



THE SPOTLIGHT



SPRING SPORTS SEASON OPENS FRIDAY

TRACKSTERS AT NICHOLS FRIDAY

Dougherty's spring sports season will open Friday, April 14th, at 4 P.M. when the Card thinclads take on Nichols in a meet at Nichols. The trackmen will follow the next day with a 1 P.M. date against McQuaid Jesuit H. S. at the Rochester Institute of Technology track.

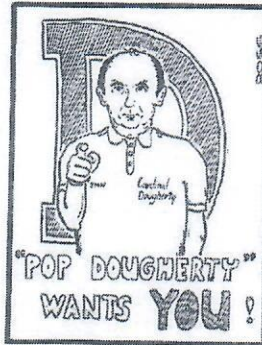
The Card baseballers and netmen will open next week in league competition, as will the trackmen. All three teams have been working since early March, in hopes of lifting Dougherty's athletic prowess, following a rather disappointing winter sports season.

All three spring sports squads are seen as respectable contenders in their Burke Division races, with playoff and All-Catholic competitions slated for the end of May.

Baseball

Coach Paul Quagliana, who has been sidelined from his baseball coaching responsibilities by post operation complications, sees this year's Cards as a "definite playoff contender."

Entering his sixth season at the helm of the baseball Cards, Coach Quagliana admits this year's team does not have



any individual standouts, but points to balance and "team cohesiveness" as the reasons for his optimism.

"A solid defense and well balanced hitting" are seen as the Cards' greatest weapons by Coach Quagliana. He also points to a good blend of veteran and young players which should keep team morale at a high, as they seek to improve on last year's 7-11 mark.

Tennis

Coach Bob Wyeth is extremely optimistic about the 1972 edition of the Tennis Cards, pointing out that "this could be our best year ever." With five returning lettermen, Coach Wyeth sees the Cards definitely improving on last year's 3-5 record.

Rating Canisius as the league's best, Coach Wyeth, in his third year at the controls of the Card netmen, has set a goal of a second place finish for the club, and points out, "we have a good shot to realize that goal."

Track

Amidst talk that this year's edition of the Card track squad could be the best ever, a cautious Coach Bob Pacholski expressed guarded optimism about his team's chances in the rugged Burke League.

"We've got good balance in the sprints and mid-distance, show good possibilities in the weights and distance," commented Coach Pacholski.

"However, the key will be the development of our jumpers," he noted, as the Cards seek the school's first winning season in Burke League track, after a 4-5 mark in '71.

Around the league, observers rate Turner, Timon and St. Joe's as the top baseball contenders. In tennis, Canisius is seen as an odds on favorite to win, while St. Joe's and Turner are returning as top track title threats.

VARSITY CLUB

Mr. J. M. Niland, Director of Athletics, today announced that juniors Robbie Rath and Stan Hiczun and senior Rick Kucharski are the first recipients of the Varsity Club Award jackets.

The jackets are awarded to athletes who have accrued 20 total points for all around participation. Mr. Niland pointed out that he was especially pleased with these first three recipients, because they "are excellent examples of student-athletes, a goal we work to achieve in our program."



SPRING IS HERE? John Roberts and Larry King work in snow at Delaware Park.

MAJORITY OF SENIOR CLASS HAVE RECEIVED COLLEGE O.K.

The Cardinal Dougherty High School Guidance Office reported that, as of March 31, 1972, more than half of this year's senior class have been granted admission to at least one college.

Rev. Angus Beaton, CJM, Senior Guidance Counselor, noted that 45 seniors have already received letters of admissions from colleges and universities throughout the United States. "More are likely to be in before the end of April," Father Beaton pointed out, with about 75% of the graduating class expecting to be admitted to schools of higher learning.

Top Schools

Acceptance has been acknowledged from as far south as the University of Miami and as far west as Upper Iowa College. Eighteen of the 45 seniors are yet uncertain of their definite collegiate plans, being accepted at more than one school, many of them from top rated institutions throughout the country.

Heading the list of seniors who have received acceptances from prestigious schools is Larry Bowen, with acceptances from Georgetown University, Notre Dame University and SUNY at Buffalo.

Also being accepted at other top rated schools are seniors Chris Gibas, Linsey Graham, Craig Hurlburt, Rick Kucharski and Dave Penksa. They are planning on schools such as SUNY at Buffalo, Boston University, General Motors Institute, Bucknell University and Rochester Polytechnic Institute.

Most Popular

The most popular choice of Dougherty seniors is Canisius College with 17 students accepted for the day division.

Little Three rival, Niagara University, has accepted seven Dougherty students and SUNY at Buffalo, six.

