



St. Joseph Adds To Dover Reputation

First Roundball Victory Came Over Grocers

Dover St. Joseph beats Ringheimer Grocers 23-7.

This story appeared in the Feb. 29, 1928, edition of The Daily Reporter. While it may not be of earth-shattering consequence, it nevertheless is of prime importance to Dover St. Joseph's fans.

It was the school's initial basketball victory.

Rev. Fr. Hilary Liehr is the man responsible for inaugurating basketball at St. Joseph's way back then. The kindly priest even built the backboards for the gymnasium.

In the school's first outing, it lost 34-10 to Coshocton Sacred Heart.

After Rev. Fr. Liehr "got the ball rolling," he turned the chores over to volunteer coach, John O'Donnell. Others who donated their services so the school could have a team were Clarence Weigand, Robert Hadden, Max Krantz, Pat Contini, Art Petricola, Gale Walters, Joe DeToro and Ed Young.

The first paid coach in the school's history was Jack Castignola, former New Philadelphia star athlete. Following were Joe Drotovick, Charlie Lucas, Joe LaScola and, presently, Art Teynor, who took over in 1959.

Some of the players during the earlier years were Maurice Weigand, Tille Polce, Dominic Zuchegno, Ed Gallagher, Ed Tinerello, George Polce, Tony Capozello, Gene Burtcher.

Then came Gerald Young, Tom Meechan, Bud Snyder and Eugene Franz.

Still later were Sam Baio, Vince Pace, John and Bill Paulin, Charles Giblin, Ed Rieger, Bob Contini, Ray Hagerman, Joe (Whiz) Conidi, Ron Contini, Sammy Mascotti, Earl (Lefty) Doriche, Eddie Joe Young Jr., Nick Pace, Mickey Leone, Jack Evans, Sonny Zifer, George Milyori, Tom Bearaducci, Tom Wise, Walt Burtcher, Bill Heid, Tom Young and Roger Lammers.

St. Joseph's has had some fine teams throughout the years, the greatest, at least record-wise, being in 1961-62 when the Ramblers won 16 of 18 games. The previous season the mark was 16-3.

Even in those 2 great years, however, the Ramblers stumbled when it was tournament time.

In 1960-61, with Nick Pace, Jim Cullison, Dave Richards, Heid, Bob Moore, Tom Young, Meechan, Jerry Rieger, Evans and Lou Monticelli leading the way, the Ramblers swept through 16 straight games only to see the string shattered against Dennison St. Mary's 58-57. They lost 65-54 to Fairless the next night and fell 46-44 in tournament action.

The following season's Ramblers gunned down 15 consecutive opponents before falling—again to long-time nemesis St. Mary's. This time the count was 70-58. After whipping Fairless 68-58 the next night, the Ramblers again ran into St. Mary's in the non-county tournament and were defeated 67-64.

St. Joseph hasn't won a post-season engagement since 1955 when it took the measure of Killbuck. This season it lost 80-70 to Dennison.

And despite a 4-15 mark this time around, Teynor is optimistic because everyone will be back but John Capozella and Ron Rieger.

Dover, City For Growth

All-Stars Whipped Original NY Celtics

When wintertime hot stoves pull up to the proverbial cracker barrel for an old-fashioned jawing session, one subject recalled with a fondness that has failed to mellow with the passing of time is a proud chapter in local athletic annals—the night the Dover All-Stars skunked the Original New York Celtics 45-31 in Legion Hall.

It was back on Feb. 22, 1923, that the locals turned the trick, earning distinction as one of 5 teams in the nation to defeat the Celts in 115 games.

The All-Stars went on to play 2 more games with the Celts, losing both.

On Thursday, March 22 the All-Stars traveled to Cleveland where they bowed 27-17 to the Gotham cagers in Public Hall before 6,000 spectators.

Returning to Dover the following night for the rubber match, 1,400 onlookers overflowed Legion Hall confines and saw the Celts whip Dover 36-11. It nearly ended in a riot when the Celts' Johnny Bechmann slugged Dover's Ray Detrick during fourth-quarter action.

Professional basketball during this time was still in its infancy and many teams were on tour, the best of them being the legendary Celtics.

Dover's All-Stars, managed by Curly Benson, a local miller, had one of the finest crack semi-professional outfits in the state. It not only played teams from throughout Ohio but out-of-state combinations as well.

Some of the figureheads of the All-Stars included Earl (Monk) Gross, "Bill" Trautwein, then also head basketball coach at Dover High, and who would gain additional fame in the coaching ranks as first an assistant to Ernie Godfrey at Wittenberg, later as a head mentor at Ohio University, "Lefty" Miller, formerly of Carnegie Tech, and Homer Hess, tabbed one of the greatest basketball players in Ohio, as well as individuals named Schultz and Stanbarger.

