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Queen, Maids of Her Court at Krewe of Virgilians Ball



MISS DIANE STAPLES, QUEEN



MISS CAROLYN ADAMO MISS MYRA CENTANNI

MISS ANN ALMERICO



MISS LYNN LI ROCCHI



MISS THAIS INGARGIOLA



MISS ANN SIGNORELLI



MISS NANCY M. AMATO

Story of Moses Enacted by Virgilians at Gala Ball

God's chosen people entered the Promised Land at the Municipal Auditorium Monday night as the Krewe of Virgilians presented a spectacular ball.

All the famed old Biblical stories surrounding Moses came to life, including the story of the Burning Bush, the division of the Red sea, the worship of the Golden Calf, and the presentation of the commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai.

Miss Diane Staples, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen T. Staples, ruled as queen of the ball.

Maids included Miss Stephanie Teresa Kalil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emile T. Kalil; Miss Nan-

cy Marie Amato, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Amato; Miss Rosalie Duplantis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Duplantis; Miss Ann Signorelli, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Signorelli; Miss Mickie Clare Sciortino, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. Sciortino; Miss Thais Ingargiola, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Ingargiola; Miss Carolyn Adamo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Adamo; Miss Myra Centanni, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony C. Centanni; Miss Lynn Li Rocchi, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Vincent Li Rocchi; and Miss Ann Almerico, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Almeri-

co. Junior maids were Miss Marietta Eileen La Nasa, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Marion La Nasa; Miss Alberta Cuccia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lucas D. Cuccia; Miss Christina Rose Spinato, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Spinato, and Miss Roslyn Gambino, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gambino.

Pages to the king were Mary Ann Rizzo, Kathleen Accardo, Janice Lynn Calamia, and Cynthia Ann Calamia.

Pages to the queen were Jeanne Heman, Gloria Centanni, Miriam Pike, and Celeste Maria Puglia.



Una bimba che nell'acqua bollente

ROSE (Cosenza) — La piccola Angelina Reale, di anni 3, eludendo la sorveglianza dei genitori, si avvicinava ad una pentola d'acqua bollente e cadeva dentro. Frontalmente soccorsa, la poverina veniva trasportata all'ospedale civile, ove il sanitario di turno le riscontrava scottature al primo, secondo e terzo grado.

La piccola ne avrà per venti giorni.

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SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS

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Old Friends Barracks No. 640 and Ladies

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Auxiliary

Stalling Boosters Club

* Except when the 8th falls on Saturday or Sunday, then meeting will be held on Monday following.

2d Monday each Month
1st Monday Month every other Thursday
2d Tuesday Month Every Evening Third Tuesday
Fourth Thursday

First Tuesday Third Monday

RUSSIA'S PREMIER SUITS FITTED BY ITALIAN TAILORS

On the Via Sicilia is a tiny Tailoring Shop, however it is famous the world over, for it is the shop of Angelo Litrico. His clients include Jordans King Hussein Prime Minister Harold Macmillan of Great Britain, and movie star Rossano Brazzi, are a few among many.

In 1957, he accompanied a trade delegation to Moscow and took an overcoat as a gift for Nikita S. Kruschev, who was impressed. He ordered two more coats, four suits, and 50 ties, last year, he ordered three more suits and 30 ties. He no longer favors wide baggy trouser, and likes dark grey and brown colors, reports Litrico, of Via Sicilia, Rome.

LA CUCINA ITALIANA (THE ITALIAN KITCHEN)

Italian Cuisina Hints For The Housewife
From The Talismano Recipes By ADA BONI

ANTIPASTO

FRIED MOZZARELLA

$\frac{1}{2}$ pound mozzarella $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour 1 cup bread crumbs
2 eggs, lightly beaten with 1 cup olive oil

Cut mozzarella into 4-inch squares, 2 inches thick. Roll in flour, dip into egg, roll in bread crumbs, again into egg and again in bread crumbs. Fry in hot oil just long enough for the bread crumbs to turn golden in color. Serve immediately. Serves 4.

Meat and Chicken Soup SOUP ALLA PAVESE

8 thin slices french bread $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter 8/8 teaspoon Salt
1 quart broth or bouillon 2 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese
4 eggs

Melt butter in frying pan and fry bread in it until golden on both sides. Bring broth to boiling point. Place 2 slices bread in each soup dish, top with whole egg and sprinkle $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoon cheese on each egg. Pour $\frac{1}{2}$ of the boiling broth into each dish, taking care that the egg does not break. Serves 4.

