MIKE KNAPP
... on the sidelines

Dennis, The Menace

On Sunday evenings around 7:30 all the kiddies in the nation gather around the television set to watch their favorite hero, Dennis the Menace. But wait — who's that I spy sitting well in the background with a newspaper conspicuously covering his face — it's Dad! Now, don't deny it! I bet Mr. Wilson gets more fan mail than Dennis!

Well, there's certainly nothing wrong with Dennis the Menace, and most of the time the show is hilariously funny-like last Sunday. Oh, you remember. Mr. Wilson was roped into becoming head of the Pee Wee baseball league, and then had to take over Dennis' team when Mr. Mitchell came down with a cold. The coach of the opposing team thought this was very funny and chided Wilson.

The day of the big game arrived and the other team was ahead. Well, Wilson's team was down to its last out and behind, when its toughest slugger (a giant about 3-5) stepped up to plate. Dennis remarked that he wished he could take a swing at the other coaches head (wonderful child fare), and this gave Mr. Wilson an idea. He instructed each player to think about the thing he hated most (the teacher, spinach, washing) and then wack that ball as if he were hitting the object. Wilson's team won the game.

Actually it was a very funny piece and enjoyable for the whole family. However, if we look deeper into the situation we may find some overtones which could use a little thought. Maybe all the "Dads" who were laughing at this rather insipid episode might look in the mirror. This is a subject which has plagued me for some time, and I'm not alone. A lot has been written recently on the attitude of parents towards their children and sports such as pee wee baseball, Pop Warner football, and, pee wee hockey. (This is also true of things other than sports.)

The real problem with this whole thing is that no one parent intentionally wants to hurt his or her child, and most are doing what they do because of their children. The programs of pee-wee sports and other youth activities couldn't get along without the wholehearted support of parents. However, the problem is that some parents just get carried away.

PARENTS DON'T ALWAYS HELP

On the bulletin board in Clarkson's Alumni Memorial Gym is an article clipped from a magazine entitled "Let's Stop Now." It tells of some of the almost incredible incidents which occur with parents and their sons participating in the Little League baseball program. These cases are extreme, but they illustrate a point which seems to be nationwide.

One example tells of a father watching his son miss an important catch in the crucial game for a championship, which cost the team the title. After the game he dragged the boy aside and, besides yelling at him, almost hit home on the spot. That boy will never be able to play with ease again, and the incident may affect him the rest of his life.

The reason that this article is on the board at Clarkson's gym is that the physical education men and coaches there know what is going on and how wrong it is. Hank Hodge, Clarkson's athletic director and "dean of sportsmen" in this area, recently addressed a group of coaches and sponsors of Potsdam's pee wee program. Hank told these men that the biggest mistake they could make was to criticize their players in a harsh manner for a mistake.

'old a story similar to the one in the article in the gy a pee wee baseball game in a nearby community. At th e he was watching the incident, and said it made him sick. Hank and others like him know what they're talking about. I've seen a lot of coaching at practice sessions since I came to Clarkson, and I've been witnessing what I consider the finest men in the business. Never, at any time, have I ever seen or heard a coach yell at his players or lose his temper; criticism is constructive. Coaches are harsh on players, yes. They're tough about training and getting into shape and things of this nature, but they never attempt to bully or frighten or badger.

Fifty years ago a father would drag his son to the woodshed for discipline and might he overly harsh or critical with the boy. The boy would be frightened and this might stay suppressed until he was an adult and then something would snap. Today, there are no more woodsheds, but there are fathers who, unintentionally, are doing the same thing to their sons. This time it's mental torture. They're pushing and pushing and demanding, and the son feels obligated to go out and "win for Dad." Not for himself or the team — "for Dad." "What will he do if I lose, or make a wrong play? What will he say?"

This isn't enjoyment anymore—it's terror. What actually is the father's purpose in this attitude? Is it just that he wants to see his son win and be happy? I'm afraid not. There are probably a number of reasons, but it all boils down to the same thing. "My son is going to be the best. The whole town's going to know he's my son, and he's better than all of them." Today our mental institutions are full of people with illness just because of an experience which occured during childhood, and it is experiences such as the ones I have related which cause this.