Initial appearance of the Celts in Dover came following a prolonged effort to fit the Celtic schedule. The New Yorkers agreed to the February date after arrangements were made with Legion Hall officials to have an automobile show, which had been scheduled Feb. 22, postponed until Feb. 26.

A page one story carried in The Reporter the day following Dover's big victory here, stated:

"Manager Curly Benson of the Dover All-Stars and Manager Meaney of the Original New York Celtics Saturday morning signed contracts for a second game in Dover on Wednesday night, March 7.

"Meaney asked for the game immediately after his world's champions were handed their worst defeat of the entire season on the Legion Hall floor Friday night.

"The All-Stars, displaying the greatest basketball ability seen on the Dover floor this year, outplayed the Celts from the start of the third quarter.

"Manager Meaney also opened negotiations with Max Rosenblum, Cleveland basketball impresario, for a third game between the Celts and the All-Stars in Cleveland Public Hall on Thursday, March 8, or at



BILL HEID. Holds season point record at St. Joseph with 498 during 1963-64 and is the one-game champion with 41 against Malvern St. Edward Jan. 24, 1964.

Cinder Sport On Way Up?

In 1952 Dover High's Jim Carrico placed fourth in the 100-yard dash during the state track meet. As far as can be determined, that is the best any Tornado has ever accomplished.

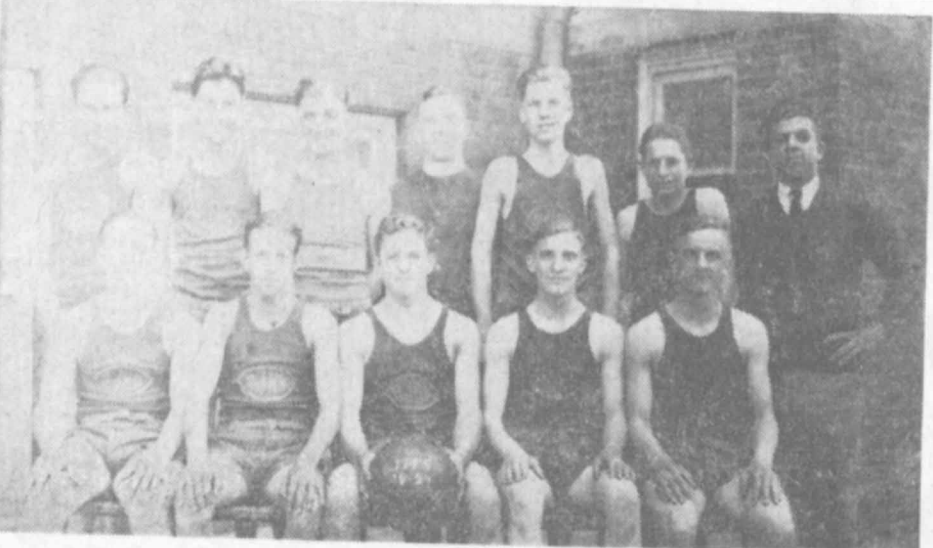
As you can gather from this, track hasn't been too widely accepted in Dover, but this appears to be changing.

Dick Haines, football coach, and Steve Kocheran, the present track boss, deserve the credit.

Although last season's Crimson didn't set any cinders on fire, they nevertheless showed promise of better things to come.

The highlight of track in Dover at this time is the annual Tornado Relays which attract some of the best athletes in the state.

Dover, however, never has been able to win the meet.



1928-29 RAMBLERS. Members of Dover St. Joseph's first basketball team are: SEATED—Lawrence Weigand (left), Bob Hadden, Maurice Weigand, Ed Gallagher and Dominic Zuchegno. STANDING—Joe Tinnirello (left), Howard Minnick, Tille Polce, Coach Rev. Fr. Hilary Liehr, Eugene Burtcher, Anthony Capozella and Charles Barkett.



1946 ST. JOSEPH FOOTBALL. FIRST ROW—Rudy Bauer (left), John Petrella, Ralph Festi, Louie Contini, Joe Brady, Tony Contini, Rockne Ravine, John (Jay) Monaco and Neil Doult. MIDDLE ROW—Joe Coniglio (left), Ray Hagerman, Ed Rieger, Pat Adams,

Art Mosley, Tony Cenci, Ted Rondinella and Coach Dan Contini. BACK ROW—Assistant Coach Dan (Falso) Petrella (left), Vince Rondinella, Harold Weigand, Andy Penzo, Louis Endres, Sam Baio, and Assistant Coach Earl (Lefty) Doriche.

Football Heights Attained Under Teynor

By Dan Kopp
Daily Reporter Sports Editor

"They just love the game," Art Teynor has said many times when asked why Dover St. Joseph's Ramblers have had such amazing success on the football fields.

"They dedicate themselves to the sport, always give their best and never complain when things get tough."