RADIO PROGRAM L'ORA ITALIANA (ITALIAN HOUR)

For years music lovers have been treated to the finest in listening pleasure over radio station WJBW, 1230 on your dial, here in New Orleans. Outstanding among their musical offering has been the weekly presentation of the l'ora Italiana (Italian Hour) every Sunday from 12:30 to 1:30 P.M. The program is dedicated to the finest in Italian musical entertainment.

In connection with this program the ITALO-AMERICAN News is initiating a 'dedication Tune' for its listeners. You need only mail a postal card to the Italo-American News, 1020 Esplanade Ave., stating the selection you would like to hear and the person for whom you would like it dedicated, be it either relative or friend.

Remember for your listening enjoyment, tune the Italian Hour every Sunday on WJBW.

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LIONEL BERDOU

Station Group Elects Leader

Lionel Berdou was elected president of the Service Station Association of New Orleans Tuesday night at the group's meeting hall, 1615 Esplanade. Berdou succeeds Herbert Battistella.

Other new officers are Milford J. Pousson, vice-president; Dan L. Gauchet, secretary, and Arthur J. Derbes, treasurer.

BEGINNING ITALIAN GRAMMAR

BY VINCENZO CIOFFARI

Modern Language Editor, D. C. Heath and Company

INTRODUCTION ON PRONUNCIATION

Capitalization. Capitals in Italian are used about the same as in English, with the following exceptions:

1. Months and days of the week are written with a small letter.

2. Io is written with a small letter, but Lei and Loro (when meaning you) and the corresponding object pronouns and possessives are generally written with a capital.

3. Names of languages or adjectives of nationality are written with a small letter.

4. When an adjective of nationality is used as a substantive denotes a person, it is written with a capital.

5. Titles of books or chapters are written with small letters except, of course, for the first letter of the title or any word which has a capital in its own right.

The rule of capitalization are flexible in Italian and vary greatly from one printer or from one person to another.

Apostrophe. The apostrophe is used in Italian whenever certain short words ending in a vowel are followed by a beginning with a vowel. This happens regularly with (a) most of the articles; (b) the object pronouns mi, ti, ci, vi, lo, and la; (c) demonstrative; adjectives; (d) the preposition di; (e) the adjectives bello, buono, grande, and santo.

Punctuation. Following are the names of the punctuation signs:

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|---|----------------------|------------------------|
| . | punto or punto fermo | — linetta |
| j | virgola | — stanghetta |
| : | punto e virgola | ... punti sospensivi |
| : | due punti | (()) virgolette |
| ? | punto interrogativo | () parentesi |
| ! | punto esclamativo | (()) parentesi quadra |

The punctuation signs are used about the same in English. The only important distinction is that Italian uses a different type of quotation marks for direct quotation and the dash instead of quotation marks to denote a change of speaker in conversation.

The end of Introduction on Pronunciation. Next week, starts part one of lessons in Italian grammar.

MRS. RICCUTI GOES ON ADVISORY BODY

Mrs. Dorothy Riccuti, counselor of women at Newcomb College, has been appointed by the United States secretary of defense to serve on the United States defense advisory committee on women in the armed services, according to Dr. John R. Hubbard, dean of Newcomb College.

Mrs. Riccuti will serve for three years on the committee. The group acts as a source of advice on matters pertaining to women in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, Dr. Hubbard said.

NOBODY ACCEPTING OFFER ON PIGEONS

FLORENCE, Italy — Nobody has accepted the City Council's offer to give away the thousands of pigeons that decorate and disolor Florence's monuments.

Hewitt - Robins Italia formed

A subsidiary of Hewitt-Robins of Stamford, Conn., the new company will mainly engage in designing and engineering machinery, equipment and systems for the handling of materials. A leader in this field, both in the US and abroad, Hewitt-Robins is well known in Italy for its past and present work in connection with various Fiat, Ansaldo, Iva, Cornigliano, and SME projects. The materials handling system for the Venezuelan steel plant on the Orinoco is also being designed by H-R as a subcontractor to Innocenti of Milan.

H-R management felt that the establishment of a subsidiary in Italy would result in more jobs at lower costs. The Italian Treasury has granted their investment article I privileges under PL 43 of 1956, which allows free transfer of capital and profits on foreign investments.

An interesting feature for other potential investors: with the help of experienced consultants, it took H-R only 3 months to get the art. I clearance and have the subsidiary established. Only one meeting with the consultants was sufficient to clarify procedures, and decide action.

