



Schneider around

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cause hes back, he's very much wrong.

"But I told DiMuro, the hell with it. I wouldn't stop them, but when we get home I'm going to talk to Phil (Seghi) and ask him to call MacPhail. At least the White Sox should be told there's a right way and a wrong way to do things."

Nine local stars in lineup for all-star diamond clash

Nine area high school baseball stars will represent the area in the annual East-West All-Star series, this weekend, in Columbus.

There will be two games on Saturday and one on Sunday. Area players are: Paul Foote of Cuyahoga Heights; Rich Harnocz of South; Rick Herendeen of Chardon; Tom Fletcher of Cleveland Heights; Dave Kotowski of Holy Name; Jim Laughlin of Brush; Joe Portale of St. Edward and Don Strang of Lakewood.

Vaji hurls no-hitter

Mark Vaji, a 15-year-old left-hander, pitched a no-hitter Sunday in the Mickey Mantle Baseball League when he led Marinette to a 9-0 victory over Triple Nickle Super Stars. Vaji struck out 17 batters.

Brewers edge K.C. in 14

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Sixto Escobar jolted Marty Pattin with a two-out run-scoring single in the 14th inning Sunday to give the Milwaukee Brewers a 4-3 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Vecek agreed. "We should have cleared it sooner, but we didn't know until today that we'd need 45 minutes."

But he also disagreed with the Indians — Robinson's and Mike Seghi's — attitude.

"Sure I was upset when he (Seghi) came to me and said 'You can't do this... it's against the rules,'" related Vecek. "I didn't like what he said or the way he said it, so I told him, 'Okay, don't expect me to help your people in Cleveland next Friday."

"After all, this is a two-way street... we're all trying to put people in the parks, ours and theirs. If they don't want to help me, why should I help them? I can think of a lot of better things to do than go to Cleveland next Friday."

"Hell, I can stay in Chicago and try to hustle some customers for my club. Like I said, it's a two way street," repeated Vecek.

The Indians open a three-game series at the Stadium tonight against the Minnesota Twins with Rick Waits slated to oppose Dave Goltz. Pitching pairings for the remainder of the series will be Dennis Eckersley vs. Pete Redfern (if his sore elbow is better) Tuesday night, and Pat Dobson vs. Joe Decker Wednesday night... Boog Powell was forced out of the opener and undoubtedly will miss some upcoming action after he strained a muscle in his right thigh. "I don't know how bad it is yet, but it's not good," lamented Boog... George Hendrick is playing with a bruised left foot (after being struck with his own foul Saturday) and a strained right hamstring muscle.

Heights can cluck over 120-41 year

As another school year draws to a close, Cleveland Heights High basks in the sunlight of perhaps its greatest athletic year.

The Tigers won the Ohio Class AAA wrestling championship, were Lake Erie League and sectional basketball champs, won the eastern division of the High School Hockey League with 18-0 and won the Lake Erie League and sectional baseball championships.

Four Heights mentors were named coach of the year, Larry Hoon in wrestling, Bill Reed in hockey, Jim Cappelletti in basketball and Arrol Lieberman in baseball.

Track coach Dick Mann was inducted into the Ohio Track Coaches Hall of Fame and former wrestling coach and athletic director Mark Matovina was inducted

into the Ohio Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame.

Overall, Tiger teams won 120 times and lost only 41 for the school year. Numerous athletes reaped honors, including All-American, all-state, all-district, all-scholastic and all-league.

Three hundred seventy-eight athletes received awards at the sports banquet.

Heights has a problem, though. It is in danger of losing its athletic program and a number of assistant coaches and its interscholastic program if Issue No. 17 for a 9.6 mill school levy fails Tuesday.

If the levy fails, the Tigers' athletic program would suffer its most serious setback, something that opposing teams have not been able to accomplish.

Owens proved hero of '68 Olympics, too

By Will Grimsley

NEW YORK (AP) — Jesse Owens came out of an Alabama cotton patch to become one of America's sports immortals, and one of democracy's most fluent spokesmen.