Teynor, characteristic of a successful coach refuses to "blow his own horn" when it comes to dishing out plaudits.

But no one can say he hasn't been the one to give St. Joseph's and the city of Dover recognition for hard — and yet clean — football.

Men who have worn the striped official's shirt for St. Joseph's games will tell you Teynor's men are among the most courteous around.

The popular mentor is living proof that the cliché "Nice Guys Finish Last" isn't necessarily so. Under his expert tutelage St. Joseph's has come into its own among the football powers.

Prior to Teynor's reign here, Ramblers elevens has won just 9 games, lost 57 and tied 11 with just 3 winning seasons and one even slate. In 1947, the second year the school fielded a team, the mark was 7-1-0, the only loss being to Navarre.

It didn't take St. Joseph's long to carve its niche for football prominence, as the 1951 squad breezed through a 9-game schedule unscratched. Only Tuscarawas was able to score second-year boss Joe Drotovick's aggregation, but the Broncos succumbed 7-0 in the next-to-last contest of the season.

Two seasons later, 1953, the Ramblers posted a 5-2-2 slate and then a long dry spell set in. It wasn't until Teynor's second turn as Rambler boss that the Ramblers were able to keep its head above water, finishing 5-5-1.

Since then, however, few will repudiate the claims to football renown. The next campaign 9 opponents felt the weight of St. Joseph's power and 2 seasons later 9 of 10 fell—only a big Waynedale eleven being able to break the unblemished string and that by a 12-12 count.

All told, Teynor teams have won 36, lost 19 and tied 3, making his the winningest coach in the school's history. Thanks to his elevens, the school's is just a game below the .500 plateau at 75-76-14.

Teynor was rewarded for his tireless efforts in 1963 when his fellow coaches, plus the state's sportswriters, bestowed upon him the title of "Ohio Class A Coach of the Year." No other Tuscarawas County coach has been so honored.

State wide recognition also has come to the players themselves in recent years. In 1961 end Jack Evans and center Bill Krantz "broke the barrier" and were named to the first offensive

unit; and in 1963 fullback Roger Lammers and guard Mike Fearon received first team berths.

Contrary to popular opinion, records say Sammy Mascotti, one of St. Joseph's finest, failed to land a spot on the elite aggregation although he

was the state's second best scorer with 192 points. Hubert Bobo, the former Ohio State University star, led Ohio schoolboys that season, 1951,

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ART TEYNOR. Dover St. Joseph Ohio Class A Coach Of Year 1963

Dover Has Fine Recreation Setup

It is obvious that private and commercial agencies cannot meet the universal demand for recreation.

Like education and health, recreation is so vital that government must assume some responsibility for assuring recreation opportunities for every citizen.

The recreation department, like every other organization or municipal agency, can function effectively only if it has a competent, loyal staff. It requires workers of high integrity because most of them have a direct personal relationship with the individuals and groups who use its facilities and participate in its program.

To plan and conduct the various activities and services in its comprehensive program and to operate and maintain its many areas and facilities, personnel of diversified qualifications, training, experience and ability are required.

Leadership positions call for varying degrees of ability as executive, supervisor, director, manager, group leader and teacher.

These excerpts were taken from the 1960 edition of "Municipal Recreation Administration," a book published for the Institute for Training to Municipal Administration by The International City Managers' Assn. of Chicago, Ill.

Because of the first few lines concerning what a city's recreational program should be,

Dover is fortunate to have a man with the qualifications listed — C. Dale Swinderman.

Dover's recreational facilities all came about more or less by chance. Just before World War II, Cal Domer, now chief clerk

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DANNY CONTINI. First Rambler Grid Coach

Tornado Club Does Its Part

Since its rejuvenation in 1956, the Dover Tornado Club, adult booster organization, has done much to better the athletic picture for Dover.

"Bossing" such things as Dover High's all-sports banquet and Tornado Relays, the club stands among the leaders of athletic boosters here.

Among the early "second founders" of the organization were Keller Nixon, Dick Vogel-sang and Gene Dessecker. The club has spent several thousand dollars for Dover

High's athletic programs. Perhaps the most coveted award it gives is the Jake Godfrey Scholarship award which, since 1957, has gone to the senior athlete with the highest grade average. The award was put in Godfrey's name because, as one Tornado Club member puts it, "he has done so darn much."

The club also names, each year, an outstanding sports personality — that person who has done the most toward promoting better athletics in the county.



1928 ST. JOE BASEBALL. SITTING — Carmen Antonelli (left), Joe Snyder, Lawrence Weigand, Mike Seibold, Howard Minnick, Joe Bartley and

Mascot Charlie Barkett. STANDING — Gene Burtcher (left), Bob Hadden, Dominic Zuchegno, Coach Fr. Hilary, Ed Gallagher and Tille Polce.