of Syracuse University, Boenheim played both golf and basketball. He was better known for his play in the backcourt with Hall of Famer Dave Bing. He has been head basketball coach at SU since 1976.

Boenheim will play a round of golf in the ADRDA tournament, scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, at the Shadow Lake Golf and Racquet Club on Five Mile Line Road in Penfield.

According to Peter F. Hamilton, chairman of the tournament planning committee, the tourney is open to all golfers but has a limit of 80 entrants on a first-come, first-served basis. The entry fee is \$100, which covers 18 holes of golf, lunch, golf cart and a post-tournament awards reception. Non-golfers who wish to support the program may become sponsors at \$50. All net proceeds will go to the Rochester ADRDA chapter to help support its programs.

Volleyball recruits

Two Oswego County natives are among the top players recruited by Nazareth College volleyball coach Sandy Schencke for the 1987-88 academic year.

Marcia Peterson, who stands at 5'9", and Lori Teifke, 5'7", are both 1987 graduates of Mexico Academy, where they each started for three years on the volleyball team. Peterson led the team in kills and Teifke and her sister Lisa, was the team's top setter. All three helped the Tigers to a 17-4 record overall and the team's first sectional berth since 1979.

Nazareth finished 39-15 in 1986 and lost a pair of starters to graduation in Sue Richenberg and academic All-American Michele Rupert. The Golden Flyers had their best season ever in 1985 when they finished 43-13, qualifying for the NCAA Division III tournament for the first time ever.

Things should only get better for Nazareth volleyball.

Benefit bowl-a-thon

Some bowlers from Cardinal Mooney's Class of '90 recently took to the alleys to make strikes, spares and cash.

Fourteen bowlers from this past year's freshman class held a bowl-a-thon to benefit the Corpus Christi Health Center on Webster Avenue in Rochester. The center was established to promote and provide medical and support services for the people in the neighborhood of Corpus Christi parish.

Through the efforts of the bowlers and their sponsors, the bowl-a-thon raised \$455.

Now that's what I call bowling for dollars.
Compiled by Richard A. Kiley

Sheehey aiming to plug holes for Celtics

Former McQuaid star offers rebounding help, physical play to Boston

By Richard A. Kiley

The Marriage Project at McQuaid Jesuit High School allows students to plot out whatever occupation they would like to pursue later in life.

"Tom Sheehey was thinking even then that he was going to be a (professional) basketball player," said current varsity head coach Joe Marchese, who guided the junior varsity during the Sheehey years at McQuaid.

Last June 22, the former standout for the Knights came closer to achieving his goal of playing with and against the greatest athletes in the world, when the Boston Celtics made him their third overall pick in this year's National Basketball Association draft.

Sheehey and the Celtics may turn out to be a match made in heaven.

If he makes the team, the 6-foot-9, 220-pound forward from Virginia, who was the first player to go in the fourth round and the 70th overall, will have an opportunity to play with some of the sport's best — Larry Bird, Kevin McHale, Danny Ainge and Dennis Johnson, among others. The scene would be one of the most feared and hallowed arenas in professional sports: the Boston Garden, where the only things that grow are Celtic winning streaks and pride.

"I couldn't be happier," said Sheehey about the possibility of playing in Beantown. "If I make it (the team), I really couldn't be in a better place."

After watching the Celtics during the season — especially the NBA championship series between Boston and Los Angeles — Sheehey sees some basic similarities between his former and possible future team.

"I'm not real familiar with the Celtics' philosophy, but I notice the guys on the bench are kind of low-key. They're like we were at Virginia," said Sheehey, who has also received much attention from European teams. "(The Celtics) get their point across when they play."

Sheehey knows his work is cut out for him. He has been working out two or three times a day in Charlottesville, in addition to competing in a summer league in Richmond. The league is made up of professional and college players in the area.

"I've been working hard ... more so than in previous summers," said Sheehey, who averaged 9.8 points and 4.6 rebounds a game during his career at Virginia, where he played for Terry Holland. "I want to show them (the Celtic organization) what I can do."

