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## CYO To Honor Athletic Boss

Throughout Observerland, throughout the Detroit area, there's no sports league to match the Catholic Youth Organization, more familiarly known as the CYO.

It's made up of the hundreds of parish schools in

the Greater Detroit area. THE RESULT has been that the CYO grade school leagues in football, basketball and baseball have no equal anywhere in the country.

Behind it all there has to be a boss... and in the CYO success story that man is Frank Chasch, who is to be honored Thursday night in a testimonial dinner at the Raleigh House in Southfield.

Connolly will be saluted for a quarter of a century as outstanding service as athletic director of the CYO. In that span, more than 500,000 boys and girls and young men and young women have participated in CYO activities.

Tickets at \$10 each for the testimonial still are available.

### Set Golf Clinic At Stevenson

The Livonia Public Schools and the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department will join in sponsoring an "action golf clinic" Saturday in the Stevenson High gym from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The clinic will be directed by Holly Layley, Oakland University athletic director and a member of the Lifetime Sports Education project.

It will feature an indoor putting green, indoor computerized driving range and outdoor driving ranges.

There will be six instruction, participation stations manned by Gary Whitener, pro at Whispering Willows golf course; Paul Mack, Stevenson High golf coach, and other qualified instructors.

There will be a fee of \$2 per family or \$1 for an individual. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

The clinic is one of the many events planned by the community school department of the Livonia Schools under the direction of Wayne Paul, in charge of the Bentley-Stevenson region.



CLOSE FINISH but the nod went to Stevenson High's Charley Babcock (right) in the 100 yard dash during the dual meet against Churchill. An unidentified Charger was right there at the wire but was just a bit short. (Photo by Tom Donoghue)

### Prep Schedule

### It's Happy 50th For Cincy Sachs

**BASEBALL**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Plymouth at Ypsilanti, Bentley at Port Huron, Churchill at Highland Park, North Farmington at Redford Union, Glen at Wayne.

**THURSDAY**  
Plymouth at Northville, Thurston at Redford Union, Stevenson at Bentley, Franklin at Cranbrook, GC West at GC East (2).

**FRIDAY**  
Fordson at Churchill, Southfield-Lathrup at Rochester (2), Harrison at Farmington.

**SATURDAY**  
Thurston at GC, Royal Oak Kimball at Southfield Lathrup.

**MONDAY**  
Bellefonte at Plymouth, Allen Park at Bentley, Redford Union at Trenton, Robichaud at GC East, GC West at Melvindale, Franklin at Thurston, Glen at Grosse Pointe, North Farmington at Oak Park, Churchill at Waterford, Westland Lake Central at Farmington, Westland Lake Central at Farmington, Southfield at Royal Oak Kimball, St. Rita at St. Joseph, St. Francis de Sales at St. Agatha, Gabriel Richard at Bishop Boreas, Milford at Clearwater.

**TRUCK**  
**THURSDAY**  
Glen at Crestwood.

**FRIDAY**  
GC West at Bentley, Franklin at Stevenson.

**FRIDAY-SATURDAY**  
Redford Union, Farmington, Lathrup and Groves in Menards Refers.

**MONDAY**  
Southfield at Royal Oak Kimball, Brother Rice at Notre Dame.

**TUESDAY**  
Bentley at Allen Park, Plymouth at Melvindale, Trenton at Redford Union, Franklin at Thurston, Lathrup at Stevenson, St. Joseph at St. Agatha, St. Francis de Sales at St. Agatha, Franklin at Thurston, Glen at Grosse Pointe, North Farmington at Oak Park, Churchill at Waterford, Westland Lake Central at Farmington, Westland Lake Central at Farmington, Southfield at Royal Oak Kimball, St. Rita at St. Joseph, St. Francis de Sales at St. Agatha, Gabriel Richard at Bishop Boreas, Milford at Clearwater.

**TENNIS**  
**MONDAY**  
Bentley at Southfield, Franklin at Thurston, Bentley at Thurston, Glen at Grosse Pointe, North Farmington at Oak Park, Churchill at Waterford, Westland Lake Central at Farmington, Westland Lake Central at Farmington, Southfield at Royal Oak Kimball, St. Rita at St. Joseph, St. Francis de Sales at St. Agatha, Gabriel Richard at Bishop Boreas, Milford at Clearwater.

**TUESDAY**  
Allen Park at Bentley, Trenton at Plymouth, GC East at Crestwood, Lathrup at Kimball.

**WEDNESDAY**  
GC West at Melvindale, Redford Union at Trenton, Southfield at Southfield, Bentley at Plymouth, Stevenson at Southfield-Lathrup, Westland Lake Central at Farmington, Westland Lake Central at Farmington, Southfield at Royal Oak Kimball, St. Rita at St. Joseph, St. Francis de Sales at St. Agatha, Gabriel Richard at Bishop Boreas, Milford at Clearwater.

**THURSDAY**  
Churchill vs Bentley and Franklin at Whispering Willows, Wayne vs GC East at Birch Hill, Fordson at Plymouth.

If ever a man deserved a title — that man is Philip Sachs. The title — "Mr. Basketball."

Now, to most people, Philip Sachs may not mean much. But try "Cincy" Sachs — and everyone that has ever had anything to do with basketball — that name will ring a bell.

