

Mooney's Cagers No. 1 and He's

By SISTER DORIS HAMILTON, R.S.M.

What does it feel like to be playing basketball on an undefeated team before a capacity crowd? A good person to ask is Doug Farrell, captain of Cardinal Mooney High School's basketball team, ranked No. 1 in New York State.

"I get nervous before every game," states Doug, "and this season, when I walked out on the court the night of the Webster game, I was really shook when I saw that crowd." (Mooney and Webster, both undefeated teams, met in a jam-packed Mooney gym Jan. 11. Mooney won, 63-44.)

"Actually, though, I think the reaction of a crowd helps us kind of in reverse. Our team uses the press and when we do, the crowd starts to react. All that sound rattles the other teams—at times and the confidence we build up from the crowd's support helps us."

Doug, who has been a varsity starter since his sophomore year, describes his teammates as "fabulous guys, both on and off the court. As far as the game is concerned, everyone looks for the open man. Everyone does his job—and even when one man sees a good shot, he'll pass it up, if he knows someone else could do better."

Mooney's winning season has brought Coach Ed Nietopski, a man noted for great coaching, further into the public eye. It's evident that the secret to Mooney's teamwork originates with this man. Doug sums it up:

"Mr. Nietopski's got a lot of class. As a coach, he doesn't press you, he spots your weaknesses and helps you with them, but there's no strain. We know he knows best, both with regard to the game, and in other matters, too. When he tells us to wear a suit and tie to the games and says that he doesn't want any trouble at our away games, we know he's training us for the pros."

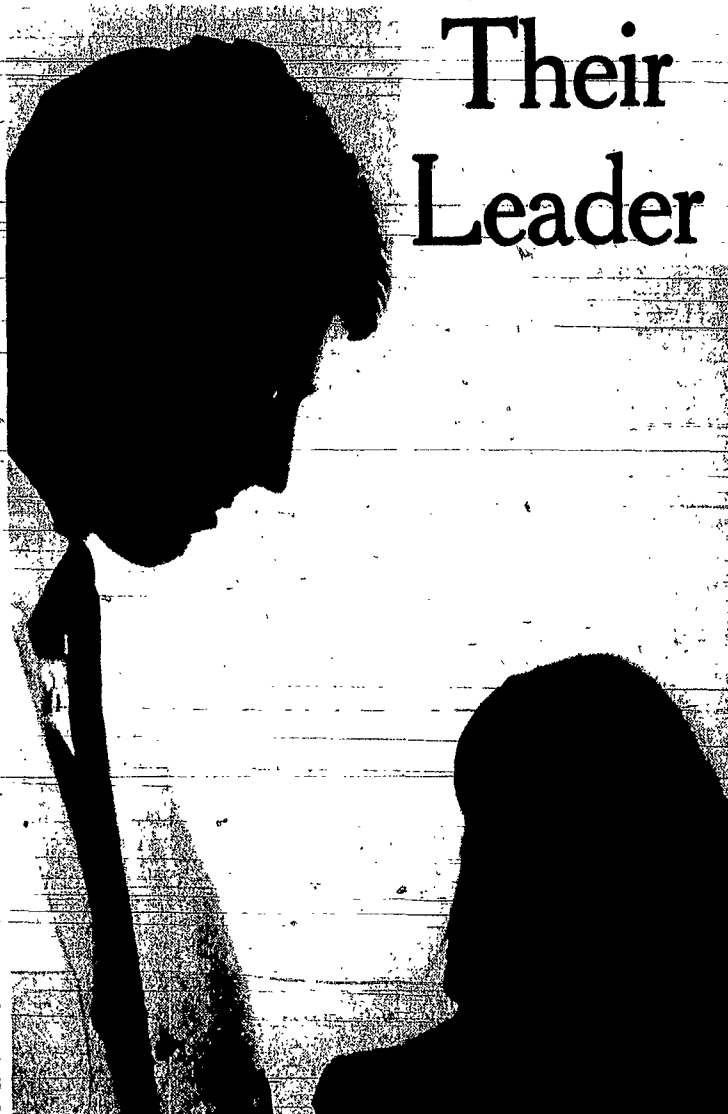
"And probably what's best is that he's not strictly a varsity man. He helps a beginning freshman as readily as he helps us. We know he's responsible for much of our technique, but the coach often says that there is something extra behind our team. We always say a rosary at half-time. He believes this is important, and I do, too."

