

Cacek Voted Best Baseball Star Tops Writers' Annual Poll

CRAIG CACEK

Craig Cacek is a ballplayer who can make any college recruiter drool.

The senior right-fielder's "swingingest" season in a Viking uniform has made him a unanimous decision for the DOCTRINE Athlete of the Semester honor for the Spring.

Cacek quickly established himself as a pitcher's nightmare as his .574 MVL batting title proved to be one of the city's finest. The 6-1, 190 lb. Cacek led the league in virtually every hitting department.

He dazzled both college and major league scouts with three homers all of them booming blasts, two doubles and one triple en route to his batting title. He cracked a fourth round-tripper in the LA City Tournament opener against Eagle Rock.

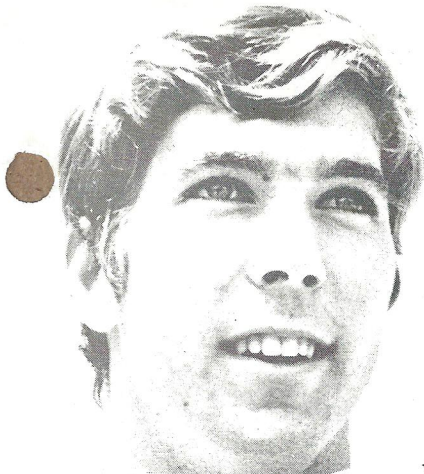
The MVL's Player of the Year and a strong candidate for All-City honors, Cacek is an avid Yankee spectator who yearns to follow in the footsteps of the famous New York sluggers. Cacek, as of press time, has not yet accepted a college scholarship offer but reports have indicated that the slugger may be wearing a USC uniform by next spring.

Craig was drafted by the New York Mets in the regular phase of yesterday's annual major league draft.

Spring 1972 was an athletic semester to remember.

League championships in baseball and track highlighted the semester, as well as some fine individual performances by Vike athletes.

For the Spring semester of 1972, a poll among four DOCTRINE sportswriters has selected Varsity baseball's Craig Cacek as the recipient of the Athlete of the Semester Award. Tennis star Tony Graham was a close second.



CRAIG CACEK
ATHLETE OF THE SEMESTER

TONY GRAHAM

Tony Graham is an incredible athlete.

His 1972 performances as varsity tennis' most valuable player have made him the number two selection on this semester's poll.

Tony, although only a junior, is without question the brightest performer in Monroe's net history.

He virtually breezed to a 23-0 season record, burying his opponents, before losing his only match of the year to Palisades' Craig Johnson, the city's number one player.

Graham finished third in this year's tournament, an outstanding accomplishment for a junior.

The MVL player of the year, Graham is ranked as one of Southern California's finest swatters for his 15-16 year-old age group.

TIM QUINN

Tim Quinn is the number three athlete on this semester's poll.

After completing a nation leading pole vault of 15-8 1/2 against Granada Hills on April 20, Quinn's final and finest year in a Monroe uniform was prematurely terminated with a severe left knee injury, and subsequently was forced to sit out the remainder of the season.

An invited participant, Tim was scheduled to depart for Baton Rouge, Louisiana today for Saturday's All-American Track and Field Meet.

The 1971 LA City champ, Tim's heroics of last season are still vividly recalled by many a Monroe fan as he became the first athlete in Viking history to bring home a state title.

Tim Quinn is an athlete who constantly strives for perfection, and he's best described by his coach, Dean Balzarett, who labels him as "the finest athlete ever to attend Monroe."

TODD MUCKLER

Selected as the number four athlete of the semester is swimming and diving ace, Todd Muckler.

Along with nabbing the number one spot in league and city diving competition, Muckler is also

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credited as being Monroe's first Varsity City Champion.

Swim coach Bernie Sherman mentioned "Muckler is a fine swimmer as well as a diver. This year he was our best breaststroker and the following two years he will be with us he'll be very promising".

Todd has had many previous years of diving experience. As a ninth grader, he was the top AAU diver and he took a second in the California and Nevada Junior State Diving Championships.

Muckler is a great college prospect already as he is being sought by USC and many other colleges and universities, but they will have to wait as Todd is just a sophomore.

RICHARD NANCE

Finishing fifth among the candidates is sophomore Richard Nance, whose prep future is probably the brightest among this semester's finalists.

Recent Selections

W'68 BOB KING
S'68 DOUG DECINCES
W'69 SCOTT MOORMAN
S'69 PHIL LaGORE
W'70 NEIL BERNSTEIN
S'70 BRAD HOROWITZ
W'71 MIKE TWYFORD
S'71 TEN CHOSEN
KIM ANDREW
TOM COLLIER
LORIN FARR
BOB HOLT
BRAD HOROWITZ
JOHN KOLB
GARY MORGAN
TIM QUINN
SKIP WILLIS
KURT ZIMMERMAN
W'72 GUY BENJAMIN
S'72 CRAIG CACEK

Nance, finishing out of the money in the LA city track finals with a fifth place finish, clocked a 4:25.2 however, as he led the MVL champion Vikings in the mile.

