

THE SPORT SHOW

by Red McCarthy

**Clayt Ziegler
A Court Marvel**

**Baseball Smithology;
Mayo and Maury**

Itemizing the items, notarizing the notes and when diplomas are handed out for durability in sports competition, you have to give the valedictorian's citation to Clayt Ziegler . . . Hovering around the 49-year-old mark in age, Clayt still is playing basketball regularly. The game is a lot faster than when he first started, but the old campaigner sticks right with it—he scored 21 points Monday night for the Vasey quintet in a Civic League game . . . It just wouldn't be basketball season 'round here if Cayt Ziegler wasn't in uniform . . . A real nifty tribute paid Roy Kent this week. The NHS grid coach was invited back to Oneonta, N. Y., there to serve as guest-speaker at the annual high school football banquet . . . Oneonta is where Roy



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coached before coming here . . . Incidentally, Kent and his old high school coach at White Plains, N. Y., matched records this year . . . While Roy was directing Norristown High's perfect season, Len Watters was piloting Williams College to an undefeated and untied record. Williams finished second to Lehigh in the race for the Lambert Cup, symbolic of Eastern small college football championship. . . . Shorty Pagel one among many who got a real kick out of that Penn vs. Lehigh ice hockey match at the Valley Forge skating rink t'other nite. This Saturday pm the Villanova collegians put on their shoe-blades for a stick-and-puck tussle with the Manheim Mohawks of the amateur league. . . . A fellow had been wondering what became of another old basketball campaigner, Jim Coughlin, then learns that he's popped back on the local court scene as strategist of the Tally-Ho quintet in the Main Line League. . . . Congrats to Steve Bednar, Upper Merion High's gritty griddier, named a halfback on the Main Line All-Scholastic. Honorable mention to Dave Anselm and Frank Janoski. . . . Norristonian Jim (Juice) Foley, living in California these many years, happy of the National League move to the West Coast—he's been a Phillies' rooter since kid days. . . . And a telephone adieu from Bobby Shantz—the Yankee hurler and wife Shirley are leaving for a three-week visit with her folks in Nebraska . . .

See by Tom Aubrey's column, 'Strikes and Spares', that Pud Rambo still is cranking out those 200 coin collectors in the Moose Bowling League. . . . The Great White Father of the hardwood lanes has carried a grudge against bowling pins for years—just hates to see the things standing upright.

Some sort of an explosion must be due. Guys who start 'em have been terribly quiet of late, i.e., Al Weldon in one corner, Cliff Sigg and Art Blanche in a couple others. . . . Ace Bailey, the Ursinus athletic director, has been elected, to executive committee of the Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Football Assn. . . . Mayo Smith may have engineered the Haddix-for-Post trade with Cincinnati, but the Phillies' latest move doesn't get the official sanction 'round here until Maury Smith gives it the double wink. . . . Ole Velvet-Lung is sure the guy can hit the long ball, but he's holding back on his 1958 bleacher seats until he's certain Post hits his long ball elsewhere than straight up. . . . The Norristown High grid team had no more vociferous rooter than Pete Yost all season. Then a back ailment sent Yost to Sacred Heart Hospital just before the final game. He felt pretty bad about missing it. . . . Just t'other day six of the Eagles trooped into his hospital room and presented Pete with an autographed football. . . . Champs off the field, too. . . . With Frank Lane as general manager, Bobby Bragan as field manager and Eddie Stanky as third base coach, the Indians of '58 should be grabbing some of their biggest headlines since Custer's Last Stand. . . . American League umpires who meet Bragan and Stanky in argument will realize the force of the one-two verbal punch that National League umpas have absorbed with Birdie Tebbetts and Jimmy Dykes of the Cincinnati family these last couple seasons. . . . For the umpires' salvation, though, the thumb still works the same way in both leagues. . . . Add State Trooper Mike Depsky, of Norristown sub-station, as another old grad proud of the unbeaten and unscored-upon grid record of Cass Twp. High. . . .

Mike Pesta, of this newspaper staff, always has been able to handle the 'big story.' But one came along t'other day and the fellow folded—got the shakes so bad he shied from the typewriter for fear of fracturing a finger. . . . Wife Penny gave birth to twin daughters at Phoenixville Hospital. . . . Newspapermen in four counties—and the fellows who handle his income tax form—were in the cigar receiving line, smoking to the 'besta for Pesta.'