

SPORTS SLANTS

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APRIL FOOL'S FABLES

— Last Tuesday was a fine day and of course many of our sports friends were pulling some of those famous April Fool's jokes. We might as well observe this with a page on April Fool's jokes. Of course many are fables but some could be true. The Norwood High School hockey team was tendered a banquet by the alumni association for their fine feats on the ice this season. At the same banquet was the wrestling team who all got jackets emblematic of their championship . . . The town approved the new hockey rink; it will hold some 5,000 fans and it will be located at the town square with the removal of the town hall.

hockey team with Jack Kelley being moved up to the Bruins job . . . Norwood hockey coach Don Wheeler was selected as the number one school hockey coach in the country and was feted at a banquet by all school officials . . . Pete Brown was the first sophomore defenseman to be named all-scholastic.

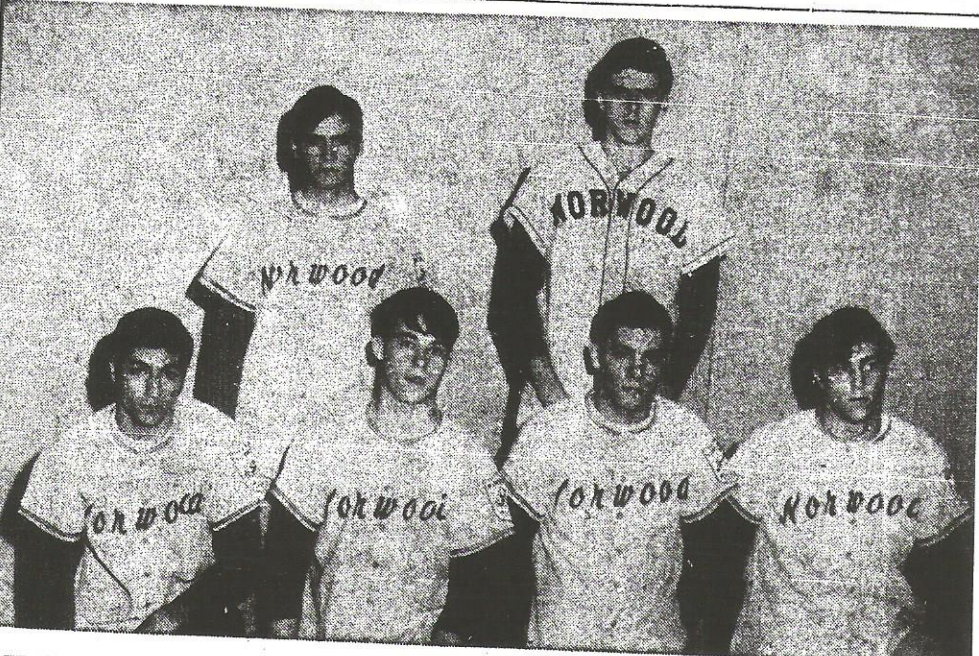
Jack Twombly and his junior high went undefeated for another season in football, and the Norwood High School football team topped the Bay State League in football . . . the Bruins lost the Stanley Cup in the final game to the Norwood High hockey team . . . Robbie Ftorek and Steve Dagdigian moved to Norwood and will play for the Mustangs next year.

Bob Donovan was selected to the UCLA football hall of fame . . . George Erdman wrote a book on the athletic prowess of Ripon University . . . Lennie Nordstrom was selected as head of the gallery gods at the Boston Garden . . . Frank Seastrand and Paul Newman had a vacation in Puerto Rico together . . . Buck Sexton and Ed Hickey took in the World Series between the Red Sox and Pittsburgh Pirates and Frank Clark was given the concession for the new Boston Stadium which was named Cubmarine Land . . . Nick Bader won the Masters golf tournament stopping Arnold Palmer in a sudden death hole, and all school officials and youth organizations got together and mapped out a plan that would benefit the kids . . . Well, April Fool's has gone past and wouldn't it have been nice if at least half of the fables above would come true . . . Who knows, maybe they all are true. You figure it out.

ALL STAR FINALE — The Norwood Messenger and our associate papers can take a great big bow for their basketball and hockey banquet last week at the Needham Legion. There were over 300 in attendance. It was a fine sight to see all the kids on the hockey and basketball teams talking over the seasons in a friendly atmosphere. Every single player who was selected not only on the first team but in the special category groups was present to receive their trophies. It was a fitting climax to the season and it is the first time ever in any sport in high school that an aggregation of all stars from every team in a league has been honored in such a way. The parents of all the boys were on hand, and the players were the winners. The outstanding coaches in basketball in hockey were honored and had nothing but praise for the night.

We have heard from some quarters that our criteria for selecting outstanding coaches is being questioned. Well, to answer the question, the staff of our papers which include writers from Norwood, Dedham, Needham and Walpole.