HE WENT TOO FAR

Many probably saw the movie, "The Jimmy Piersall Story", or know of his problem. Here is one of the greatest ball players in America today. He is a tremendous hitter and a fantastic fielder. However, his emotional state at some times is so unbalanced or uncontrolable, that his worth is questionable. In the picture, a good deal of time was devoted to showing how fiercely his father worked with him so that he could become a great baseball star. Well, he became a star, but look what happened.

Thank God my parents had the good common sense to know that ability in children can't be forced into them like a screw. It can be gently pulled out with loving kindness and care. I couldn't even throw a tennis ball in a straight line and still can't), but who cared. I didn't have the slightest interest in sports until I reached high school, and then it didn't come out until I began writing for the local paper, and my parents encouraged me. Now my whole life is based around sports. Children will find themselves. Not all of us are athletes.

Here in Potsdam we can be proud of our youth programs in baseball and hockey and bowling and other things. Let's see if we can't help these hard working men to continue building a sound and sensible program in which children can have fun and learn. Let's do our job, but control our emotions. We can stand and watch, but silently — On the Sidelines.

Pee Wee Hockey Corner

POTSDAM JUNIOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
Saturday — Skating Tests — Clarkson Arena

7 & 8 year olds	7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
9 year olds	8:30 - 9:00 a.m.
10 year olds	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
11 year olds	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
12 year olds	11:00 - 12:00 a.m.
13 year olds	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Impressive Clarkson Tech Hockey Men To Meet Michigan State Sextet Friday

One of the sternest tests of the season will be forthcoming for the high-scoring Clarkson Tech hockeymen when they face Michigan State here Friday night at 8:15 p.m. in the Clarkson Arena.

This annual holiday fare will find the red-hot Golden Knights faced with the task of turning back a mid-western powerhouse who defeated the Clarkson icemen 8-4 here last year at this same time. So far this season the Green and Gold have knocked off two Canadian teams in no uncertain terms, clobbering the Ottawa Glebes, 13-0 last Wednesday and downing highly-regarded Laval University 11-2 on Saturday.

The Tech pucksters have combined a potent four-line attack with fine defensive work in their first two outings. The squad has scored 24 goals in two games and has only allowed two scored against them. Wayne Gibbons has proven very effective in the nets for Clarkson, while defensemen Captain Jack Graves, Joe Legari, Pat Brophy, and Barry Wagner have all done yeoman's work for Coach Len Ceglarski.

Offensively, the all-sophomore line of center Corby Adams, and wings Brian Wilkinson and Roger Purdie has impressed fans in both contests, especially Saturday. Adams now leads the team in scoring by virtue of his four goals Saturday, while Purdie got two goals and two assists and Wilkinson got credit for four assists. That line tallied six goals Saturday and two against the Glebes.

Frank Schmeler, lanky returning skater from the 1959-60 season, scored five goals against the Glebes and leads his potent line which includes center Arnie Lawlor and Paul Lapointe. The veteran line of center Hal Pettersen and wings Bert Halliwell and John Naismith has also done its share of scoring.

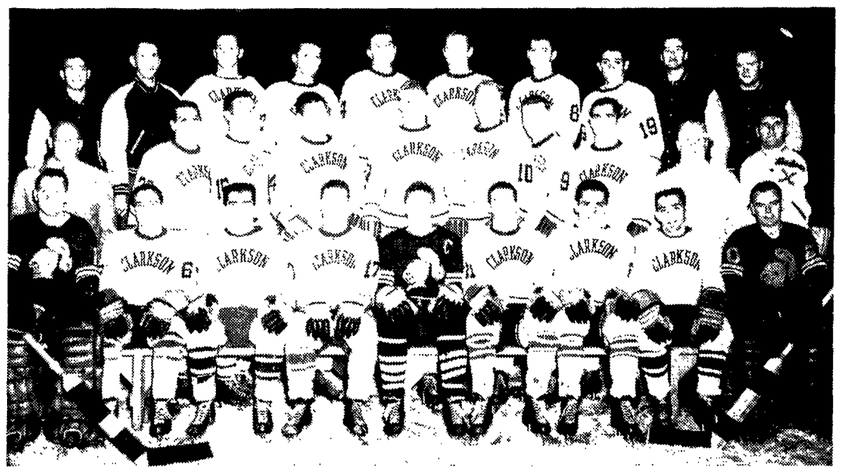
Michigan State's 1961-62 team figures to be improved over last season according to reports from East Lansing. The Spartans finished with an overall record of 11-16 and 5-15 in the Western Collegiate to Head Coach Amo Bessone, is a "much stronger defense" and the strengthened physical condition of a number of junior forwards.

