

Last season Aquinas posted a perfect record in dual and triangular meets and capped second place in the Elmira Relays. The Freshman squad won the Diocesan Fresh Track and Field Championship.

Aquinas Opens Track Season

By WHIT JOHNSON

For over a month, in spite of dull, grey skies, snow, rain and sleet, Aquinas runners and jumpers have been flexing their muscles and showing their teeth. Now, with the advent of good weather, the Little Irish trackmen take to defend their school crowns.

Other returning intermets whom Father Ware will depend upon are: 230 run, Jerry Murray; 440 run, John O'Neill and Jim Walsh; 220 dash, Dick Milano.

Aquinas Institute has long been known for its track athletes who have distinguished themselves in city and county competition. From all indications, this season will not be an exception. The Irish have runners, jumpers and weight men who can compete favorably when matched against the best in the area.

Co-captains of the current squad are Dick Newman, Jim Walsh and Mike Popen.

The highly successful coach is Rev. John P. Ware, C.S.B., who excels at gauging a man's potential and getting all that's to be got out of him.

Few schools will be able to take Aquinas in the distance runs with two miler Mike Smith and miler Mike Popen returning.

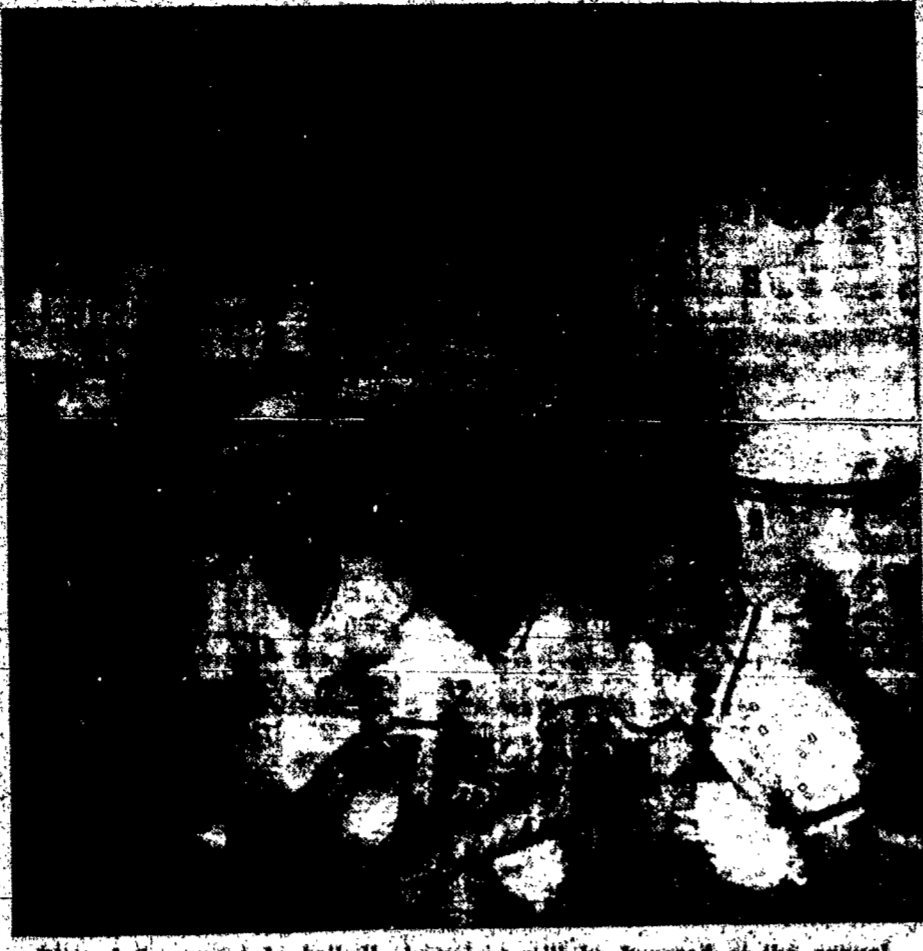
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Diocesan basketball champions will be honored at the annual Sportsman's Banquet April 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the school hall.

Meet Lost By McQuaid

It isn't every team that's lucky enough to suffer its first defeat of the season in the dark. McQuaid Jesuit High's track team joined that select and completely mythical group last Monday by losing its opener to Batavia, 68-58, in a combined varsity-j.v. meet that ended long after sundown.

The last event on the program proved to be the decisive one. With McQuaid needing a win in the 400-yard relay to even out a 64-63 variety edge, the ghostly visitors from Batavia came out of the shadows with a 10-yard victory to nail down the verdict.

Eight first places for the Knights, including doubles by Tom Meisch and Eric Kendrick, failed to offset Batavia's dominance of the place points. The Knights grabbed only a seconds while their opponents took 9, and the meet with them.

Besides Meisch, who won both dashes, and Kendrick, who split his talents between the broad jump and the mile, McQuaid's winners were Bryan Burns in the 440, Dave Foley in the high jump, Paul Sadler in the shot put, and the 4150-foot middleweight combination of Mike LaFolce, Joe Rockwell, Dave A-Wall and Chris Malar.

Sportsman's Banquet Set

Blessed Sacrament Parish Athletic Assn. will hold its 7th annual Sportsman's Banquet Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the school hall. Miss Janet Smith, Olympic speed skating star, and Bobby Winder, former basketball star with the Rochester Royals and now athletic director of St. John Fisher College, will be guest speakers. Other guests will be coaches from the Catholic high schools.

Trophies will be presented to boys from the high school and grammar school teams. Mr. Edward J. McAniff and coaches Tom Catten and Vick Westcott will play host to the mothers as well as the fathers of the Youth Club at this year's banquet.

Tickets are available from St. Wynne, GR 3-4038; Jim Conolly, BR 1-0783; Bill Webster, GR 3-8438, or at the rectory.

Laymen Named To Board

Wheeling, W. Va. (NC)—The Diocese of Wheeling has added four lay persons, three college educators and a lawyer, to its policy-making school board. Father Robert H. Wanders, superintendent, has reported.

Bishop Joseph H. Hodges of Wheeling has asked the board to submit possible solutions to strains on the system brought about by forced discontinuance of a program whereby the diocese helped parishes pay for lay teachers, an enrollment growth far outdistancing that of public schools and predictions that Catholic high schools will be expected to enroll 116% more students in the next eight years.

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