# New Coach To Lead Cards in Aud Opener Dec. 10

## **Cagers Face Timon**

The 1971 version of the Dougherty basketball Cards open their season under new Coach Mike Machado Friday, December 10, 1971, against the Timon Tigers at Memorial Auditorium at 6:00 P.M.

The season-opening game will be the first of a doubleheader with the second game featuring the Buffalo Braves, under new Coach John McCarthy, playing the Portland Trail-Blazers with star Sidney

Coach Machado takes over the varsity coaching reins from Dougherty Athletic Director Michael Niland, who resigned to devote more time to his duties as A.D.

A player under Coach McCarthy, when he was coaching at Neumann High School, Coach Machado sees this season as "a rebuilding year" for the Cards but he predicts "We'll pull some surprises and beat some of the big ones."

#### New Offense

Coach Machado has instituted a 3-2 offense, with three guards and two forwards working in the basic offense.

Rick Kucharski and Dave Albert are expected to see considerable action at the forward spots with Bob Rath, a ju-nior, expected to be the No. 1 "swing man," working both at guard and for-



Mr. M. Machado

ward. Soph Ange Maritato is also expected to see action as a "swing man."

Sophs John Masiello and Rich Santarsiero and senior Paul Montesano are seen as consistent performers at the guard

#### New J.V. Coach

The Cards will operate mainly with a man-to-man defense, but Coach Machado says some changes may be made in defensive patterns.

The J.V. basketballers will also be di-



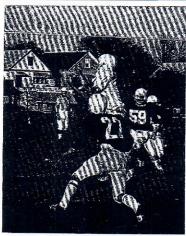
New JV Coach, Mr. Daumen

rected by a former Neumann performer, Fran Daumen. He replaces Coach Chuck Holtz, who is now Head Coach at East Aurora High School.

The J.V.'ers have Pete Schneider and Tom Gantress returning, along with a wealth of talent from last year's frosh squad. The J.V. Cards open December

11th against Timon at home.

The frosh squad, directed by former Dougherty star guard Mike Zera, will open on the 11th also at home against



John Masiello



## Mike Syracuse IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Beginning with this year's fall sports season, the SPOTLIGHT staff will choose an athlete in each sport at Dougherty who has contributed the most to making that season a success.

For the 1971 cross-country season, MIKE SYRACUSE is IN THE SPOT-LIGHT for his outstanding efforts and performances in leading the varsity crosscountry Cards to a 6-3 record and their sixth consecutive winning season.

A four-year runner at Dougherty, Mike has given 100% in all meets and was the Cards' No. 1 man in five of seven meets this season. He fiinshed 16th in the Burke All-Catholic, 16th in the Burke-Smith championship run, and No. 38 in the Western New York championships.

We must also single out RUSS ZOR-

NICK, an All-Catholic winner on the frosh cross-country team, which postedan 8-2 record, the best in Card history. Russ finished second in the All-Catholic frosh race and was the "Baby Cards" consistent No. 1 man.

In football, we choose split end JOHN MASIELLO and place him IN THE SPOT-LIGHT. Despite countless quarterback injuries and a 2-6 season, John was the No. 4 receiver in the Burke League with 18 receptions good for 363 yards and six touchdowns. He was the Cards' top scorer with 38 points and ranked eighth in the

league in this category.

In golf, we place TONY FORMATO and TOM GANTRESS, the bulwark of a 2-6 team this year IN THE SPOTLIGHT. Both played the tough No. 1 spot on the team and did a fine job.

## **GRAPPLERS OPEN** AT ST. MARY'S

Wrestling will begin its third year at Cardinal Dougherty when the Card grapplers open their fourteen-meet season at St. Mary's of Lancaster on December 11.

Coach Gary Senf welcomed a group of some 25 athletes when practice began in mid-November, with a large group of seasoned veterans returning.

Lightweights Matt Mariarcher, Mike DiCillo and Bruce Sobocinski are back, along with middleweights Jim Privitera and Brian Aquilina. Heavyweight Pete Hazzan is also back from last year's squad.

Experience in most classes, along with a good group of frosh athletes and footballers out this year, should provide Dougherty with its best season ever on the mats.

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