

"The Name of the Game"

Every good sports columnist at the beginning of the major league season makes predictions on how the major league teams will wind up in October. This sports columnist, being no exception, predicts the following:

American League

East	West
New York	Minnesota
Baltimore	Oakland
Detroit	Chicago
Boston	California



Cleveland	Kansas City
Washington	Seattle

National League

East	West
St. Louis	San Francisco
Chicago	Atlanta
Pittsburg	Cincinnati
Philadelphia	Los Angeles
Montreal	Houston
New York	San Diego

World Series

New York Yankees vs.
St. Louis Cardinals
Champions - New York Yankees

Now looking over my predictions you'd most probably see that they tend to favor the New York Yankees. Now there are a few good reasons for this prediction. Let me first say that being a Yankee fan has not influenced me one bit!

The first reason for this prediction is the Yank's speed. In baseball, hustle is the name of the game, and that is just what the Yankee's have. In their first seven games, they have over twelve stolen bases. The whole Yankee attack is centered around speed. The Yanks have the fastest team in the majors. Jerry Kenney and Roy White look like they might challenge Bert Campaneris for the American League in stolen bases.

The second reason is the Yankee pitching. In Mel Stotelmyre, Fritz Peterson, Stan Bahnsen and Bill Burbach, they have the best pitching quartet in the majors. Mel Stotelmyre might even be a candidate for the Cy Young Award this year.

The third reason, and most important, is that the Yankee power is back. The Yanks are hitting the ball like they never hit it before. It looks like Joe Pepitone has finally come to realize his potential and now is applying himself. In the first eleven games, he was hitting over .350. Bobby Murcer looks like the next Mickey Mantle. HE hits for power.

After examining all the teams in the majors, it was quite easy to come up with the Yankees as the next World Champions. To all you anti-Yankee fans, particularly R.J.M., read this and weep!!!

Jack McHale

Athlete of the Month



This month's Athlete of the Month is a man well-deserving of the honor. The man - Paul Basile of 4C.

Paul played two positions this year, catcher and outfielder. He cut off many a run with his bullet-aim and blocked many a stubborn pitch. He led the team with a .450 B.A. Paul had over 20 hits and over 14 R.B.I.'s.

Paul has played ball at Pius for his four years; 2 as a J.V. man and 2 as a varsity star. Not only leading the team in hitting, Paul showed strong leadership, often giving the rookies on the team a morale boost when they needed it. On May 29, Paul was designated the Most Valuable Baseball Player at the annual Sports Awards Dinner.

In the sphere of the academic world Paul has also displayed great determination and ability. He was a straight 90% student for his four years and a member of the National Honor Society. Next Fall, Paul will attend Long Island University, where he plans to major in philosophy. There, he also hopes to continue playing ball.

The Sartor staff, on behalf of the whole school would like to congratulate Paul and wish him continued success.

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EUGENE H. NICKERSON - A County

Through the invitation of the County Executive Office of Nassau County the Sartor, in conjunction with the other high schools of the county, was requested to send representatives to a formal press conference with Nassau County Executive Eugene H. Nickerson. The questioning was informal and dealt with all the major issues of the day, including those of the national and in-

aired to Mr. Nickerson dealt with the explanation of his opinions regarding the war in Vietnam. In response to these queries the County Executive flatly states that he was opposed to the United States presence in Vietnam. He labeled it inconsistent with U.S. interests and stated that it doesn't make sense. He said that, "...we are not able to enforce our will over the en-

from the Sartor, concerning the State budget cuts and their effect on county welfare, and his opinion on the present welfare system, Mr. Nickerson was very blunt. He stated that the cuts would have very serious effects on both the welfare system and medicaid. He said that some will go hungry causing great suffering for all on the rolls. "Medicaid cuts are inhumane. It means that an older person after 200 days will be sent home to die because of lack of medical care, or he will go on the welfare rolls." He lashed out at Gov. Rockefeller and the Legislature for passing the cuts seeing as how a \$200 million surplus was built into the budget for next year when Gov. Rockefeller runs for re-elections. The welfare cuts themselves were \$128 million. "I think that you have to have an awfully strong stomach to make a child go without food and make an older person go without medical care in order to build up a surplus of that kind."



Eugene Nickerson emphasizes a point

ternational spectrum. The interview itself was video-taped to be televised on local television, with a possible screening in Western Europe.

The first question addressed to Mr. Nickerson was concerning the busing of school children to achieve racial balance in schools. Mr. Nickerson responded saying that he did not think busing was the answer to the overall problem. He thought that school districts should be open to welcome children as in the case of the Great Neck schools. He would, however, be in favor of busing if the school districts themselves were.

Many of the questions

tire world." The County Executive called for the recognition of the limits of power of the U.S. and the exercise of them only where possible. "We obviously cannot exercise it effectively in the absence of nuclear weapons in Vietnam. We shouldn't have made the attempt. I think it was wrong."

Mr. Nickerson called for a withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam in an orderly fashion. Shying away from providing a timetable for withdrawal, the County Executive only stated that it should be done in such a manner as to not upset the presence balance in Southeast Asia.

In response to a question

In response to the second half of the question, Mr. Nickerson stated that the present welfare system has not worked. He cited as one of the reasons for failure the dif-



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erent standards in the different states. He called for a federal standard based on need and need alone.

Concerning the question of college campus disorders, the County Executive was adamant. "We cannot tolerate arms or guns on campuses." However, he recognized that many colleges have been some of the lowest institutions to respond to the changes and to the problems of the country. He also stated that there are some true grievances. "Disorders do not stem out of the blue."

In regards to the preventive measures for the disorders, Mr. Nickerson was a bit selective. He didn't think that withdrawing federal aid from the universities and the individual students is the answer. He said that this solution was in effect discrimination against the poor. Mr. Nickerson suggested that the guilty be dealt with irrespective of economy. He also stated that most disorders were best solved within the university structure itself.

The County Executive's response to the AMB question was in tune with the nation's

critics. He flatly stated that the proposed system was "... going to lead to the blowing up of this world." He stated that its instillation would cause another escalation of the arms race, which "inevitably has to escalate to the point where the world is incinerated." Citing figures, he stated that even if all the U.S. minutemen ICBMs were destroyed, the U.S. could still destroy the U.S.S.R. with her 656 Polaris submarines. He further pointed out that if 2/3 of the Polaris missiles were destroyed, the U.S. could still destroy the Soviet Union.

When questioned about the drug problem in Nassau County, Mr. Nickerson solidly defended the County's record. He said that he thought that the Nassau County Police have done an excellent job. The County Ex-

is to enforce the law."

Mr. Nickerson stated that the possession and the use of marijuana is a violation of the law and must be treated as such. He said that the County Drug Commission plans to expand Topic House and initiate a county-wide educational program. This program would begin with the teachers and the ability of recognizing the drug problem and how to treat it. He cited the need for more sophisticated educational aids and personal attention in the war against drug abuse.

The County Executive also stated his belief that 18 year olds should be able to vote. He posed the question of why can't an 18-year-old vote when at the same age he can fight and die for his country, get married and incur social obligations. "The maturity of



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ecutive stated that he thought that too much of a burden has been placed on the police. He said that they are treating symptoms not causes. "You cannot ask a policeman to become a parent, a psychologist, a priest, teacher..." "Their job

youth at that stage is such that they're as fully capable as their elders."

Eugene M. Nickerson