



Members of Aquinas cross-country team are (from left to right): Dan Holden, Tom Collister, Dick FitzHarris, Bob Testa, Joe Wargo, Tom Hanley, and Jim Craig.

Aquinas Team Receives State-wide Recognition

By KEVIN DONOVAN

Aquinas Institute's championship cross-country team closed its highly successful season by gaining state-wide recognition in the Ossining Invitational, unofficially recognized as cross-country's state championship meet.

Aquinas, representing all of Western New York, finished fifth in the competition. Stony Brook, a private Long Island high school, edged out Ossining High, Public School Athletic Association champion, to win the coveted crown.

As a result of Aquinas' performance, the meet officials ranked the Little Irish as sixth best in the state, and recognized Father Donald McCarthy's harrriers as the number one Catholic High School cross-country team in the Empire State.

In order to gain the top parochial position the Aquinas crew had to outrun the highly touted Albertus Magnus squad from New York City and Schenectady's Bishop Gibbons High School.

The Albertus Magnus team entered the competition with an undefeated record, and was rated as the most powerful Catholic team in the state. Bishop Gibbons was rated as the strongest team outside of metropolitan New York.

However, both teams finished behind the Irish at Ossining and were forced to relinquish their prestigious titles to Aquinas.

Top runners for the Dewey Avenue school were Dan Holden, Tom Collister, Joe Wargo, Dick FitzHarris and Tom Hanley.

The Ossining performance closed the cross-country season at Aquinas and ended what was undoubtedly the school's most outstanding cross-country record.

Basketball Outlook at Fisher Is Optimistic

With his varsity squad trimmed to an even dozen players after three weeks of practice, St. John Fisher College Athletic Director and Head Basketball Coach Robert F. "Bobby" Wamer is hopeful that this year's Cardinals will improve on last season's 6-16 record.

"Although forward Jim Charles is the only holdover we can count on from our starting five of a year ago," Wamer said, "we do have eight lettermen returning and have picked up some speed and shooting ability from several boys who were previously ineligible."

John Fitzgerald, top Fisher scorer in several important games last year, has not recovered from a knee injury suffered late in the season. He survived the final cut but is not being counted on to play regularly this season.

Two eligible lettermen, Captain Brendan Carmody and Ron Ashe, both seniors, are skipping basketball to concentrate on studies. Another senior letterman, Dick Updow, has decided to switch to wrestling for his winter sports activity.

Among the experienced players on the squad are Jerry Eckert, the lone senior, and juniors Tony Binsack, John Barnoski, Tom Vogel and Ed Wetmiller. Brian Holt and Jim Dolgos each played part of last season. Binsack and Barnoski at 6'5" and Holt at 6'4" are the tallest of the Wanzermans.

Varsity newcomers are Kevin Bryan, a transfer student now in his second year at Fisher, and sophomores Doug Harper and George Ketchum.

Wamer has booked a 19-game slate but may add another contest or two before play starts Dec. 1. Fisher will host the 1st Annual Monroe County Collegiate Tournament Jan. 27 and 28.

The St. John Fisher freshman five, also coached by Wamer, face a 15-game schedule. Rochester area scholastic court standouts on the Irish team include Bob Case, Walt Szarlacki and Pat Shatzel of Bishop Kearney High, Kevin Dugan of Cardinal Mooney, John Laveck of Aquinas, and Bill O'Rourke of R. L. Thomas High. O'Rourke, a transfer from Wooster College, will be eligible for second semester varsity play.

Sports

Irish Edge E. Rochester

By WHIT JOHNSON

Aquinas Institute opened its 1966-67 basketball campaign with an exciting 48-42 conquest of scrappy East Rochester in overtime at the War Memorial last weekend.

Tonight the Irish travel to Canandaigua to meet the Academy in a game scheduled for 8 p.m. Tomorrow (Saturday) Aquinas is host to West High in the Aquinas gym at 2 p.m. with a junior varsity meeting at 1 p.m.

Aquinas, the defending champion of the Diocesan Basketball tournament, led all the way against the Bombers until the final minutes of the game when ER's Vince Carozzi sank a free throw to tie the game at 33-33. Aquinas regained the lead with baskets by Paul Fiore and Dick Barron, but a pair of baskets by Larry Brothers and Mark Corkish tied the score again with seconds remaining. Dick Baroud put the Bombers ahead temporarily when he sank two free throws, but Aquinas' Dick Barrow also hit for two from the charity line to end regulation play at 40-40.

