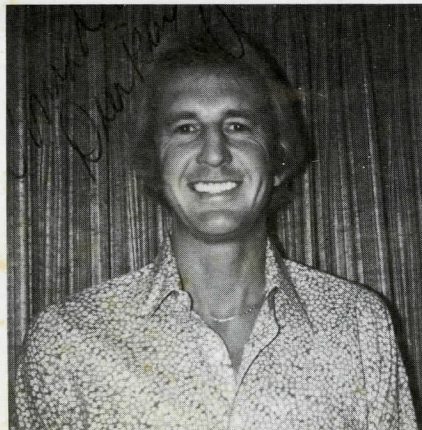


CONNIE DIERKING, THEN

Connie Dierking is a native of Valley Stream, L. I., and played his high school basketball there for three years, where his team won the Long Island AAA championship in his senior season...He also played three years at UC under Coach George Smith...As a senior he was a teammate of Oscar Robertson when the Bearcats enjoyed a 21-4 campaign and went to the NCAA regionals...He started his pro basketball career with Syracuse, playing two years before going with the Washington team in the new American Basketball League...Connie then returned to the NBA with Philadelphia for a year and a half and finished the second season with San Francisco...He was traded to the Cincinnati Royals in 1965 when he wanted to return home to take over the management of his father-in-law's Losantiville Lanes... He remained with the Royals for five more seasons and spent his final year in the NBA with Philadelphia, retiring in 1971 to devote full time to the bowling business... Connie and his wife, Sue, have five daughters, the oldest 18 and the youngest, 6.*



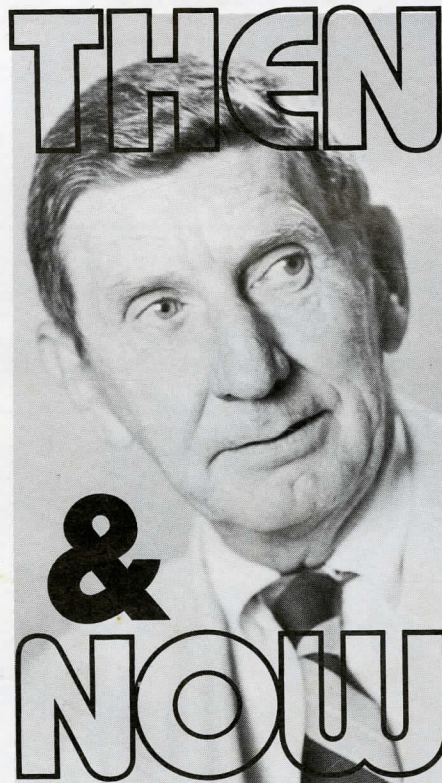
CONNIE DIERKING, NOW



DON BUEHLER, THEN

Don Buehler had an illustrious athletic career at Roger Bacon High School before his graduation in 1960...He played three years of football as a fullback and three of baseball as a catcher and was one of the grid captains as a senior... He was a member of the Post all-star squad as a junior and senior and was honorary captain of the squad as a senior...He also was named to the North-South All-Star game and was selected on the Catholic All-American team... He was the team's leading scorer for two seasons, gaining over 1000 yards each year, after 696 as a sophomore...He was captain of the University of Kentucky freshman team but was injured as a sophomore and ended his career...He worked for a year for Procter & Gamble in St. Bernard but left to go into the construction business as an ironworker and has worked all over the country as a foreman on structural and re-inforcing steel projects...Don now lives with his parents in White Oak.*

DON BUEHLER, NOW



by Joe Quinn



ington's Universal Insurance softball team.

John first began sponsoring "major league" softball teams through his insurance agency in 1967, but his love for the game had begun to grow three years earlier as a player. John had recently given up baseball, and decided to become involved in softball to satisfy his need for competitive sports. Soon he was addicted to the game. Not only did he find a challenging level of competition, but new friends and an 'out' from his work as well.

John remained active with the team for ten years as player-manager before business pressures forced him to retire from the game after the 1976 season. But as his business grew more successful, he was able to invest more money into building a championship team and achieving his goal of having the best team in Greater Cincinnati.

John finally reached this goal last season when Universal captured the number one ranking in both the Cincinnati area and the entire state of Kentucky.

But the biggest thrill of all came for John last September when Universal won the United States Slo-Pitch Softball Association's Central Division World Tournament in Tullahoma, Tennessee.

"It was my proudest moment in softball," John now recalls. "I had never reached that level before. And the way it was won! If you had to write a script, it couldn't have been more exciting. We

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did it against all odds, winning nine straight games after losing our second of the tournament."