"I live here. It's all I know and all I have. My job is not to complain but to try to make it better," he says of his strong devotion to America even though he and his family were victims of the country's harshest ugliness.

The man who won four gold medals in the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin — the so-called "Nazi Olympics," marked by Adolf Hitler's tirades and the stamping feet of his storm troopers — has become a mellowing force, but no Uncle Tom, in the black race's fight for equality.

It was largely Owens — his great name and his stature among all athletes — that prevented a wholesale walkout of blacks in the 1968 Games at Mexico City after U. S. sprinters Tommie Smith and John Carlos were suspended for giving a black power salute on the victory stand.

For one fleeting moment, Owens must have thought he was back in Berlin 32 years before.

"I could appreciate the frustrations felt by Carlos and Smith," Owens recalled. "I believed their minds were temporarily twisted by outside forces. What were these

forces looking for?

"I told both Tommie and John that they should fight their battle on the battlefield. This was the wrong battlefield. It gave a wrong impression of our country to the other nations — those nations which have troubles of their own but sweep these troubles under the rug."

Owens, 62, now living in Phoenix, Ariz., is a successful Public relations counselor holding contracts with six of the country's leading firms. Articulate, personable, he is one of the most widely sought speakers in sports.

"I was well-conditioned to discrimination when I got to Berlin," Jesse recalls, in commenting on the widely publicized snub by Hitler after he had destroyed the Fuehrer's claims of a super Aryan race.

"People keep writing that Hitler snubbed me. If he did, I never noticed. When I got to Berlin, I never even thought about Hitler. I was too busy worrying about fulfilling my childhood dream of winning an Olympic medal.

"When I competed, I never looked toward the box where Hitler and his entourage sat. Ideology meant nothing to me. I wasn't politically oriented. None of us was. I only know that I was thrilled when the crowd kept yelling 'Yes-sa, Yes-sa Ov-enns! Yes-sa Ov-enns!' And the German athletes couldn't have been nicer."

Foreman getting set for Frazier

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — George Foreman, former heavyweight champion, began local training Sunday for his 12-round bout with Joe Frazier, scheduled for June 15 at the Nassau Coliseum.

Foreman, who beat Frazier to win the heavyweight title early in 1973, boxed four rounds Sunday.

Kelly, Humpal in Hall

Head baseball coaches Don Kelly of Rocky River High and Jim Humpal of Brush have been elected to the state baseball Hall of Fame.

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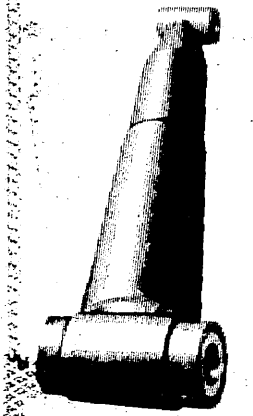
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Yaz, Cooper power Bosox

BOSTON (AP) — Carl Yastrzemski and Cecil Cooper drove in two runs each Sunday, sparking the Boston Red Sox to a 4-1 victory over the California Angels.

Yastrzemski, who singled home Cooper with the first Boston run in the first inning, collected another RBI-single in the seventh to become the 34th major league player to reach the 4,000 mark in total bases.

Youth wins French Derby

PARIS (AP) — Youth won the \$330,000 French Derby on Sunday to complete a prestigious double for owner Nelson Bunker Hunt, a Texas oilman, and trainer Maurice Zilber of Egypt.

Youth, now unbeaten in four starts this year, scored by three lengths over Twig Moss, with Malacate third in the 1 1/2 mile 3-year-old race at the Chantilly Racetrack.

The French Derby winner earned \$190,000.

Thompson's Camaro wins

WEST SALEM — Cleveland's Rudy Thompson won the top eliminator event at Dragway 42 Sunday, piloting his Camaro down the quarter-mile course in 11.51 seconds.

Winner of the street eliminator contest was Mike Williams of Jeromesville, whose Duster was clocked at 15.45 seconds.

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