REDBIRD PREVIEW OF SPRING SPORTS

The SPOTLIGHT Sports staff, after interviewing the Card coaches and reviewing the coming spring sports season, has evaluated the Cards chances in baseball, tennis and track.

BASEBALL

The '72 baseballers will once again be coached by Paul Quagliana, returning for his sixth season. Athletic Director J. Michael Niland, who has been running workouts while Coach Quagliana has been hospitalized, will coach the J.V. squad.

'71 Record: Won 7 — Lost 11 — 6th place

Strengths: Solid defense, keyed by Frank Manzella and Paul Montesano in the infield. No individual stars but good team cohesiveness. Hitting should be highlighted by Manzella, Joe Serio and Chick Masi. Strong catching from sophs John Masiello and Pete Schneider.

Need Improvement: More pitching depth with only Manzella and Montesano returning. Lefty Mike Bednarek should be of help. Need experience in spots.

TENNIS

Coach Bob Wyeth, returning for his third season, has high hopes for the '72 netmen, with a turnout of 18, the largest in Card history.

'71 Record: Won 3 — Lost 5 — 6th place

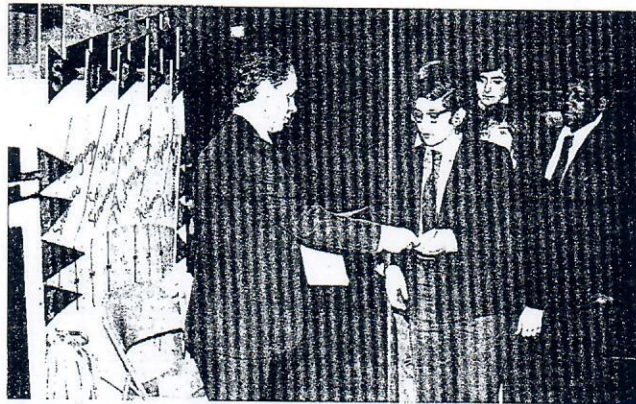
Strengths: Two time All-Catholic Jim Tagliarino brings much needed experience along with seniors Louie Puleri and Craig Hurlbert. Juniors Jack Giardino and Paul Monfuletho also return with experience. Seniors Don Scalice and John Karnes should help add needed depth. Frosh Mark Nesci and Mike Sacomanno also show a bright future.



FRANK MANZELLA: Key to Cards defense!



JUMPERS HOLD THINLADS HOPES . . . Bill Traylor, Rick Kucharski and Robbie Rath study workouts.



PRINCIPAL REWARDS QUIZ BOWL WINNERS
Mr. Strasser presenting awards!

QUIZ BOWL HIGHLIGHTS ACTIVITY

The Cardinal Quiz, emulated after TV's "It's Academic" was the big talk the last few weeks at C.D.H.S. All students competed with top Super Bowl

prizes going to the Frosh Home Room 118, a large trophy and some \$45 in funds.

The program was one of many fine efforts of Father Burson and his library staff.

Need Improvement: More experience is needed. Outside of Tagliarino, Puleri and Hurlbert, the Cards do not have any multiple season men, which could hurt in contests against top contenders.

The Physics Classes are slated to visit the Ontario Science Museum, sometime in May, under the direction of Mr. Bob Wyeth.

TRACK

Returning for his third season at the helm, Coach Bob Pacholski has added Coach Rich Regula and Coach Ted Maier to the staff. Both will work with field events, while Coach Jim Menna will once again handle the sprinters.

'71 Record: Won 4 — Lost 5 — 6th place

Strengths: In the sprints, headed by Bill Traylor and Don Wishman, the 440, with Paul Catania and 880, with Dom Secchiaroli. The weights are well manned by Ken Fronczak, Stan Hiczun and Pete Hazzan.

Need Improvement: In Mile and Two Mile, Mike Syracuse, John Ryerson, Larry King and Randy Buchnowski could plug this past weakness. Traylor, Bob Rath and Rick Kucharski must supply needed depth in jumps, which have always been weak.

With needed pitching improvement, the baseballers should finish in third, the netmen, second, with the thinclads, third or fourth.

The Junior Home Room 210 won intramural basketball honors and all agreed Mr. Niland's program was the best ever at the school.

Students John Tronolone, Mike Syracuse and Mark Lombardo will model at this year's Mother's Club Fashion Show on April 28th.

Hats off to the NHS for their fine Hockey Ticket Raffle that netted some \$100 for the scholarship fund.

Environment Day is slated for April 28th with an all day program being planned by Mr. Bob Pacholski and Mr. Rich Regula.

Mr. Strasser announced plans for a new Physics Lab and special Music Appreciation at C.D.H.S. next year.

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