In overtime Jim Murawski finally found the target after a frustrating evening of misses to notch six points and sew up the game for the Irish.

Fiore chipped in with 14 points for game high honors, Jim Brady tallied 9 points and 7 rebounds while Murawski had 7 points and 11 rebounds.

Carozzi was high for East Rochester with 11 points.

Aquinas dominated the backboards collecting 49 rebounds against 32 for the Bombers.

The Kelly-men will have their hands full at Canandaigua tonight. The Academy boys are sporting a tall and talented team with a liberal sprinkling of returning lettermen. Last year Aquinas split a home and home series with the Indians.

Sports Figure To Speak at St. Patrick's

Baseball's Tommy Richardson will be the main speaker for the St. Patrick's 2nd Annual Sports Banquet, Dec. 4 at 8:30 p.m. at the St. Patrick's auditorium, Seneca Falls.

Mr. Richardson has been a figure in the baseball world for 41 years. After serving 24 years as head of the Eastern League, he then directed the International League as its president for 4 years. At present he is serving as good-will ambassador to baseball with the major leagues.

Other sports figures who are expected to appear at the banquet include the Houston Astro's Dave Giusti, general manager of the Syracuse Chiefs, Don Labbrusso; George Valentine and Steve Reid of the Water-Falls Cardinals semi-pro baseball team and Lou Massa, president of the State Baseball League and scout for the Cincinnati Reds.

Tickets may be had by contacting any committee member.



Players from Mt. Carmel's basketball team are from (left to right: back row) Bill Stapleton, Roger Dooley, Judson Heintz, George Bodine, Jerry Oliver, and John Harding (front row) Tom Prystal, Ron Cooke, Mike Van Seayke, Bob Boedicher, Chris Hoerger, and Brian Lacey.

Notre Dame's Heroes

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Now that the football season is over, the only thing left to do is hand out the trophies and awards to the deserving players. Not least among the most desirable after-season glories is the Annual All-Scholastic Team.

This year, Notre Dame was fortunate enough to have four of its grid-ders make the grade. These are: Joel Ramich, back; Pete DeSocio, back; Bill Baker, end; and Dan O'Herron, guard, linebacker.

Ramich, of course, was a "shoe in". The tremendously talented senior broke just about every record in the book. He holds the record for the most yards gained rushing, most points scored, and most carries per game, to name a few. Besides his stellar performances on offense, he also was irreplaceable on defense with numerous tackles, assists, and intercepted passes.

What makes Ramich run? The answer is power. Power that comes from giant legs with calf muscles as big as a person's thigh. Couple these to powerful hips and a rock-solid trunk and you got a combination that's the long run or a smash through the middle.

The other half of ND's scoring duo is Pete DeSocio, but his place on the AST is on the defensive unit. Not because he wasn't good on offense. It's just

that he was just as good on defense. Here we have the dream of every coach: the person who can play both ways and do a creditable job. Pete didn't do a creditable job, he did a magnificent one. Gifted with great speed and tremendous agility, he could outrun persuing tacklers, beat out defensive men assigned to cover him, and still have the steam to tackle anybody he got his hands on.

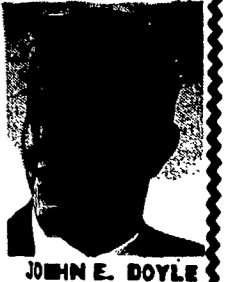
Next on our list of greats is defensive end Bill Baker, ND's answer to Bubba Smith. At two hundred pounds he has the size and the strength to mow over blockers on the pass rush and stop them cold when they were foolish enough to run his way. But Baker has another asset which makes him great. He has an uncanny ability to pick off the quarterback's passes just as they leave his hand. He then proceeds, as on many occasions, to run for a touchdown.

The remaining AST member is one of the famous "mighty mites." Dan O'Herron by football standards, is tiny. He tips the scales at a mere 141 pounds and stands just 5'7" tall. How then did he earn the offensive guard position when the other offensive guard weighed 225 pounds? It can all be summed up in one word: guts. A coach once remarked to me that O'Herron hits harder than any man on the team. He is built like a brick wall — solid, and he has a speed advantage over

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