Hewitt Robins Italia has been effectively "in business" since April 8th.

QVO VADIS?

Romanzo di Enrico Sienkiewicz

Petronio riapri gli occhi.
La salute? In realtà, non si sentiva bene. Pero' non tanto quanto il giovane Sissena, il quale aveva perduto la sensibilità al punto di domandare, quando il mattino lo si portava al bagno, se stesse a sedere o no. Ma non si sentiva proprio bene. Vinicio lo aveva raccomandato alla protezione di Asclepiade e di Ciprigna. Ma in Asclepiade, egli, Petronio, non credeva: non si sapeva nemmeno bene di chi era figlio, se di Arsinoe o di Coronide. E se non si era certi della madre, che cosa dire del padre? Chi mai, nei tempi che correva-no; poteva essere sicuro della propria paternità?

Cio' dicendo, Petronio sorrise, poi continuo':

— Due anni fa, e' vero, manda-i ad Epidauro tre dozzine di merli neri ed una coppa d'oro. Ma sai perche'? Dissi a me stesso: che cio' mi faccia bene, non saprei; certo non mi fara' male. Quantunque la gente faccia ancora delle offerte agli dei, io credo che tutti la pensino come me. Tutti, salvo forse i fulattieri assoldati dai viaggiatori a Porta Capua. Oltre che con Asclepiade, ho avuto a che fare anche coi discendenti di Asclepiade. Quando l'anno scorso fui un po' malato di febbre, essi si affaccendarono per me. M'avvidi che erano dei furbacchioni ma dissi a me stesso: che c'e' di male? Il mondo si regge sull'inganno e la vita e' un'illusione. La stessa anima e' un'illusione. Ma ciascu-ni di noi deve pure avere abbastanza criterio per distinguere le illusioni piacevoli da quelle dolorose. Nei mio ipocausi fo bruciare legno di cedro cosparso di ambra grigia, perche' preferisco i profumi ai cattivi odori. Ciprigna poi, alla protezione della quale mi hai pure raccomandato, pel momento m'ha piede destro. Del resto, e' una buona dea. Mi figuro che, anche tu, fra breve, porterai all'altare di lei un olocausto di bianche colombe.

— Infatti, — rispose Vinicio. — Le frecce dei Parti non hanno raggiunto il mio corpo, ma un dardo di Cupido m'ha colpito, inaspettatamente, a pochi stadi dalla porta della città.

— Per le bianche ginocchia delle Grazie, me la racconterai poi questa storia. — esclamo' Petronio.

— Sono venuto apposta per avere il tuo consiglio, — rispose Marco.

In quel mentre vennero i depilatori e s'affacciarono intorno a Petronio. Marco, sbarazzatosi della tunica, entro' in una vasca tiepida, a cio' invitato dall'amico.

— Ah! non t'ho nemmeno domandato se hai corrispondenza d'affetti, — disse Petronio, guardando al giovane corpo di Marco, che pareva tagliato nel marmo. — Se Lisippo ti avesse veduto, tu orneresti, ora, la porta d'in-

gresso del Palatino in sembianza d'Ercole adolescente.

Il giovane sorrise di compiacimento e si tuffò nella vasca, spruzzando abbondantemente d'acqua calda il pavimento a mosaico rappresentante Era nel momento in cui implora Morfeo di addormentare Giove.

Petronio lo guardava con l'occhio soddisfatto di un artista.

Quando Vinicio ebbe finito e venne la sua volta di passare nelle mani dei depilatori, entro' un lector portando rotoli di carta dentro una custodia cilindrica di bronzo.

— Vuoi udire? — domando' Petronio.

— Se si tratta di roba tua, con piacere, — rispose il giovane tribuno; se no, preferisce discorgere. Oggi, a ogni angolo di strada, ci si sente acciuffati da poeti.

— Così e'. Non passi davanti a una basilica o terme, a biblioteche, ad un libraio, senza vedervi un poeta gesticolare come uno scimmietto. Agrippa, al suo ritorno dall'Oriente, li prese per matti. I tempi vogliono così. Cesare scrive versi: ed ecco che tutti devono imitarne l'esempio. Ma pero' non e' permesso scrivere versi migliori di quelli di Cesare; ragione per cui temo un po' per Lucano. Ma io faccio della prosa, della quale, del resto, non felicito ne' me, ne' gli altri. Cio' che il lector deve leggere sono appunto del povero Fabrizio Veienno.