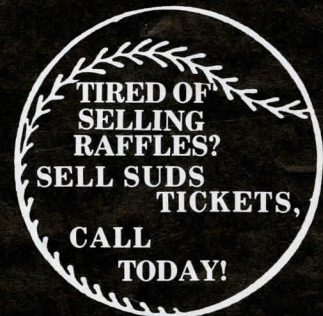
John feels that the big key to his success last year was experience. Only three of his players were under 30, and

veterans make few mental mistakes and rarely break under pressure. What his players might have lacked in speed and power, they made up for in their ability to get along, their self-confidence, and their pride.

The team is anchored by All World selections Dave Penick at pitch, Mike Tolliver at catch, Tom Kasee at first base, and outfielders Mike Arthur and Dan Black. Paul Steffen, Dale Overman, Mike Martin, John Bain, Terry Cogswell, and Wayne Michaels round out the roster. Mickey Victor, the team's ex-first baseman, was selected Manager of the Year by the Cincinnati Softball Weekly for his efforts as the club's rookie skipper.

In an effort to recover from personnel losses to professional softball, Universal has merged with Rockcastle Motors, another Northern Kentucky powerhouse, for the coming season. This move should make them stronger, faster and younger as a team. Hamilton also feels they'll be "about 25 percent stronger" defensively too.

With these improvements, Universal Insurance should once again be the team to beat in 1978. And the legend of Northern Kentucky softball will be in safe hands for yet another year.★



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RALPH MUSSMAN, THEN

Ralph Mussman captained both the football and basketball teams in his senior year at Newport High School and played three seasons in both sports before his graduation in 1937...Newport won the state football title in 1936 under Coach Blue Foster...Ralph also played three years of football and two of basketball at Morehead State University before enlisting in the Air Force midway in his senior year, serving five years as a bombardier and emerging as a captain...He returned to finish and play another year of basketball at Morehead in 1946, then became assistant football coach at Holmes High for five years...He received an M.A. from Morehead in 1949 and served six years as recreation superintendent in Newport before taking a short term as the city manager...Ralph was elected mayor of Newport in 1960 and served four years, then spent the next 11 years in school work, five as principal of Newport's Arnold School and six in special education at Roberts Junior High in Cincinnati...He also officiated football and basketball for 20 years...For the past two years he has again been Newport's city manager...Ralph and his wife, Kathryn, have three daughters and seven grandchildren.*