Sheehey, who was co-captain of this year's Cavalier team, has spent the past four years showing Virginia what he could do. He finished his Virginia career ranked eighth on UVA's career steals list (87), ninth in assists (209), 10th in field goals made (501) and 12th in points scored (1,241).

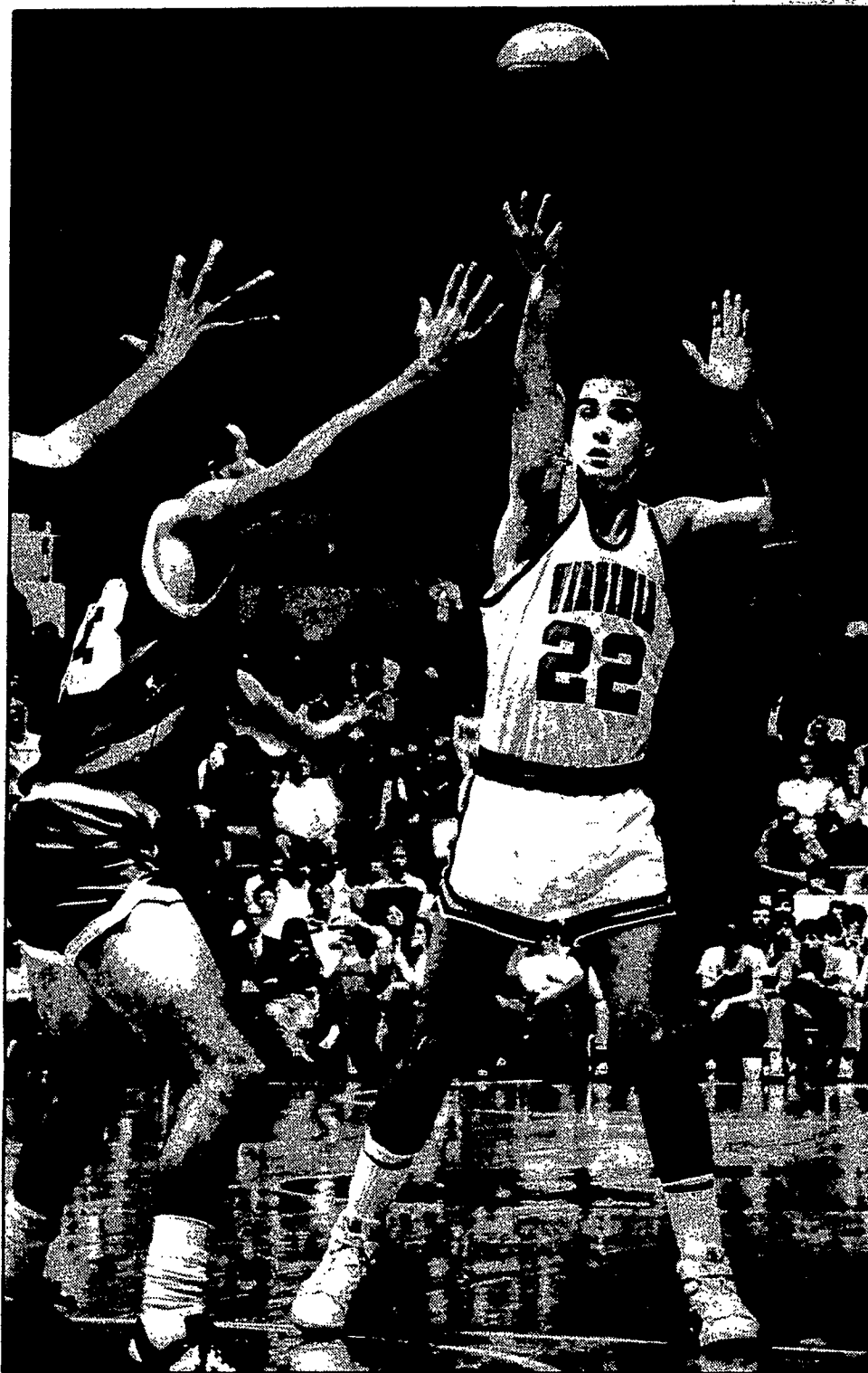
During this past season, the McQuaid grad was second on the team in rebounding (6.2), third in assists (6.6) and steals (2.9), tied for third in minutes played (958 minutes, 30.9 average per game) and fifth in scoring (11.6).

