

Aquinas Makes It

A Night To Remember

By WHIT JOHNSON

"C'mon, Let's go, tonight's OUR night, gang!"

An Aquinas bench rider, was the orator as the Irish took to the hardwood trailing 23-18 to begin the second half of its basketball battle with McQuaid Jesuit High School last Friday night.

IT WAS A DAMP evening with cold wind blowing bitterly outside the Community War Memorial. Not a pleasant night.

But for the shouting Aquinas sub and all his mates it became a memorable one as they battled from behind to emerge victorious, scoring their fourth victory of the season and handing top-ranked McQuaid its first defeat.

Over 5,000 screaming fans watched Aquinas beat McQuaid 53-50 in overtime to climax a night to remember for the boys from Dewey Avenue.

"We were out to win this game," said Aquinas coach Ron Mack amid the wildly celebrating Irish players in the dressing room. Mack had nothing but praise for his boys but added, "McQuaid had a fine team, excellently coached, and displayed only the highest type of sportsmanship."

Aquinas opened the scoring with a basket by Steve Chamberlain and were not headed for some five minutes until Tony Criscuolo found his mark and completed five out of six from the foul line and banged in a field goal to boot. McQuaid led at the end of the first quarter 11-7.

Play steadied back and forth in the second quarter with McQuaid finally away by five.

THE TEEMING throng, sensing that Aquinas has been a sec-

ond half club all season, wondered if the Irish could come from this far behind.

The Little Irish opened the second half with a quick basket by Doug Kane. Field goals by Criscuolo, Zona and Wojick for the Knights, more baskets by Chatterton, Keller and Kane for the Irish, with successful free throws by Zona, Chatterton, Page and Calvaruso and the score was tied at 34 as the third period ended.

At this point the proverbial dull roar seemed to vibrate every joist in the huge arena.

Aquinas' Jim Chatterton, playing with four fouls on him, led the attack in the fourth quarter to send the Irish ahead by four points. McQuaid continued their highly successful full court press to tie at the end of regulation play, 47-47.

By this-time bedlam had broken loose in the Memorial.

In the three minute overtime Frank Zona banged in a free-throw which was quickly followed with a basket by Tony

Criscuolo and the McQuaid scoring was ended for the evening.

With the score at 50-47 for McQuaid, Doug Kane scored a basket and Gary Page came through with four free throws to send the Irish to victory.

AQUINAS WON the game under the boards, capturing 39 rebounds to McQuaid's 22. From the floor the Irish tallied 17 field goals to the Knights' 15. In the charity department McQuaid scored on 20 of 29 shots while the Little Irish made only 19 of 37 attempted. In spite of Gary Page's 9 for 9 record.

In the preliminary game the Aquinas Jayvee squad downed the McQuaid Jayvees, 36-31, in a hard fought game which saw the Irish come from behind to capture the laurels.

Even the Aquinas marching band got into the act by performing an impressive half-time show.

Call it luck, call it fate; all-in-all, it was a great night for the Irish!

C.Y.O. Parish Basketball Leagues

STANDINGS AS OF DEC. 24

Table with columns for White Division and Green Division, listing various parishes and their scores.

Table with columns for High School Northern and High School Southern, listing various parishes and their scores.

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF JAN. 1
White Division - Grammar Sunday, January 1
St. Charles vs. Blessed Sacrament at CYO Gym, 1 p.m.
St. Helen's vs. Sacred Heart at CYO Aud., 1 p.m.
St. Cecilia's vs. St. John's, Greece at Holy Cross, 3:45 p.m.
St. Thomas vs. Holy Cross at Holy Cross, 2:30 p.m.
Mother Sorrows vs. St. Monica's at St. Monica's, 2:30 p.m.

