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Great grid men

Five high school football coaches, one grid official and a Rochester businessman renowned for his support of high school athletics will receive the sixth-annual Kodak Section V football awards at a banquet in the ballroom of the Marriott Hotel in Henrietta on Friday, August 5.

The banquet, which is sponsored by Eastman Kodak Company, is being held in conjunction with the Eddie Meath All-Star High School football game, which will take place on Saturday, August 6, at 8 p.m. at Fauver Stadium.

The featured speaker for the banquet — beginning with a reception at 6:30 p.m. — will be Dick MacPherson, Syracuse University head football coach. MacPherson guided the Orangemen to an 11-0-1 record in 1987, earning him consensus selection as the national Coach of the Year.

Coach "Mac" is 41-36-2 in his Syracuse coaching career and 86-63-3 overall. MacPherson had a 45-27-1 mark at the University of Massachusetts.

As part of the banquet, a player representative from the East Team and West Team will speak, and each team will be presented with their team uniforms to be used in the all-star game.

According to Joerg D. Agin, general manager of the company's Motion Picture and Audiovisual Products Division, and Dick Cerone, head of Section V High School Football and athletic director at Greece Athena High School, the Kodak Section V Football Coaches of the Year are: **Ron Vitticore**, Clyde-Savannah High School, in Class C; **Bill McAlee**, Caledonia-Mumford Central, in Class B; **Gene Mastin**, Hornell High School, in Class A; **Mike Foster**, Canandaigua Academy, in Class AA; and **Rich Kaplun**, Irondequoit High School, in Class AAA.

For Vitticore, who began his coaching career in 1985, this marks the third consecutive year he has won the award. All five coaches led their respective grid teams to sectional titles in their classifications.

Ken Guyett of Hilton was tabbed Kodak Section V Football Official of the Year. Guyett will be part of the crew working the Eddie Meath All-Star Game.

The Kodak Section V Community Award will go to **Sam Toth**, an institutional sporting goods dealer in Rochester who has worked with Section V since 1963. In the past, Toth has helped with several Section V clinics and playoffs as well as the Eddie Meath All-Star Game.

Selection of the football coaches of the year and the community award is made by the Section V All-Star Football Committee. The official of the year is chosen by a committee of his peers.

Terrific tourney

The third annual Holy Childhood Ladies' Golf Tournament — held July 18 at Green Hills Golf Club — raised more than \$12,000 to support the School of the Holy Childhood's educational program for mentally handicapped students.

Dubbed the "Special Tournament for Special People," the competition brought out 120 golfers in the four-woman two-ball best-ball tournament. Overall low gross winners, with a score of 159, were the team of **Ginny Kellogg**, **Patty Kavanagh**, **Deborah Lawrence** and **Rita Kauffman**. Garnering first place low net, with a score of 132, were **Julie B. Odenbach**, **Janine LeFrois**, **Julie H. Odenbach** and **Shari Hegedorn-Gonzales**.

Second-place finishers were **Beverly Slatery**, **Peggy Kirkpatrick**, **Marlene Peterson** and **Linda Eisenschmid** (134). Placing third, with a score of 137, were **Connie Skipworth**, **Janet Gaffney**, **Ann Marie Russell** and **Eileen Cubitt**. Fourth-place finishers were **Judy Stahl**, **Kate Bronson**, **Jane McComb** and **Sheryl Hotchkiss** (138).

Other prize winners were **Eisenschmid** and **Kauffman**. **Eisenschmid** won a 35mm camera and **Kauffman** captured two airline tickets — good for flights anywhere in the continental United States — by hitting the longest and most accurate drive at the ninth hole.

West offense stacked for all-star grid classic

East defense must stop potent passing, running game to win

By Richard A. Kiley

When you talk to McQuaid Jesuit head football coach Tom Sprague about this Saturday's Eddie Meath All-Star Football Game, he is anything but short on words when it comes to talking about the West Team.

The funny thing is that Sprague is an assistant coach for the East Team.

"They're like a Who's Who in high school football," Sprague said after watching his East Team practice Monday night. "The West Team obviously has the more renowned skill players. It's a real stacked offense. If you can think of the big names, they're all playing on the West Team. They have (Irondequoit's David) Walker and (Aquinas' Mark) Chapman in the same backfield. They definitely have all the speed."