— Perche' povero?

— Perche' gli fu ingiunto di dimorare in Odessa e di non tornare ai domestici lari se non quando non riceva un nuovo comando. Questa sua odissea gli riesce più agevole di quella d'Ulisse, poiche' sua moglie non e' una Penelope. Ma non c'e' bisogno che ti dica quando ci sia di sciocco in ciò. Qui non si comprendono le cose se non superficialmente. Il suo libracciatello e ben povera cosa. Il popolo non incomincia a leggerlo con avidità che da quando l'autore fu messo al bando. Ora da tutte le parti si ode gridare allo scandalo. Puo' essere che Veienno abbia inventato alcune delle cose da lui narrate; ma io che conosco la città, i nostri patrizi, le nostre donne, ti assicuro che e' molto al disotto del vero. Intanto, ognuno scartabello il libro con trepidazione per se', con voluttà per gli altri. Alla libreria di Arvino, cento copisti vi stanno a scrivere sotto dettatura, e il successo e' assicurato.

— Ce n'e' anche per te?

— Sicuro: pero' l'autore s'e' sbagliato sul mio conto, poiche' io, sono al tempo stesso migliore e peggiore di quello che egli mi fa parere. Vedi, noi abbiamo perduto da tempo la nozione di cio' che sia onorevole o no, allzi, per conto mio, sto per dire che non ci sia differenza, qualunque Seneca, Musonio. Trasve la vedano.

(Continua)

Formidabile la potenza degli S.U.

Sono gli Stati Uniti, rispetto all'Unione Sovietica, militarmente più potenti?

Lo sono. E' quanto ha assicurato testé il Presidente Eisenhower, chiosando: — Lasciate lo dire a me che, almeno in questo campo, posso saperne un po' più degli altri.

Eisenhower respinge nettamente ogni insinuazione circa la pretesa inferiorità che gli Stati Uniti verrebbero ad avere nel corso delle trattative politiche con Kruscev come conseguenza della presunta superiorità russa nella produzione dei missili intercontinentali.

Io credo — ha detto il Presidente — nella potenza degli Stati Uniti e credo che essa sia una potenza effettiva, concreta, formidabile, non diretta contro alcuna Nazione, ma pronta ad impedire che un'altra Nazione usi la propria.

La difesa — secondo Eisenhower — è più che sufficiente; e il bilancio della difesa è più che adeguato alle esigenze nazionali.

Sono dichiarazioni rassicuranti.

Basta, del resto, fare un confronto fra Stati Uniti e Russia.

Quando sarà attuata — se sarà attuata — la riduzione degli effettivi promessa da Kruscev, le forze armate sovietiche avranno una consistenza numerica pressoché eguale a quella americana: due milioni e mezzo di uomini. Ma l'equipaggiamento americano è indubbiamente superiore.

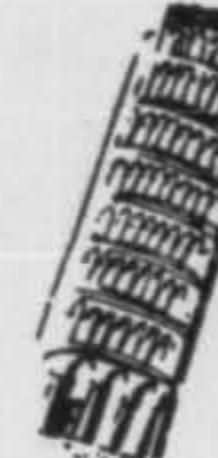
In Europa le divisioni statunitensi sono meno numerose di quelle sovietiche, ma certo non inferiori per armamento. Tra reparti aviatrosportati, marines e paracadutisti, gli Stati Uniti hanno forze notevolissime per l'impiego d'emergenza.

Sul mare, la superiorità americana non è dubbia. La flotta di superficie statunitense conta duemila navi, quindici grandi portaerei, una grossa aviazione navale. La Sesta e la Settima Flotta sono strumenti di guerra "autosufficienti". E già sono entrati in servizio i primi sottomarini a energia nucleare, attrezzati per il lancio di missili — arma, questa, che tutti gli specialisti giudicano "l'arma del futuro".

La forza navale sovietica consiste soprattutto nei sottomarini "classici": la Russia ne avrebbe, tra Oriente e Occidente, un mezzo migliaio. Non è certo che l'U.R.S.S. disponga attualmente di sommergibili a energia nucleare. Ne avrà però — a quanto dicono informazioni recentissime — presto, avendo varato nell'estate scorsa un rompighiazzo atomico.