Nance, who stole the spotlight from the balance of the spikers when he reached his potential in the Granada Hills meet, fought hard all year, finally to put on the show of shows at the city championships.

Track coach Dean Balzarett felt that Nance's future "is unlimited" as the tenth grade superstar should run a "4:12.0 mile next year."

ART CAMARILLO

Gymnast Art Camarillo has been selected as the semester's number six athlete.

Art, although only 5-7, was the guiding light throughout the 1972 gymnastics campaign as the spunky ringman dazzled both teammates and spectators with fluid performances enroute to the LA City Finals where he garnered a second place tie, and fell only .05 points short of a city championship.

Camarillo, voted the team's 1972 MVP, captured a second place finish in the recent LA City vs. CIF gymnastics meet.

TONY EDWARDS

Tying for the number seven position is trackster Tony Edwards.

It was an off year for Vike sprinters, and Edwards, bothered by numerous injuries throughout the season, more than made up for it with his lightning quick MVL 220 championship.

Troubled by a pulled hamstring and an extracted wisdom tooth, Tony really began to hum just as the Vikings' 1972 MVL campaign began drawing to a close.

BRUCE ROSENBLUM

Enjoying a banner year as one of varsity baseball's most valuable players has tied Bruce Rosenblum for the number seven position.

Making a complete turnabout from a horrid 1971 season, Rosie blossomed into a "complete" ball player, combining his timely hitting performances with a bundle of shimmering defensive techniques.

The all-MVL sacker finished fourth in the league's batting race with a tasteful .388 average and seasoned his 1972 campaign with a suspenseful 14-game hitting streak.

RUSS JOHNSON

Junior pitching sensation Russ Johnson is the number nine selection.

A blazing fastball and a deadly curve made the junior southpaw the MVL's sinningest pitcher with a glittering 7-2 record.

In only 55 innings of MVL action Johnson hurled two shutouts and allowed 14 bases on balls. He surrendered 49 hits and tied teammate John Flinn for the league's strikeout title with 50.

JOHN FLINN

John Flinn rounds out this semester's poll in the number ten position.

Posting a 5-1 record in MVL competition, the senior right-hander allowed just 36 hits in 51 innings of work and tied junior teammate Johnson for the league's strikeout honors with 50.

John was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles in yesterday morning's annual major league draft.

Different View Given On McBride Privacy Case

In Pete Hess' Sound-Off (May 26), he indicated that he would like someone to explain how the student had the right to act as he did. In section 837 of the Penal Code it says that "a person may arrest another for a public offense committed or attempted in his presence." If that student is not a person then I'd be grateful if Pete would explain just what he is. Also, that student didn't complete the arrest but simply brought the offenders to the attention of proper authorities.

I also would like to say that, since we are talking about privacy, Mr. Kreitzman brought up a very good point and he shouldn't be tossed aside. The fact that Doug McBride had never been asked to leave the office in the past had nothing to do with whether or not he had permission to be in there at that time.

Lastly, I would like to say that I like the idea of a debate and am anxious for it to take place.

Cathy Robbins

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Gifted Children: More Equal ?

In George Orwell's book, Animal Farm, Orwell captured the spirit of democracy when he said, "Everyone is equal but some are more equal than others." For some time, I have been aware of many people picking up this patriotic slogan and throwing it in the general direction of aristocracy and the government. This article is to focus your attention in a new direction--the school system.

We are now going through a crucial period within the LA school system, and the officials, teachers, and administrators have been under a lot of pressure. Even so, I'd like to speak my piece about the program for the "gifted" children. A "gifted" child is first identified through individual testing in the primary schools, or through individual and/or group testing in secondary schools (one reason why we take so many group tests). When these tests identify the individual in the upper 2% of the population, they are identified as "gifted," or for the official term, "mentally gifted minors."

Through strong lobbying in Sacramento, the Gifted Children's Association, a group made up of parents, has successfully completed legislation providing special funds for the gifted child. This is not a new program, however. This legislation

provides a sum of money for the "gifted" child; 1) a sum for identification; and 2) a sum for special materials.

The second amount is used in diverse ways. Sometimes it can provide rent for a computer for a class, or for a special field trip.

The Gifted Children's Association also provides scholarships, special classes, and funds for other things with money they've collected from membership charges and dues. I am told they are extremely wealthy.

With all this special attention, the special facilities, and more, the "gifted" child, once identified, is constantly encouraged to expand and broaden his knowledge of the world around him. Sometimes I cannot help but wonder whether or not these special classes and experiences could not have some beneficial value to everyone. Doesn't basic math sound interesting when you discover the ease of working with a computer?

If you think about this long enough, it becomes a direct slap in the face to the rest of us who have an IQ of less than 132, or whatever arbitrary number they choose.

Before you go find the smartest kid around and beat him up, I'd like to close by saying that

I'm not in favor of stopping these funds, for the children who receive this special assistance are extremely lucky. Truly are more equal than others. What I'm saying is--Why not the rest of us? It sure as hell couldn't hurt.

Robert Bienenfeld

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George McGovern took 69% (185 votes) of the Democratic total in last week's mock election. Hubert Humphrey placed second with 13% (34 votes). President Nixon gained the Republican nod with 91% (72 votes).

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