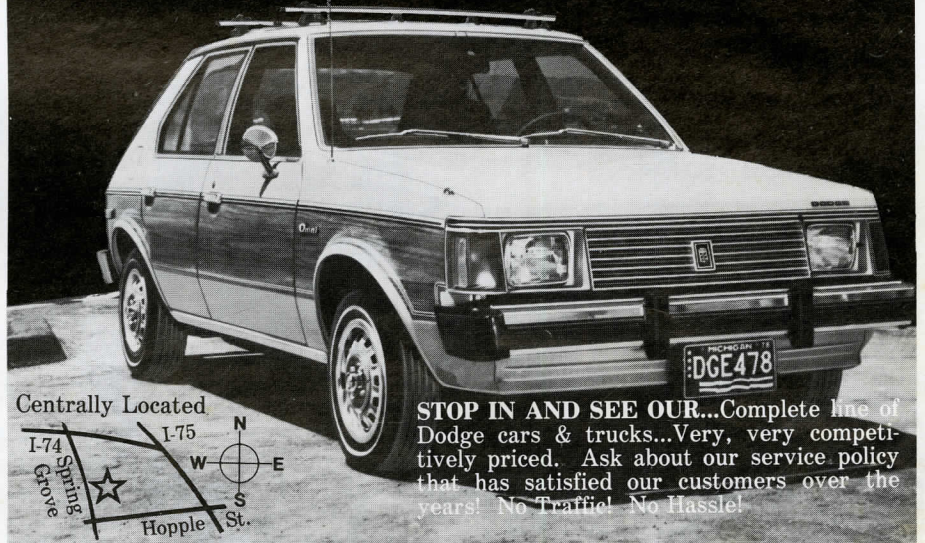


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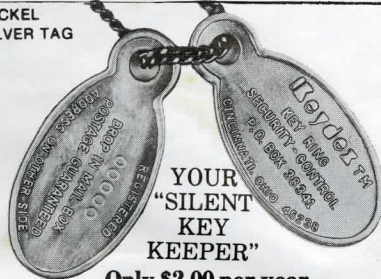
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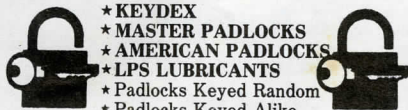
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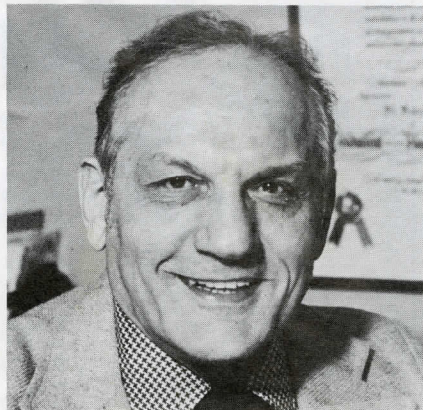
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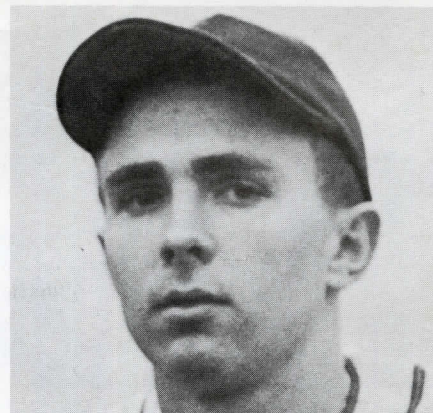


AL SABATO, THEN

Al Sabato played four years of football at Woodward High School before his graduation in 1941, then played a year of varsity football at the University of Tennessee before transferring to UC, where he played two more varsity seasons... He joined the Cincinnati school system in 1951 and for 10 years was a visiting teacher in the pupil personnel division and six more years as director of that section... In 1967 he was appointed director of food services for the Cincinnati public schools, a position he still holds...For the past 30 years he has been a football official...His first game, he worked alone at St. Aloysius Orphanage and since then has officiated in junior high school, high school, college and professional games...He started in the American Football League in 1960 and now is one of only two of the original officials from that league still working in the pro circuit...He worked as a head linesman in the first Super Bowl at Los Angeles and again in the sixth one at New Orleans and all but one year has officiated in a playoff, a championship or a Pro Bowl game. ..Al and his wife, Ruth, who live in Finneytown, have two daughters, both married, and a son, Alan, now 25.*

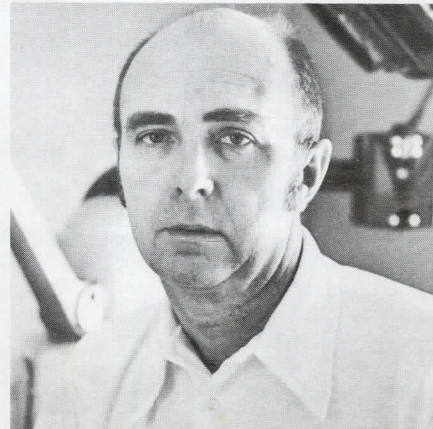


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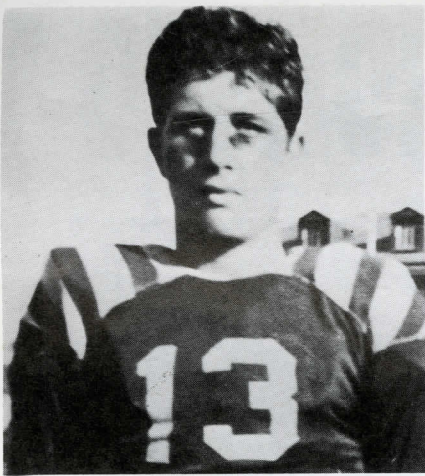


NORB RANZ, THEN

Norb Ranz was a catcher on the Elder High state baseball championship team of 1943 as a sophomore and played three seasons as well as one year of football...Graduating in 1945, he went to Ohio State and played four years of baseball, three as a catcher and one as a third baseman, then graduated from the OSU College of Dentistry in 1952...While in high school he played three years with the Bentley Post team. In 1942, the team was the national runner-up and in 1944 won the national American Legion championship in Minneapolis, defeating Albemarle, N.C., in the finals...Norb played a year of minor league baseball at Wasau, Wis., then spent two years as a dental officer in the Marine Corps at Cherry Point, N.C.... While in college he played with a number of local amateur baseball teams, including Becker Clothes and Cheviot...Dr. Ranz and his wife, Mary, live in Montfort Heights...They have two sons, Art, a recent OSU dental college graduate, and Mike, who played football as a freshman last fall at University of Dayton, and two daughters, Maureen, a sophomore at OSU, and Molly, a freshman athlete at McAuley High.*