In addition to the 6-3, 185 lb. Chapman and the 5-10, 210 lb. Walker, the West also has such names as outstanding 5-10, 175 lb. quarterback Rob Snedden, also from Section V Class AAA champion Irondequoit, and 6-1, 210 lb. Burnice Green, who ran for more than 1,000 yards last fall for Wilson.

With names like these, is Sprague conceding defeat to a West squad that has offense that could rival some freshman college grid teams?

No way.

"We've got a big defensive line and a big corps of linebackers to try and shut them down," said Sprague, who is an assistant for the East Team for the second time in three years. "Our strength is definitely our defense, with guys like John Winship (6-1, 190 lb. linebacker from Fairport) and Tony Dudowski (5-10, 203 lb. linebacker from Newark)."

That may be true, but the rules of the game — like no stunting by linebackers — cater to the offenses. "Fans like to see a lot of scoring," Sprague said.

And although the West has the marquee players on offense, the East Team has some outstanding talent to put the ball in the end zone, too.

East head coach Len Colavito of Newark has the luxury of using his starting quarterback and tight end from last fall's Section V semifinalist loser to Canandaigua. Quarterback Robert Nicoletta has the size (6-1, 195 lb.) to throw over the top and across the middle with confidence, and he will see a familiar face in 5-9, 165 lb. tight end Mike Ruffalo, a former Newark teammate, running patterns for him.

"Nicoletta is a good-looking quarterback, and Mike Ruffalo has been really impressive in practice. That's a big edge when the premier quarterback and the coach are from the same team," said Sprague, who remem-

bers well what Canandaigua's Billy Scharr (8-17, 270 yards) accomplished when Braves coach Mike Foster guided the East to a 49-24 win over the West in 1986. "We've learned a very complex offense in two weeks. How quickly you can teach these players is another key. You're able to do a lot because there are no weak links."

Sprague said that the East will try to keep the West offense off the field by mixing in a strong running game as well, but that may be difficult if two outstanding running backs have to sit out the game because of injuries. East Rochester's Bill Bagley (5-10, 175 lb.) and Canandaigua's Mike Damrau (5-10, 170 lb.) have both sustained knee injuries during practice and may not be able to play in the annual grid classic, which gives Section V athletes one last chance to showcase their talents before thousands of hometown fans.

And as both teams head into the final week of practice, Sprague said the players will strive to put on the best show possible for the fans that turn out.

"It's a thrill for the kids to play in front of 6,000 or 7,000 fans," Sprague said. "The scrimmaging and the playing is hard. There are no weak links. All these kids could start."

But the real meaning of the game, which is to benefit children less fortunate than many of the athletes playing in the game, is not lost

in all the excitement.

"Just about now you get a lot of the camaraderie among the players," Sprague said. "It's a pretty free and relaxing atmosphere. Sure it's intense sometimes, too, but it's a little more relaxed than the regular season."

