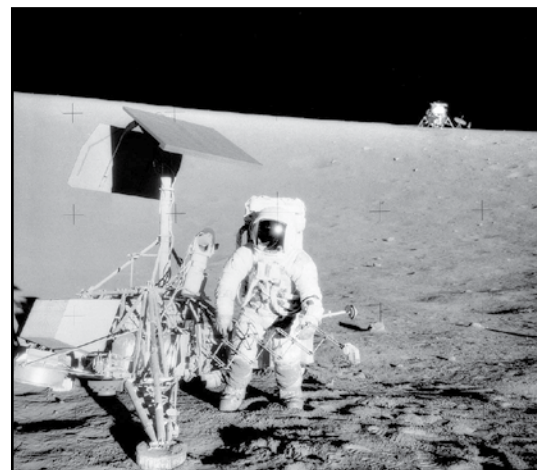


Nov. 16-21, 1969

By Tom Bodle

Entering the second half of November, 1969 national attention was centered on Vietnam. As the atrocities which occurred at My Lai were being unveiled, front pages across the country carried stories and editorials involving the act. Anti-War protests ramped up in an already energized opposition to the war. Over two million protesters had just marched on Washington and My Lai would only reinforce their convictions and add to their numbers. Under the shadow of these events was a signature success of American technology, the second moon landing. As in many cases, a sequel gets less fanfare and with the news from Vietnam, this became more than true. On November 14th, Charles Conrad, Richard Gordon and Alan Bean rocketed from Cape Kennedy atop Apollo 12. Some early electrical malfunctions were corrected and the lunar journey became a signature success of the space program. The lunar module precisely landed on its target area, "the Ocean of Storms", on November 19th. The goal was to land near "Surveyor III", a robotic probe sent to the moon in 1967. Set down came within a short walk of that probe. Conrad and Bean were the newest "moonmen," spending thirty-one hours on the surface. During their visit, they performed two walks, one which took them to "Surveyor" where they retrieved several instruments for future study. Apollo 12 successfully returned to Earth on November 24th.

Just as "out of this world" was the atmosphere in the halls of St. Joseph High. The weekend of November 14-15 was extraordinary. The rally, the win over St. Ed, the homecoming dance. All were topics of conversation entering the week. Vikings were celebrating stars of their own as postseason accolades were announced. The 1969 football team was heralded as number one by the Cleveland Press and Plain Dealer as well as local papers such as the News-Herald and News-Journal. The United Press International (UPI) ranked the gridders number seven in Ohio, while the Associated Press (AP) rated them number thirteen. In an era before state play-offs, these were very impressive ratings.



St. Joseph No. 1 in Final Ratings

By DAN COUGHLIN

By the narrowest of margins — an edge that will be hotly contested in some quarters — St. Joseph is rated the best high school football team in Greater Cleveland by The Plain Dealer's scholastic staff. The Vikings were given the edge over Benedictine because their victory Saturday over St. Edward was more decisive than Benedictine's city championship triumph over St. Ignatius the same afternoon at the Stadium.

St. Joe's beat St. Edward, 22-0. Benedictine was forced to rally from a 0-7 halftime deficit to overcome St. Ignatius, 18-7.

BENEDICTINE was ranked first all season by The Plain Dealer with St. Joseph a close second.

Since both teams appeared in the doubleheader Saturday, the final ratings were held back until today for a final comparison.

Benedictine coach Augie Bossu insists the PD scholastic staff is making a mistake.

Although outnumbered in total enrollment, 2,050 to 750, Bossu feels his football team rates the edge over St. Joseph.