NORB RANZ, NOW



ED JONES, THEN

Ed Jones was graduated from St. Xavier High School in 1940 after playing four years of baseball as a pitcher, two year of basketball and three seasons of football as a quarterback for Coach Tom McCann...In all three years of football, St. Xavier finished as co-champions of the Catholic League, once each with Roger Bacon, Elder and Purcell...Ed went to St. Louis University on a football ride but left after two years to join the Merchant Marine service for three years, returning to Cincinnati at the end of 1945...He spent five years with the Prudential Insurance Co., another two years as an adjustor with the Calvert Fire Insurance Co., then became an independent adjustor, specializing in aircraft and marine adjustments...During this time he became a licensed airplane pilot... For the past four years he has been operating his own aircraft and boat insurance company at Lunken Airport...He and his wife, Phyllis, who live in Mt. Washington, have six children, four girls, all married, and two boys.*



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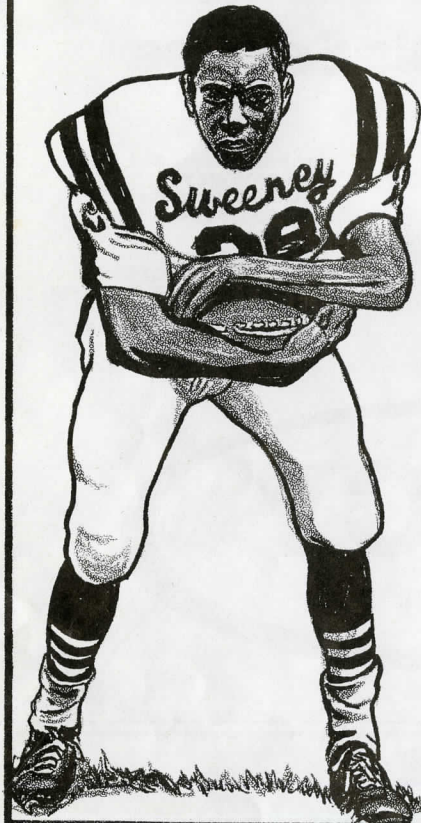
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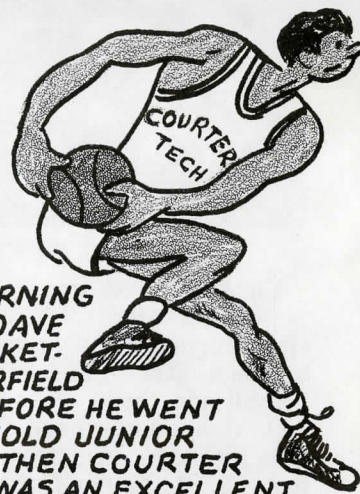
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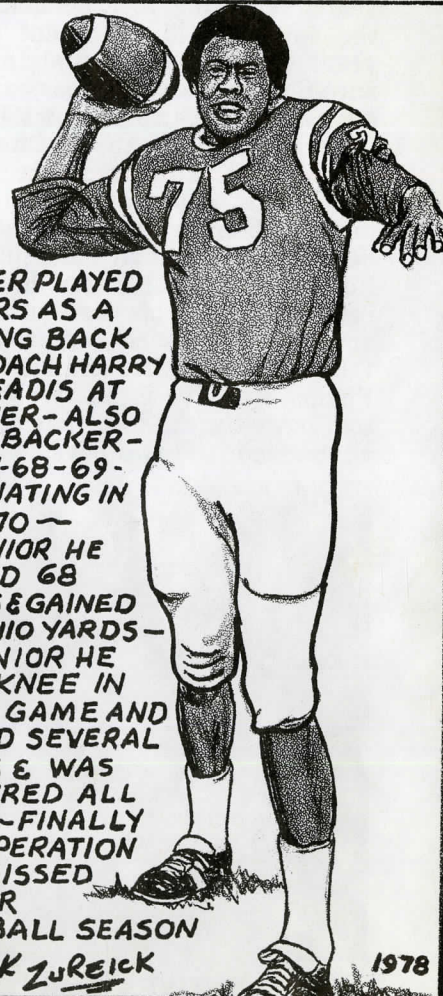