Anche nell'aviazione gli Stati Uniti hanno un forte margine di superiorità. Tuttavia, qui è da notare che non vale soltanto il numero degli apparecchi, quanto la modernità e potenza: e il Comando aereo-strategico americano ha oltre duemila superbombardieri capaci di portare la H-bomb su qualsiasi obiettivo, ovunque.

L'aviazione sovietica è meno forte, per numero e qualità; però se la Russia ha costruito il quadrireactore TU-114 per i voli civili (è l'apparecchio che



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ASCOLTATE PROGRAMMA DI

L'ORA ITALIANA

Con sempre crescente successo prosegano le trasmissioni del programma radio Italiana.

Ogni Domenica, alle ore 12:30 infino 1:30 P.M., la Radio Station WJBW sulla lunghezza d'onda di ke 1230, trasmette il vostro programma.

Ascoltatelo e, fatelo ascoltare e non mancate di mandare la vostra opinione.



The last bit of a very peculiar oblong building bridging the bayou had just burnt to the ground. The parish authorities agree that I had a right to burn my own building, as I had notified them not to stop the fire. And, it was so situated that it could not damage any other property. But the authorities still wanted to know why. Well, gentlemen, this goes into quite a story that started many years ago.

I am living in a medium-class boarding house located in Kendallworth Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. Among the many boarders was one known to us as Squeaky Foot John. He deserved this name because of his shoes squeaking, regardless of what he may do to them. Soaking them in water, he oiled them, all this he only changed the tune, but never stopped the squeak. He bought new shoes but that did not matter, the shoes would squeak after he had worn them a few days.

Squeaky Foot John was a very secretive type of person, but it was known to one and all that he was in the insecticide business. It was also surprisingly queer that the houses he sold his insecticide to were infested with mosquitoes in mid-winter. This was something never known to exist in Brooklyn before.

It was thought most strange that Squeaky Foot should have a mosquito spray, that one and all would admit was one of the best on the market, but that he would reach these homes that needed it most, at a season of the year, that mosquitoes were not supposed to bother people.

Of the many boarders I was one of the most inquisitive. In the first place I knew that John had also rented the back shed of the boarding house, to store his supply of mosquito lotion, and that he also brought in other boxes containing an entirely different shaped article. I noticed that he took trips at the end of each week, in which he would bring back truck loads of this other product. One night I watched through the window of the shed, while John was going over his inventory, his other product happened to be a beautiful little water lily, which he had encased in a disc-like bowl that concealed the water below the stem. These I found out by following him, he would give as presents, charging but the shipping cost to the ladies, who would

like to have one. He would list the names of these people and it would not be but a few weeks later that he'd pass back and sell them the mosquito spray that they'd be so badly in need of. Well, I originally came from the bayou country, the home of both mosquitoes and the water lilies, that pester our fishermen and hunters so much. So, it was easy for me to conceive that John was delivering to these people the eggs and wiggletails that were to develop into mosquitoes in which he would later sell them the means that would rid them of this pest. I quickly disclosed the information to John that I knew of his racket. And, for a small amount, I felt I could keep my mouth closed. I did this because I needed money so badly. Squeaky Foot had probably been acquainted with my type before because he not only paid me that small amount but was willing to buy me a ticket to any place I desired to travel. I accepted this generous offer and took a trip home to New Orleans. Well, I stayed here, becoming very successful in business and regretted many a day my crooked action in Brooklyn. I also promised to repent regardless of the cost if I ever could.

These many years later I am standing on the levee in an adjoining parish that is just a bus ride from the main part of Canal Street in New Orleans.

It is dark, and the sun has gone down, I heard squeaks that I quickly recognized to be those made by the shoes of Squeaky Foot John. He passed me, I quietly followed, he walked at a very brisk pace until he reached this building that I had just burned down. I quietly stepped up beside him and spoke: "John, now I know this is your storehouse for those plants and the breeding place of your mosquitoes. I realize what a tempting business to any one you own. But I pledge myself that I would repent at any cost for the bargain I made with you in Brooklyn. Now, if you will name your price I will buy out your business and also furnish you with a ticket to any far away place from the United States. This way I will rid the people of you and your schemes." He admitted he would like to go away. Still his price was high but I accepted, and that's the reason I have for burning down this pest house that has just ended up in ashes.

NEWS BRIEFS

New Orleans - Italian tenor, Giuseppe Gismondo, who scored a smashing success when he sang here in 'Turandot' last season will return to New Orleans next season to perform in two productions. He will have the starring tenor role in Ponchielli's 'La Gioconda', which will be the opening opera of the season. The name of the second production has yet to be announced. Ticket information may be obtained at 420 St. Charles St.