"MAN FOR MAN, this is one year we'd like to play St. Joseph," Bossu said. "We're willing and ready to

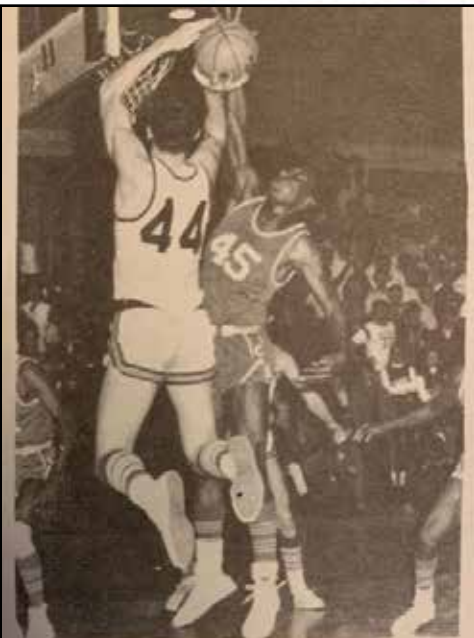
Final Ratings

Pos. Team	W-L	PTS-Opp
1. St. Joseph	7-0	206-43
2. Benedictine	7-1	241-79
3. Euclid	6-1	272-118
4. John F. Kennedy	5-1	242-58
5. Midway	4-2	203-41
6. Shaker Hills	4-2	182-122
7. Wiloughby South	3-3	176-122
8. Mentor	2-3	126-117
9. Valley Forge	2-3	204-147

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St. Joe First in Final Ratings

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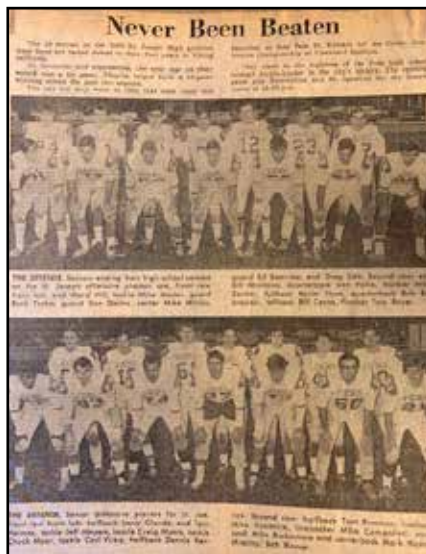


SENIOR PAT (P.LY) LYONS pumps in two as Collinwood's Noah Maghee defends.

Coach Bill Gutbrod was awarded northeast Ohio co-coach of the year. Bob Bobrowski was named northeast Ohio co-player of the year for offense. Bobrowski and Don Daily were honored as All-Ohio and P.D. all-scholastics. All of these honors were befitting of a team which celebrated a tremendous season.

As the autumn sports season concluded, seniors began to focus on other activities. Class secretary, Ralph "Rock" Troha, published his first newsletter, *The Senior*. The class officers wished to do something in celebration of Thanksgiving for a charitable cause. A raffle was held in conjunction with the seniors at Regina and St. Peter, the proceeds to be used for charity. Ten cent chances were made available for a drawing Thanksgiving week. Student Council offered tickets to the upcoming "Brooklyn Bridge" concert for the winning tickets. Seniors were also setting up an intramural basketball competition amongst the homerooms. Games would take place November 24th through December 3rd. The senior lounge, which opened in October had been closed due to some behavioral issues. The senior officers arranged for a "second chance" with a new set of rules. The lounge would reopen November 21st.

In less than a week, athletic attention switched from football to basketball. The Viking hoopers opened their season November 21st hosting Collinwood. The 1969-70 rendition of St. Joseph basketball had high hopes for a dream season. The 1968-69 team reached the "elite eight", losing to Canton McKinley in the regional final. Pat Lyons was a major contributor to that squad and would be the anchor for the season. Others who formed the senior core were Jim Hill, Tom Holmes, Tim McGrath, Don Blakely, Bill Centa and Bob Bobrowski. Coach Bob Straub hoped to lead this group deep into the postseason. From the opening tip off against the Railroaders, the Vikings showed their fans that they would be an exciting team to watch. Lyons led an 85-37 onslaught over the Railroaders, tallying 21 points and 11 rebounds. Tom Holmes netted 11 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Ten Vikings scored giving a great start to the winter sports season.



Bob Bobrowski