Back this year to pace the defensive crew are veterans Frank Silka and Bob Kempf, number one defensive combo. In the goal again will be junior John Chandik, who put on a spectacular performance here last season against the Knights.

Figuring to lead the scoring attack for the Spartans is the first line of Claude Fournel, Bob Doyle and Real Turcotte. Turcotte was the team's top point-maker last year with 14 goals and 28 assists for 42 points. He was one of the top performers for State here last year.

Coach Ceglarski plans no real changes in his lineup for Friday and says that if the teams plays the way they did against Laval, the results should be gratifying. This trip to the North Country to meet Clarkson and St. Lawrence will be Michigan's first competition of the season.

A few reserve seat and general admission tickets are available for this contest at the Arena.



MEET THE GOLDEN KNIGHTS — Seen here are the 1961-62 Golden Knight hockeymen of Clarkson College decked in their new uniforms. They include (left to right) bottom row: Wayne Gibbons, Barry Wagner, Joe Legari, Ron Lestan, Jack Graves, Frank Schmeler, Tom Heffernan, Pat Brophy, and Gary Morrow. Second row: Clarkson's Athletic Director Hank Hodge, Joe Drago, Arnie Lawlor, John Naismith, Hal Pettersen, Corby Adams, Brian Wilkinson, John Taylor, Trainer Pinky Ryan, and Coach Len Ceglarski. Third row: Head Manager Jean Chaintreuil, Manager Brian Sinclair, Denis Jones, Paul Lapointe, Bernie Currier, Roger Purdie, Bert Halliwell, Bob Chiarelli, Manager Al Winegard, and Manager Robert Kettles.

Trophy Selected For Champion Of ECAC Event

New York — The John Reed Kilpatrick trophy has been presented by Madison Square Garden to the ECAC for annual competion in its Holiday Hockey Tournament.

The inaugural of this college hockey four-team tourney will take place on the Garden ice on Thursday and Friday nights, Dec. 21 and 22. Clarkson is among the teams participating.

Adm. John J. Bergen, chairman of the board, presented the trophy in memory of General Kilpatrick to Asa S. Bushnell, Commissioner of the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference, at a regular meeting of the N.Y. Hockey Writers Association.

The late Gen. Kilpatrick, who served for 22 years as president of Madion Square Garden, is the only man ever to be enshrined in both the Hockey Hall of Fame at Toronto, Ont., and the College Football Hall of Fame at New Brunswick, N.J. Twice named to the All-America at Yale, Gen. Kilpatrick devoted much of his time and energy in later life toward the growth of hockey as a spectator sport.

Clarkson, St. Lawrence Boston College and Boston University will compete in the two-night ice festival.

The Larries play B.C. at 7 p.m. in the Garden opener of the semi-final round, to be followed by Clarkson vs. B.U. in the 9 p.m. contest.

"It is most fitting," said Commissioner Bushnell, "that the prize winning trophy should be named in memory of General Kilpatrick His interest in hockey transcended the professional side of the game. He was equally anxious to see the sport flourish on the prep school and college level.

"He was a great athlete, soldier, executive and humanitarian."

Monday Bowlers Select Officers

Officers of the Monday afternoon Junior Bowling League at the Market Lanes have been elected. They are Jane Perkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Perkins, 54 Pine St., president; Bill Thomaris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thomaris, 115 Leroy St., vice-president; Steve Yianowkas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Yianowkas, 17 Waverly St., secretary; and Dave Kimball, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kimball, 5 East Drive, Potsdam, treasurer.