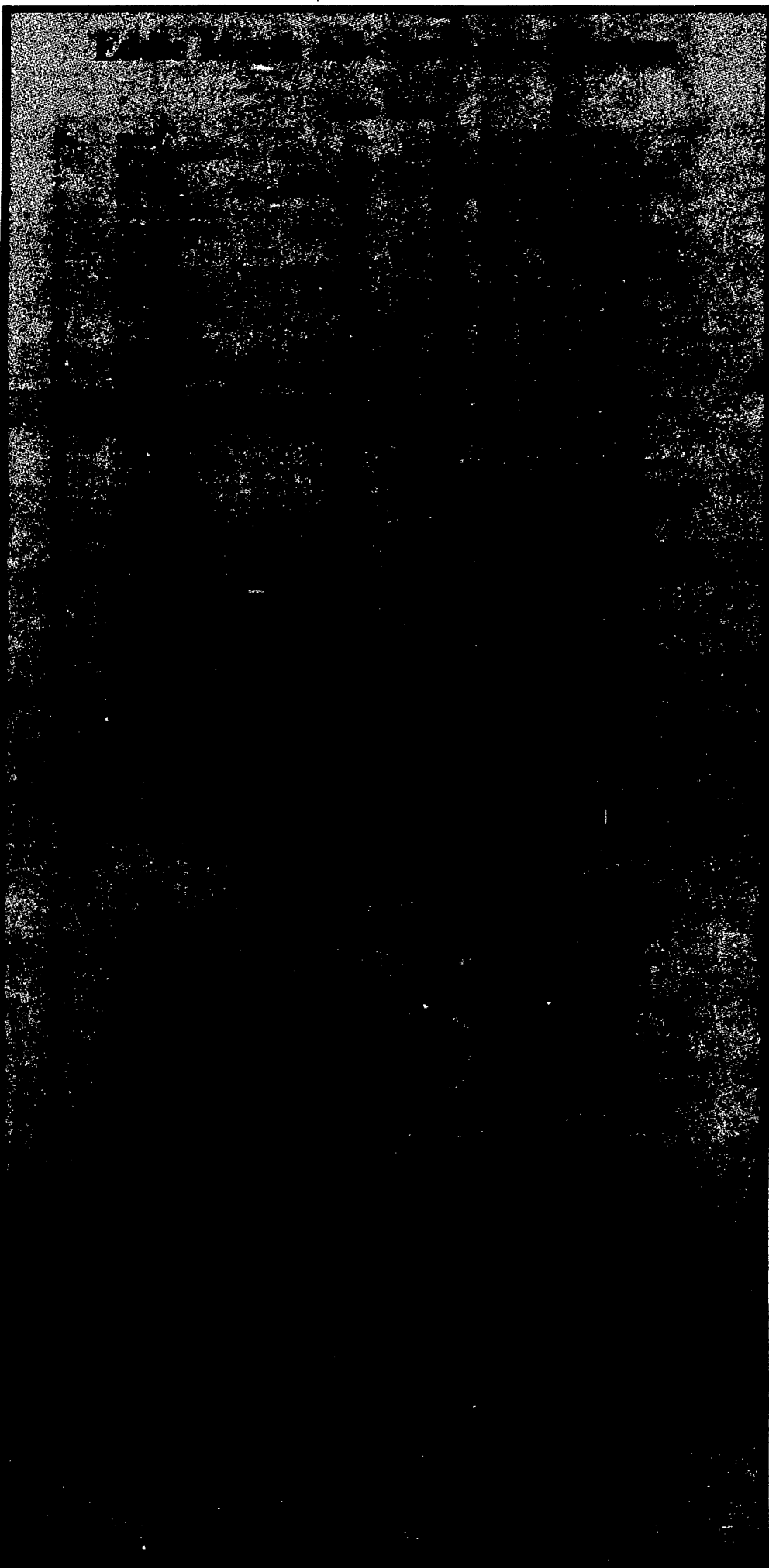
In contrast to the offensively explosive game in 1986, last year's Eddie Meath All-Star Game was a defensive battle on both sides. The East squad, which was led by two touchdowns from Clyde's Calvin Johnson, scored the game's first 16 points against the West stars on the way to a 16-6 victory at Fauver Stadium.

The win gave the East a 3-2 edge in the five-year-old series.

In addition to Chapman, other Catholic school players on the West roster are 6-2, 225 lb. defensive lineman Paul Bovenzi (Cardinal Mooney), 6-2, 260 lb. lineman John Messura (Aquinas) and 6-3, 215 lb. lineman Frank Valente (Bishop Kearney).

The East Team has three McQuaid Jesuit players in 6-0, 227 lb. center Brian Laudadio, kicker Kevin Flanagan and 6-3, 213 lb. tackle Brad Davis.

Tickets for this year's game, which is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium, can be obtained at any Perkins Restaurant or at the gate at game time.



Athletes flock to Syracuse for 'their Olympics'

The 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, may not start until next month, but for thousands of New York state athletes, their Olympics began this week.

The 11th-annual Empire State Games, the nation's largest annual amateur sports competition, began Wednesday, August 3, in Syracuse, and will continue through Sunday, August 7. More than 7,000 participants in scholastic, open and masters events will compete before the games conclude.

The road to Syracuse has been a long and difficult one for these athletes. Participants who qualified for the games at regional tryouts held throughout the state earlier this summer will represent six teams: Western (which includes Rochester and Buffalo), Adirondack, Central, Hudson Valley, Long Island and New York City.

Many of the events in this year's games will take place on or near the Syracuse University campus. Opening ceremonies were scheduled for Wednesday night, with water polo as the only competition to begin that evening. Most other events begin Thursday.

Admission to most prime events will cost \$3. Spectators can buy master passes — good for four days of unlimited use — for \$8.

For those people who like to plan ahead, Ithaca will be the host for the 1989 Empire State Games.