Sheehey's rebounding prowess may be his ticket to playing on the infamous parquet floor. Injuries to key men in the middle and lack of size and strength plagued the Celtics' rebounding game this season as the feared Boston running game became non-existent at times.

"I want to show them I can rebound; I could give them 15 minutes of solid play," said Sheehey, who was a member of the NIKE-NIT all-star team that played in Seoul, South Korea during the summer on 1985. "I'll do anything they ask me to do."

The status of injuries to some of the Celtic reserves has captured Sheehey's interest in these weeks prior to his tryout. Like any sport, basketball is a numbers game, in which healthy bodies are taken over by ones that are not. And the aging Celtics have had more than their share of injuries recently, leaving the door open for hungry rookies to snare a spot on the team.

"One guy I'm worried about is (Scott) Weg-



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Sheehey hopes to pass whatever tests await him in becoming a Celtic.

man," said Sheehey, referring to the Boston reserve, who until last season had been one of the Celtics' main bombers off the bench. Wegman went down with a serious foot injury during the early stages of the season, and his recovery has been slow.

Marchese, who became a close friend of Sheehey's while the four-time McQuaid MVP strutted his stuff for the Knights, doesn't think Sheehey will need too much help to make the Celtics. He believes Sheehey has still yet to come into his own.

"He's got a good shot ... I think his game is better suited for the pros," said Marchese, referring to Sheehey's reputation for being physical enough to exert himself in the pros.

In contrast to the opinions of some, Marchese believes Sheehey's physical stature has not affected his mobility on the court.

"A lot of people say he's not quick enough, but he's going to surprise people. He's a hustler. (The Celtics) are the type of team he could fit right in(to). He could fit right in with the Celtic pride," Marchese said.

With the exception of last year's first-round pick of Len Bias, who died of cocaine poisoning shortly thereafter, Marchese pointed out that the Celtic brass rarely waste early picks.

"They don't make many mistakes," Marchese said.

The McQuaid assistant principal offered his opinion as to why Sheehey may not have stood out as much as he could have at Virginia.

"People say he didn't have a great career at Virginia. I think you have to look at the situation there. They moved Tom to center after Olden Polynice left, and he is more (comfortable) as a strong forward," Marchese said. "He has a good chance of being a (good) strong forward (in the NBA)."

Talking about Sheehey gave Marchese a chance to reminisce about a McQuaid alumnus he called the best high school player he had ever seen.

"For a kid to come into the game and dominate the way he did was amazing; no question about it, he dominated all through his four years at McQuaid," said Marchese, who has a couple of dynamos now in Greg Woodard and Scott Martzloff.

Marchese's words are backed up by the fact that Sheehey was a Parade Magazine and Adidas All-American selection as a senior at McQuaid. During his senior year at the high school on Clinton Avenue, Sheehey averaged 25 points and 12 rebounds a game for head coach Dan Panaggio. He also shot 65 percent from the field his final season.

In all, the McQuaid standout compiled 1,800 points during his high school career, as the Knights made it as least as far as the quarter-finals in each of his four years — including two trips to the sectional finals.

"In high school, he was a dominating force in the City-Catholic League, no two ways about

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YEAR	GP	PTS	FGM	FTA	FT%	REB	AST	STL	BLK
86-87	31-31	144-204	48	62-81	72%	192	21	11	1
85-86	30-29	121-200	45	78-70	84%	146	23	10	1
84-85	33-32	124-277	47	67-83	80%	153	25	11	1
83-84	35-18	95-200	37	45-70	64%	77	17	7	1
Career	127-110	484-881	177	252-304	83%	568	86	40	4