John Hayes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hayes, 2 Clough St., is Sergeant-at-arms.

The teams and members are: Channel Chicks: Virginia Vanderburg, Jane Amelotte, Jane Perkins, Donna Logan, and Candy Clark, capt.

Pin Sweepers: Dave Kimball, Bill Thomaris, Mike Rowe, Capt., Steve Yianowkas, and Bill Kerr.

Rockettes: Barbara Mackey, capt.; Myrna McLennan, Cindy Caskinette, Ann Sharlow, and Roberta Fenton.

Unstrikables: John Hayes, John Demeter, Steve Taylor, Capt.; Harold Boak, and Terry Peterson.

Pin Ball Pixies: Jane Smith, Janice Comstock, Kathleen Gaffney, Peggy Warren, and Helen Waldruff, capt.

Red Riders: Carol Smith, Carole Sullivan, capt.; Judy Crossman, Sally Schweyer, and Gloria Crossman.

CCT Icemen Tally 24 Goals In Glebes, Laval Victories

If "getting warmed up" means scoring 24 goals in two contests then the Clarkson College hockey sextet is hotter than a blast furnace. The locals spent the first week of the campaign battering Canadian teams, defeating the outclassed Ottawa Glebes 13-0 and surprising Laval University of Quebec City 11-2.

The Green and Gold's potent attack was too much for the junior skaters from Ottawa, but the visitors displayed a tough defense in the first period and had a sensational goalie in Brian Curts. Curts collected 39 saves, many against impossible odds.

Frank Schmeler tallied five times for the winners, while Paul Lapointe and Bert Halliwell both had two goals apiece. Brian Wilkinson, Corby Adams, John Naismith, and John Taylor also lit the lamp for the Golden Knights.

Clarkson scored four times in the first frame, three in the second period and six times in the third stanza for the one-sided victory.

In the game with Laval, the Tech skaters continued their torrid pace of Wednesday, taking a 4-0 lead with two goals in each of the first two periods. Then in the wild third frame, Laval tallied twice, but Clarkson bombed through seven times, including three goals in 13 seconds, two by Roger Purdie.

Adams and Joe Legari scored unassisted in the first frame at 3:13 and 14:40. In the second period Lawlor hit at 5:01 with Jack Graves and Lapointe assisting and Adams got his second of four goals at 8:35 with Purdie on the assist. The opening of the third period saw Hal Pettersen and Laval's Claude Duguay trade goals and then the roof caved in on the Canadian visitors.

With the help of Brian Wilkinson and Purdie, Adams scored his third and fourth in succession at 11:24 and 11:39. At this point, with Tech ahead 7-1, Laval goalie Claude Falardeau was cut over the right eye in an attempted save of Adams goal. He was removed from the game and after a 20 minute delay, another goalie was dressed by Laval. Clarkson picked up right where it had left off, with Naismith scoring at 11:58.

Laval retaliated at 12:09 and then Clarkson finished off the evening with a flourish, striking three times in 13 seconds. Senior Ron Lestan lit the lamp at 15:30 with Pettersen and Graves helping. Then Purdie struck at 15:38 and 15:49 on assists from Wilkinson and Adams with the identical play both times.

The saves for the game pretty much told the story. Laval had 45 saves, (20 in the first stanza), while Clarkson's Wayne Gibbons had 23.

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SPORTS
MIKE KNAPP, Sports Director

Hunting Activity Increases In State

Albany—The state conservation department has reported greatly improved hunting conditions throughout the state after recent rain and snow.

Last week was the best period so far this season for deer hunters in the Adirondacks, the department said yesterday. Prospects appeared good in the southern zone, where the big-game season will open Monday.

In region 4 (Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, Oswego, St. Lawrence), visibility has improved with leaves down. Weather has varied from warm and sunny to rain and snow, with resultant increase in deer activity and hunter success. Bear hunting only fair, bruins reported near towns instead of in woods.

A SPARTAN—One of Michigan State's top defensemen is Frank Silka. He will make an appearance in Potsdam with the Spartan hockey team when they meet Clarkson Tech on Friday in the Clarkson Arena.