**FORMER PLAYERS**, coaches, and friends of long-standing will honor "Cincy" at a testimonial dinner on Monday, May 3, at the Raleigh House in Southfield.

Tickets are on a first-come first-serve basis, and some 2,000 people are expected to attend. Complete tables of 10 may also be secured.

If only those players who have been schooled under "Cincy" showed up, the walls of the Raleigh House would be bulging.

This is a golden anniversary dinner, commemorating Sachs' 50 years of basketball teaching in Michigan. In that time his basketball clinics have touched down at just about every hamlet in the state and young men schooled under Sachs' watchful eye have gone on to excellence at countless numbers of colleges and universities.

Sachs can't explain his basketball knowledge. His education as a coach and teacher came naturally — through a series of textbooks and classrooms.

**HE STARTED** at the age of 12 when, in Cincinnati, he organized his first basketball team. Along the way he has enjoyed a great measure of success as a player, teacher, coach, sporting goods salesman, and administrator. And he has never looked back.

"People complain about kids," said Cincy, "but kids today are better in every way. As far as basketball talent, they're 500 per cent better than in what people sometimes call the 'good old days.' They simply run faster, shoot better — do everything more proficient than ever before. And they're smarter!"

Sachs always has enjoyed



CINCY SACHS

an honest relationship with "his boys."

He told them straight out, when they were making mistakes. He not only pointed out a "stupid error" but had the knowledge to show where something could be improved — and the ability to communicate that knowledge to others.

Cincy coached for many years and never knew what it was to have a losing season. And he coached on every level of competition winning a total of 28 league championships.

All along the way, Cincy disdained publicity. He'd much prefer to talk about "his boys" and recall their exploits. He has been most proud of the fact that the young men in his classes and clinics grew up to be good citizens — "they got their names on the sports pages — not on the front pages."

Tickets for the testimonial dinner are \$15. Ticket chairman is Myron "Susie" Schechter. Other members of the ticket committee are Dave Sachs, Sam Lieberman and Morris Sarath.

Proceeds will go to establish scholarships. Tickets may be obtained at all J.L. Hudson stores, Fisher Theatre, at the main office of the Auto Club, Jack Pion, 150 Bagley Avenue, and from any member of the committee.

## By George Maskin observing sports

What's wrong with three balls for a walk and two strikes for an out in baseball?

Nothing! Just ask the coaches, the players and everybody connected with high school baseball in the Catholic League.

It was five years ago that the then director, Ralph Owens, decided something had to be done to perk up prep baseball. So he came upon the answer: Three balls walk a batter, two strikes he's out.

**THERE WERE** those who scoffed, claiming it never would work.

But Owen asked the coaches to give it a try. And the skeptics suddenly turned from against to for it.

After five years, even though Owen has left the Catholic League, the teams still find three balls and two strikes the way to play baseball.

"It stimulates the game," says Bill Hayes, now the assistant director of the league. "Instead of two and three-hour games, we now get through in an hour or 75 minutes."

"We have found that the pitching is sharper and that the batters no longer stand around and wait out the pitch. They have to be swinging all the time... and they do."

Obviously, there must be growing interest in such a change. It was experimented with in Arizona by some of the major league teams this past spring and according to Hayes the entire recreation program in suburban Oak Park has adopted the three-ball, two-strike plan.

I for one, have found the Catholic League version of prep baseball far more interesting from an umpire's standpoint... and not because the games are played in far less time than in other leagues.

**THE CATHOLIC LEAGUE** teams seem to hustle along more. The players are on their toes. They have to be.

What always has grveled me is to see coaches and managers in schoolboy games give the "take" sign to batter when they have a strike on them.

It takes away the aggressiveness a batter should have. Why put the batter in a jam, just because you think the pitcher might make a bad pitch and there's a chance your man will walk?

I also think that the Catholic League rule is a good one for Little Leaguers and players in the 14-15-16-year-old bracket during summer play.

Here are kids who are developing their arms. Why not do something to reduce the number of pitches?

I know that many of the public school prep coaches around Observerland prefer to stick with the way baseball has been played for a hundred years or more.

Why be radical? Why change something that has been good? So they say.

But, it's generally agreed that baseball could use some kind of a shot in the arm... that it needs a lift... and maybe the solution, at least on a schoolboy level, is what the Catholic League has found very successful in recent years.

It's worth considering!

**THE WEATHERMAN HAD BETTER** cooperate with prep athletes this spring.

Looking over the various schedules, we have ascertained:

1 — Most baseball teams will average 3½ games per week.

2 — Track teams will compete on the average of twice per week.

3 — Golfers will play in 3-4 meets per week.

4 — Tennis teams will stage 2½-3 meets per week.

Added all up, there'll be more than 600 prep events in Observerland in the next six weeks.

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## Kilgore State MVP

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Sophomore center Bill Kilgore has been named Michigan State's most valuable basketball player during the 1970-71 season in separate balloting by his fellow players and members of the press-radio-TV corps.

Designation by his teammates gets him the Chicago Tribune silver medal and citation by the press carries with it the Charles S. Phillips Award.

Kilgore, a product of River Rouge High School, was State's second leading scorer with 14.2 points per game and top rebounder with 12.8 retrieves. In Big Ten play he finished among the top 20 scorers in the league with 15 points per game and was second to Indiana's George McGinnis in rebounding with nearly 14 per game.

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