New York - Oxford University Press has announced that it will begin publication of a series of translations of notable Italian literature in 1960.

Ubaldino, Italy - Carlo Ghislendi, 54, passed away. He was a nephew of Pope John XXIII.

San Remo, Italy - Last Saturday Renato Rasca, the soft voiced little Italian comic put the sweet singer back on top by winning the San Remo, song festival, Italy's biggest annual battle of popular music. His new song 'Romantica' had them swooning in the aisles. The number one entry was Domenico Modugno, Libero which finished a poor second. Modugno had won the festival the last two years running and was the only person to have ever won it twice.

Victory at San Remo usually means automatic popularity in Italy. So listeners can look for the easy flowing catchy tune, 'Romantica', to become a hit much in the manner as did another Rascal hit, 'Arrivederci Roma', which was a popular song abroad.

**DeMolay Order
to Seat Leaders**

New officers of the Order of DeMolay will be installed at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13 in the Grand Convent, 619 Carondelet.

Installed will be: E. Arthur Flucke Jr., master councillor; Terry Dubois, senior councillor; Don Hannibal, junior councillor; Ronald Repell, senior deacon; Porter Wingate, junior deacon; Tom Shutt, senior steward; Phillip Mollere, junior steward; Bill Stacy, chaplain; Lionel Treadaway Jr., sentinel; Robert Paul, standard bearer; Joseph Aynami, almoner; Robert Westcott, marshal; Karl Sauviac, orator; Kenneth Posey, scribe; Henry Sauviac, financial scribe; Vernon Noe, treasurer, and Robert Rosstrup, Jerry Thompson, Pete Laugens, Arnold Stieble, Frank Ash, Jack Young, Richard Rostrup, preceptors.



ITA-AM DICK

CATHOLIC AND PUBLIC GAGE RACES DEADLOCKED

With the first half of both the Catholic and Public district play finished, we find both races have produced first round ties, there is a difference however in that the percentages in the Catholic loop are carried over whereas in the Public section, there are two separate rounds.

In the Catholic race the dog eat dog race that was expected has materialized. DeLaSalle, the perennial champion, is once again at the top sharing its lead with St. Aloysius, its most formidable for in recent years. The Cavaliers of Johnny Altobello are being led by the returning veterans from last year's state champion team.

Merrill Vitter, Wayne Pietri, and Jerry Eckholdt are all averaging over ten points a game and appear as if they intend to be in those state playoffs again. St. Aloysius' Crusaders sporting the same 3-1 record as do the Cavs, are coming around after an openun' loss to Jesuit. It appears that if coach Ernie Smith can get someone to help his two stellar scoring guards, Gary Albrecht and Ed Burgard, then they will be in the race for the crown right to the wire. Right behind these two clubs in another tie are the Jesuit Blue Jays and the Tiger's from Holy Cross, both teams at 2-2. The Jays opened strong winning their first two but ran into tough sledding and dropped the next two. Leading the Jays in both scoring and rebounding is center Lou Triche, a rugged senior

Over in Tiger land Coach Ed Tuohy is beset by a problem of finding the combination to go along with his already potent scoring duo, Bill Truax and Bill Johnston. Most of the time the two Bill's are on the ball but they'll need more help to go all the way. Both boys are averaging around 16 a game. Down in Irish Channel territory coach Skeeter Theard has little to rejoice over these days outside of one Sammy Juda, the loop's leading scorer who is averaging a robust 22 points per game. But Redemptorist is yet to win a loop game as none of the other Rams have gotten the scoring touch. However with someone like Juda in the line-up the Rams might yet spoil someone's title on a given night.

Over in the 6 team Public district, there is even a tighter scramble. The first round ended in a three way tie with Nicholls, Fortier and East Jefferson all sharing in the pie necessitating a play off this past week. All three have a 4-1 record forecast even as tight a race in the second round. Coach Ray Froeba's reds are being sparked by Oscar Wible, Woody Burkhardt and a sophomore Charley Brandt, who is tabbed for much future stardom. At Fortier Milt Clavier has relied on Ronnie Stein and Elbert Goff whereas the Warriors from East Jefferson count on Art Rahn to do most of their scoring. The other three clubs appear too weak to be more than spoilers although fine prep players can be found in McDonogh's Richie Zimmer and Kent Akbright, West Jeff's Henry Walker and Easton's Richie Bourgeois.

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