Northern, Valley League Winter Action Set

Valley League

Basketball Schedule—

Dec. 1 -
Her.-DeKalb at Hammond
Lisbon at Madrid-Wadd
Heuvelton at Morristown

Dec. 8—
Heuvelton at Her.-DeKalb
Hammond at Lisbon
Madrid-Wadd at Morristown

Dec. 15—
Morristown at Her.-DeKalb
Madrid-Wadd. at Hammond
Lisbon at Heuvelton

Dec. 19—
Her.-DeKalb at Lisbon
Hammond at Morristown
Heuvelton at Madrid-Wadd.

Jan. 5—
Madrid-Wadd. at Her.- DeKalb
Hammond at Heuvelton
Morristown at Lisbon

Jan. 12—
Hammond at Her.-DeKalb
Madrid at Lisbon
Morristown at Heuvelton

Jan. 26—
Her.-DeKalb at Morristown
Lisbon at Hammond
Morristown at Madrid-Wadd

Feb. 2—
Her.-DeKalb at Morristown
Hammond at Madrid-Wadd
Heuvelton at Lisbon

Feb. 9—
Lisbon at Her.-DeKalb
Morristown at Hammond
Madrid-Wadd. at Heuvelton

Feb. 16—
Her.-DeKalb at Madrid-Wadd.
Heuvelton at Hammond
Lisbon at Morristown

Feb. 23—
Semi-Finals—Clarkson Gym

March 2—
Finals—Clarkson Gym

North League

BASKETBALL

Dec. 1—
Saranac Lake at Gouverneur
Nor-Norfolk at Malone
Massena at Tupper Lake
Potsdam at Canton

Dec. 8—
Gouverneur at Nor-Norfolk
Tupper Lake at Saranac Lake
Canton at Massena
O. F. A. at Potsdam
Malone — Bye

Dec. 12—
Saranac Lake at Canton
Nor-Norfolk at Tupper Lake
Malone at Gouverneur
Massena at O. F. A.
Potsdam — Bye

Dec. 15—
O. F. A. at Saranac Lake
Canton at Nor-Norfolk
Tupper Lake at Malone
Potsdam at Massena
Gouverneur — Bye

Dec. 19—
Saranac Lake at Potsdam
Nor-Norfolk at O. F. A.
Malone at Canton
Gouverneur at Tupper Lake
Massena — Bye

Jan. 5—
Massena at Saranac Lake
Potsdam at Nor Norfolk
O. F. A. at Malone
Canton at Gouverneur
Tupper Lake — Bye

Jan. 9—
Nor-Norfolk at Massena
Malone at Potsdam
Gouverneur at O. F. A.
Tupper Lake at Canton
Saranac Lake — Bye

Jan. 12—
Saranac Lake at Nor-Norfolk
Massena at Malone
Potsdam at Gouverneur
O. F. A. at Tupper Lake
Canton — Bye

Jan. 16—
Malone at Saranac Lake
Gouverneur at Massena
Tupper Lake at Potsdam
Canton at O. F. A.
Nor-Norfolk — Bye

Jan. 19—
Nor-Norfolk at Gouverneur
Saranac Lake at Tupper Lake
Massena at Canton
Malone — Bye

Jan. 23—
Canton at Saranac Lake
Tupper Lake at Nor-Norfolk
Gouverneur at Malone
O. F. A. at Massena
Potsdam — Bye

Feb. 2—
Saranac Lake at O. F. A.
Nor-Norfolk at Canton
Malone at Tupper Lake
Massena at otsdam.
Gouverneur - Bye

Feb. 6—
Potsdam at Saranac Lake
O. F. A. at Nor-Norfolk
Canton at Malone
Tupper Lake at Gouverneur
Massena - Bye

Feb. 9—
Saranac Lake at Massena
Nor folk at otsdam
Malone at O. F. A.
Gouverneur at Canton
Tupper Lake — Bye

Feb. 13—
Massena at Nor-Norfolk
Potsdam at Malone
O. F. A. at Gouverneur
Canton at Tupper Lake
Tupper Lake — Bye

