

Geneva to Fete Ravashiere As New IL Umpire

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GENEVA—In the three years that coach Ray Demuth has taught wrestling to Hobart undergraduates, his Statesmen had not won a meet until they met Hartwick College last week.

It has been a disheartening winter for the popular coach who made athletic history here when his soccer team finished with a 6-1-1 record, the best in the school's history. His cup was filled to overflowing when a number of Statesmen were named to all-America teams in the State and nation.

Did he expect the same change of fortune in the mat sports in the years ahead?

"Our big trouble seems to be getting men in the lighter weights," he said. "More than once we have to forfeit in those divisions because we can't come up with a wrestler. Now that we've broken the ice, I hope things will improve."

Demuth's optimism rises from the fact that his freshmen won four of five in the current campaign which just closed. Two of his yearlings were performers at Geneva High where coach Elmer Leach has turned out champions. The pair were Bob Parrish and Jack McDonald.

Two boys who learned wrestling in Rochester and did well for Hobart were Ron Carlisi and George Myrus, both of whom are expected to land berths on the varsity next fall.

Awarded varsity letters by director of athletics Francis L. "Babe" Kraus were captain Gordon Grass, Craig Cummings, Gene Hefferon, Dick Keen, Kent Marbury and Johnny Washburn.

Among many who have joined hands to give International League umpire Tommy Ravashiere a big sendoff is Mayor Harold Simpson. A dinner for Tommy will be staged Thursday evening at the American Legion home on Lochland Road.

"I think Tom has been a one-man Chamber of Commerce for our community in his South Amer-

ican travels," said Simpson, a devoted diamond fan. "It will be a real pleasure to drive up to Rochester this spring and watch him call balls and strikes at Red Wing Stadium."

Unable to see the games in person, we were among the thousands in the Rochester area who shared Friday's broadcasts of the UR-Williams thriller and then dialed the Lyons-East Rochester sectional tilt.

If the college game was a thriller, the high school contest was equally as close. Lyons, the Wayne-Finger Lakes loop king, was five points down with only 2:38 left in the low-scoring game. Few would have given a plugged nickel for Lyons' chances. But they didn't reckon with Dick Blackwell, Lyons' resourceful coach.

"I sent in Gary Tunison to work the press," Dick explained, "and what a job that boy did for us. He broke up passes and was like a leech."

For coolness under fire, you've got to hand it to Jimmy Boenheim. With 11 seconds left, Jimmy sank both of his free throws to send the game into overtime. The rest is history.

Franklin High, heavy favorite to cop the Sectionals, may have its hands full Friday when it meets Lyons in the semi-finals.

Already Blackwell has plans to contain Franklin's Trenton Jackson, who scored 34 of his team's 56 points in a 56-54 victory over Wellsville.

"We'll have to rig up a special defense against Jackson and Bill Slater,"

Blackwell promised. "I think we can do it."

Tony Bonavia, who had tryouts with minor league farm clubs of the Los Angeles and San Francisco chains, is asking for another chance to make good in pro baseball.

In town the other day, the former Geneva High hurler who averaged 18 strikeouts a game in the George "Hooks" Wiltse League, said he has been hurling in the strong Hartford, Conn., semi-pro league. Only 20, Tony is in fine condition, since he plays basketball in the winter months.

"We may give Tony a chance," said Al Klestinec, Detroit scout, who spoke with Tony. "Certainly no boy around here throws any harder than Bonavia. Baseball is full of boys who were let out, but who returned to make good later. Tony may be in that category."

Denver Regains Ski Laurels In College Meet

MIDDLEBURY, Vt. (AP)—The University of Denver recaptured its NCAA ski title yesterday, winning the 8th annual National Collegiate Ski Championships at the Middlebury College Snow Bowl.

Denver, which held the title from 1954 to 1957, regained the crown with a total of 376.19 points for the four-event meet.

Host Middlebury was second with 366.94 while Colorado, which held the national title the last two years, fell back to third place with 365.54. Dartmouth placed fourth with a point total of 356.05.

New Hampshire, Maine, Idaho, Washington and Williams followed in that order.

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