Green Division - Grammar Sunday, January 7
St. Jerome's vs. O. L. Lourdes at CYO Gym, 2:15 p.m.
St. Thomas More vs. St. Salome's at St. Monica's, 3:45 p.m.
O.L.P.H. vs. Christ the King at Immaculate, 1 p.m.
Holy Ghost vs. Precious Blood at Precious Blood, 2:15 p.m.
St. Boniface vs. Immaculate at Immaculate, 2:15 p.m.
St. Plus X vs. St. Anthony's at CYO Gym, 3:30 p.m.

Southern Division - High School League Friday, Jan. 5
Holy Trinity vs. Holy Ghost at CYO Aud., 8:30 p.m.
St. Theodore's vs. St. Helen's at CYO Aud., 8:00 p.m.

Northern Division - High School League Sunday, Jan. 7
St. Cecilia's vs. Mt. Carmel at Immaculate, 3:30 p.m.
St. Thomas vs. St. Charles at CYO Gym, 1 p.m.
O.L.P.H. vs. Holy Cross at Holy Cross, 1 p.m.
Annunciation vs. St. Stanislaus at St. Stanislaus, 2 p.m.
St. Andrews vs. St. John's, Greece at CYO Aud., 2:15 p.m.
O. L. Mercy vs. Mother Sorrows at Precious Blood, 1 p.m.
St. Salome's vs. St. Ambrose at CYO Gym., 6:15 p.m.

New County League Lists Opening Game

Mt. Morris - Plans are now completed for the new Livingston County Parochial School Basketball League that will officially get under way on Saturday, Jan. 6.

James Mulcahy, coach; St. Rose, Lima, Monsignor John Ball and Richard Minz coach and St. Patrick's, Mt. Morris, Rev. John Coonan, director and Russell Genco, coach.

Date Book

ND Club Dance
Notre Dame Club of Rochester Christmas Dance, Saturday, Dec. 30 at Ridgmont Country Club. Zani Patasin's band will 2 provide the dancing entertainment from 9:30 to 1:30. Formal dress is optional. All alumni, students and guests invited. No reservations are necessary. Admission \$5.

Knights Party
New Year's Eve Party of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus in clubrooms, 50 Chestnut St. Sunday from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Catered dinner 12:30 a.m. Corsages for ladies, noisemakers for all. Cost \$5 per person. Reservations must be made at clubrooms, BA 5-3983.

Fourth Degree
New Year Party of Rochester General Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus to be held in the Council rooms, 50 Chestnut St., Saturday, Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. Entertainment, buffet supper and dancing are on schedule.

Harp's Ball
Harp's New Year's Ball at the club headquarters, 115 Buffalo Road, Sunday, Dec. 31. Dancing will begin at 9 p.m. and continue to 2 a.m. Noisemakers planned.

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Seton Groups In Action

19TH BRANCH of Seton Workers of St. Mary's Hospital will be entertained at luncheon by Mrs. William E. Merriman of Seneca Parkway, Wednesday, Jan. 3.

20TH BRANCH will meet Tuesday, Jan. 2 at home of Mrs. Marie Van Graafeiland, Alexander St.

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CYO In The News

Although the C.Y.O. High School Invitational Holiday Tournament will be well underway as of the printing of this article, there will be semi-final ball games Friday evening between the winner of the Holy Cross and Holy Family game and the winner of the Mother of Sorrows and Our Lady of Mercy game.

THIS GAME will be at 8 p.m. on Friday evening. Also, at 6:30 on Friday evening, there will be a semi-final game between the winner of the St. Monica vs. Holy Apostle game, and the Gates All Stars versus The Knights game.

Then, on Saturday afternoon, at 1 p.m., the losers of the semi-finals will play a preliminary game to decide the third and fourth places in the Tournament. The championship game will be held at 2:30 p.m.

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"Should could acquaintance be forgot..." There are times when the old songs and the timeless thoughts are best. And so as the sand runs out, signaling the end of the old year, and bells ring out heralding 1962—freshly-minted and bright with promise—from all of us at Lincoln Rochester to each of you, Happy New Year!

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