Feb. 16—
Nor-Norfolk at Saranac Lake
Malone at Massena
Gouverneur at Potsdam
Tupper Lake at O. F. A.
Canton — Bye

Feb. 20—
Saranac Lake at Malone
Massena at Gouverneur
Potsdam at Tupper Lake
O. F. A. at Canton
Nor-Norfolk — Bye

Feb. 23—
Gouverneur at Saranac Lake
Malone at Nor-Norfolk
Tupper Lake at Massena
Canton at Potsdam
O. F. A. — Bye

HOCKEY

Saturday, Dec. 9—
Massena at Canton
Lake Placid at Potsdam
St. Law Centara at Alex. Bay
Nor.-Norfolk at Saranac Lake

Saturday, Dec. 16—
Massena at Lake Placid
Potsdam at Canton
St. Law Cen. at Nor.-Norfolk
Alex. Bay at Saranac Lake
Salmon River — Bye

Saturday, Dec. 23—
Saranac Lake at Nor.-Norfolk
Salmon River at St. Law Cen.
Pots., Canton, M — Bye

Saturday, Jan. 6—
Lake Placid at Canton
Massena at Potsdam
Salmon River at Alex. Bay
Saranac Lake at St. Law. Cen.
Norwood-Norfolk — Bye

Saturday, Jan. 13—
Canton at Massena
Pots. am at Lake Placid
St. Law. Cen. at Salmon R r
Alex. Bay at Nor.-Norfolk

Wednesday, Jan. 17—
Nor.-Norfolk at Salmon River

Saturday, Jan. 20—
Canton at Potsdam
Lake Placid at Massena
Saranac Lake at Salmon River
Nor.-Norfolk at Alex. Bay
St. Law. Central — Bye

Wednesday, Jan. 31—
Salmon River at Saranac Lake

Saturday, Feb. 3—
Canton at Lake Placid
Potsdam at Massena
Salmon River at Nor.-Norfolk
Alex. Bay at St. Law. Central
Saranac Lake — Bye

February 8 - 9 - 10 —
Lake Placid Tournament

Monday, Feb. 12—
Saranac Lake at Alex. Bay
Nor.-Norfolk at St. Law. Central
Potsdam, Canton Massena — Bye

Wednesday, Feb. 14—
St. Law. Central at Saranac Lake
Alex. Bay at Salmon River
Potsdam, Canton, L. Placid —Bye

Friday, Saturday, Feb. 16-17—
Clarkson Tournament

Friday, Saturday, Feb. 23-24—
Clarkson Tournament

WRESTLING

Friday, Dec. 1—
Canton at O. F. A.

Saturday, Dec. 2—
Watertown at Massena
Potsdam at Gouverneur

Friday, Dec. 8—
Watertown at Gouverneur

Saturday, Dec. 9—
Massena at Canton, 1:30
O. F. A. at Potsdam, 1:30

Friday, Dec. 15—
Massena at Gouverneur
Watertown at O. F. A.

Saturday, Dec. 16—
Canton at Potsdam, 1:30

Friday, Jan. 5—
Gouverneur at O. F. A.
Canton at Watertown
Potsdam at Massena

Friday, Jan. 12—
Massena at O. F. A.
Potsdam at Watertown
Gouverneur at Canton

Friday, Jan. 19—
Gouverneur at Potsdam
Watertown at Massena
O. F. A. at Canton

Friday, Jan. 26—
Gouverneur at Watertown
Canton at Massena

Saturday, Jan. 27—
Potsdam at O. F. A., 1:30

Friday, Feb. 2—
Gouverneur at Massena
O. F. A. at Watertown

Saturday, Feb. 3—
Potsdam at Canton, 1:30

Friday, Feb. 9—
O. F. A. at Gouverneur

Saturday, Feb. 10—
Watertown at Canton, 1:30
Massena at Potsdam, 1:30

Friday, Feb. 16—
Canton at Gouverneur

Saturday, Feb. 17—
Watertown at Potsdam, 1:30
O. F. A. at Massena, 1:30

Saturday, Feb. 24—
Sectionals at Gouverneur

Saturday, Mar. 3—
Intersectionas at Watertown