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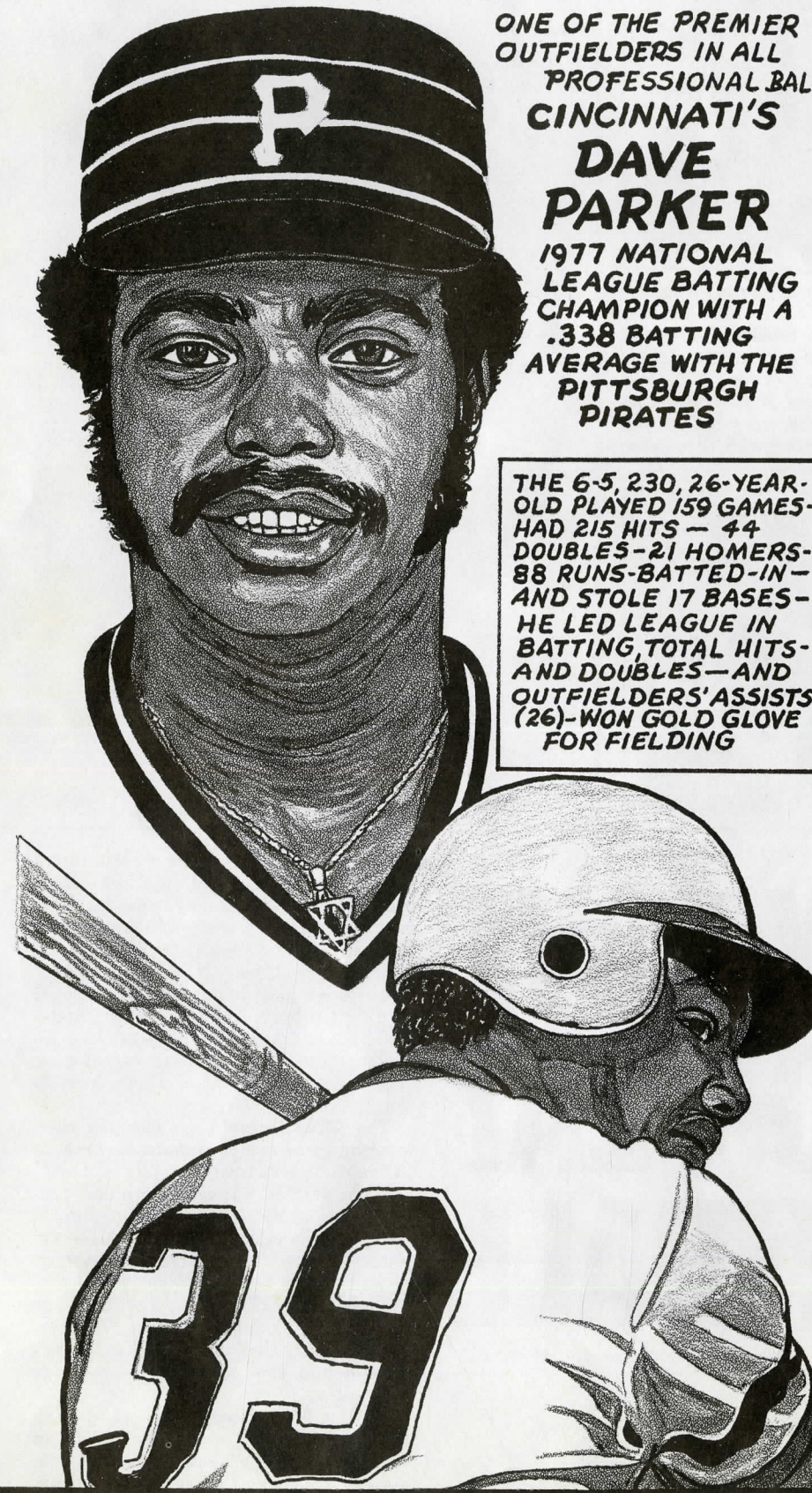
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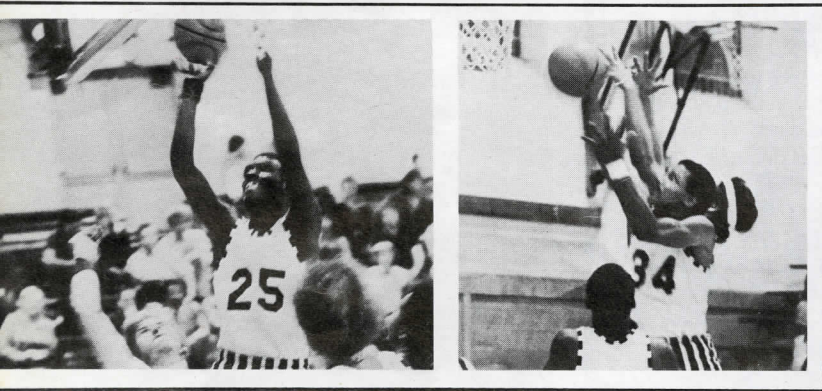
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