Local Nine Faces Falmot



NHS DIAMOND HOPEFULS—The Norwood High School baseball team will open the exhibition season tomorrow at Falmouth. They will be looking forward to a winning season with the above candidates seeing jobs with the varsity. Bottom photo, left to right, are pitching hopefuls: Steve Fischer, Paul DiCiccio, Stan Bonham, Alan Begley and Dave Joy. Top photo, are outfield and infield candidates. First row, Dave Thomas, Bill Moan, Paul Giblin and Paul Piccirilli. Rear, Joe Porcello and Danny McQuaid. (McLean Photo)

Scoop McLean finally took a week's vacation after 25 years . . . Charlie Saraca didn't utter one word at the school committee meeting last week and it looked like the old days of the automatic vote . . . Richie Hebner was traded for the Red Sox for Rico Petrocelli and Russ Gibson . . . Joe Curran has been promoted to sports editor of the Hearst Publications and immediately assigned us to cover the Bruins playoffs in hockey, or is it boxing? . . . The school teachers were seeking another raise. They now want 8 months off in the year instead of the regular seven . . . The only dissenter is handsome George Usevich who wants to work 12 months a year providing they build the new school near the water for his gigantic new yacht . . . Handsome Dave Walton had a letter from Liz Taylor whom he met on the European tour . . . Seems Dick Burton has his snipers out to rub out Dave . . . The Norwood Little League field has been completed and was named the Charles Saraca field.

The Norwood High School baseball team had just completed a winning season under their new coach and Bill Travers and Tom Gugliotta were named to the all-scholastic team . . . All the officials who sneak off golfing during the summer were all docked for the off time on their pay checks, and now won't receive a check for 10 years.

Richie Hebner was named Rookie of the Year in the National League and took the offer from Warner Brothers to star in the new flick "The Hebner Story" . . . Our Norfolk County Press Editor Al Katz promised to stop taking the ugly pills for the Easter Holidays . . . The new tag team wrestling card at the Garden next week was set to feature Charlie Saraca and Haystack Calhoun against Tom Couch and Bruno Santmartino . . . Boston College won all nine games and faced Alabama in the Orange Bowl and won 26-0.

Walpole football mentor John Lee accepted a position as assistant football coach at Notre Dame aiding Ara, and

usually don't really care what anyone thinks of our choices. Maybe the headmasters would like to control this also . . . (fat chance) . . .

RUN AROUND. Now we hear that the headmasters' rule be in effect for the Babe Ruth League season, and that anyone who plays freshman baseball cannot play on the BRL. Funny how a week changes. Last week it was rah-rah when the BRL officials were at the meeting there but in one short week the tune changes. The rule should be changed but in most or all schools it is being violated constantly. In other words, kids play a game here or there outside of school bounds and why not. The usual attitude is that no one goes out and hires a detective agency to see who is playing where or when. Maybe it would be a good idea to keep the kids off the street until all hours of the night and stop them from getting into trouble. If we had our choice of a

Baseball & Tennis Schedule

Bay State Conference		St. Catherine's No. 1 Team League Fraternal Race	
Wednesday, April 16 (3:30 p.m.)	Natick at Walpole	Led by A. Gearty's 345, league leading St. Catherine's No. 1 team walloped the N League action Tuesday night at the Sport Center.	
Fram. South at Braintree.	Fram. South at Dedham	With Rollie Crawford, Jim Court and Jim MacDonald contributing identical 344's, the secc place Elks II team dumpy the Eagles, 6-0.	
Needham at Dedham.	Braintree at Wellesley	The Elks I team, sparked by H. Johnson's 351, down the Masons, 4-2. A. Berglu had 333 for the latter.	
Walpole at Wellesley	Fram. North at Norwood	The standings:	
Milton at Norwood	Monday, April 28 (3:30 p.m.)	St. Catherine's I 54-24, Elks II 28, Elks I 50-28, St. George's 44-48, Masons 22-55, Eagles 20-58.	
Natick at Fram. North	Needham at Norwood	High Team Three: St. Catherine's 11764, Elks II 1756, St. George's 16	
Friday, April 18 (3:30 p.m.)	Wellesley at Fram. North	High Team Single: Elks II 637, George's 619, St. Catherine's I 61	
Wellesley at Milton	Dedham at Braintree	High Individual Three: A. Gearty 400, P. McDon 384, B. Folan 384,	
Dedham at Walpole	Walpole at Fram. South	Rintali 364	
Braintree at Needham	Milton at Natick	High Individual Single: B. Folan 164, R. Rintali 155, A. Gearty 150	
Fram. North at Fram. South	Wednesday, April 30 (3:30 p.m.)		
Norwood at Natick	Norwood at Wellesley		
Monday, April 21 (1:30 p.m.)	Needham at Natick		
Natick at Wellesley	Fram. South at Milton		
Fram. South at Norwood	Braintree at Walpole		
Braintree at Fram. North	Fram. North at Dedham		
Needham at Walpole	Friday, May 2 (3:30 p.m.)		
Milton at Dedham	Fram. South at Needham		
Wednesday, April 23 (1:30 p.m.)	Braintree at Natick		
Norwood at Braintree	Fram. North at Milton		
Wellesley at Fram. South	Norwood at Walpole		
Dedham at Natick	Norwood at Dedham		
Walpole at Milton	Monday, May 5 (3:30 p.m.)		