Farrell, who was one of the three tri-captains of the Greater Rochester team, 1967-68, and who is looking forward to a match with another tri-captain, Sam Gray, of East High's team tomorrow night, Feb. 15, at the new R.I.T. campus gym, has a long history of good coaching.

"I'm really sort of spoiled," he smiles. "I began playing basketball in the third grade Sacred Heart under Coach Packy McFarlin. (The late Mr. McFarlin is described by Ed Nietopski as "the man really responsible for Doug's development as a basketball player.")

"Besides how to play basketball," continues Doug, "I've learned the same thing from Coaches McFarlin and Nietopski: Discipline. You have to listen if you want to do what's best."

At games this season, there has been an increasing number of "small fry"—for whom Doug and his fellow team members are real heroes. What's Doug's advice to them, and to all sports-minded boys? "You've got to want to pay the price—you've got to plan on starting out unscathed and you've got to learn to listen. Get involved in any way possible—be the manager, the towel boy, the water boy. Be outstanding as a person, not just as a sportsman. Kids seem to wait 'til seventh and eighth grade nowadays before they start playing. When I was in the third grade, my brother, Danny, was playing at Sacred Heart. When he'd go over for practice, I'd trail along. I didn't get to play much, but I was there and I learned a lot."



Doug Farrell and Mooney senior Pat Kunz chat.

What about next year, when the senior year at Mooney, and a 19 point-per-game average are part of 6-foot-1 Doug's past? "I'm going to college for sure, where, I don't know right now. I have received letters from about 40 colleges and I'm kind of leaning toward Niagara. Almost every other day, Brother Paul and Mr. Nietopski meet with me and we discuss the choices." (Brother Paul Burns, C.S.C. is a Theology teacher and a Guidance Counselor at Mooney.)

"This is where the other great side of Coach Nietopski shows up. He never tells me what I should do. But, with his knowledge of the sports program of each school, he can give me a good picture of the school. Brother Paul helps me to see the academic advantages and the coach points out the athletic opportunities."

Sports

McQuaid Cagers Tip Little Irish, 53-52

By WHIT JOHNSON

An Aquinas rally in the final three minutes fell short and McQuaid Jesuit High's basketball team held on to score a 53-52 win last Friday night on the Knights' court.

The hot-shooting Jesuits halted any hopes of Aquinas pulling an upset to average a 51-49 loss to the Knights earlier in the season.

The underdog Irish led the winners throughout most of the first period. In the second stanza, McQuaid, now sporting an 8-8 record, started to find the range and led, 25-24, at the half, and 41-34 after three periods. In the last quarter Aquinas outscored the Knights, 18-12, but the clock cut the rally short.

Both clubs shot 33 per cent from the field, and neither was really able to get a hot streak going. Aquinas hit on 18 of 54 shots and McQuaid, 20 of 59. But the Knights did a fine job on the boards, holding a 39-27 margin.

Most of the McQuaid heroics were performed by Tom Combs, stealing the limelight from older brother Nick. Tom paced the Knights with 21 points and grabbed 15 rebounds. Nick netted 13 points, 11 of them in the third quarter. Ryan, with 11 points, rounded out the McQuaid scorers in double figures.

The loss left Aquinas with a 5-9 mark and 0-4 in league play. Bill Murrer paced the losers with 17 points while Jerry Susina chipped in with 14 and Bill Woodward with 11.

Tonight Aquinas hosts Monroe High at the old R.I.T. Ritter-Clark gymnasium. Game time is 8:15 with a junior varsity preliminary at 7 p.m.

Kearney Bows To Cardinals
By TOM DOMALSKI

Bishop Kearney's basketball team fell to the number one team in the state, Cardinal Mooney, last Friday, '68-68. In the crowded Mooney gym, the Kings stumbled against what high school teams have tried to beat all season, Cardinal height, the Cardinal press, and Doug Farrell.

Farrell turned in a 25-point performance. Rich Yeager, with some fine outside shooting, scored 15 for the Kings.

Kearney's league record stands at 1-3, and overall it is 5-8. Mooney grabbed its 13th victory against the Kings, and on Saturday, the undefeated Cardinals went to work on Rush-Henrietta, 61-36, for their 14th.

Bishop Kearney will play at Palmira-Macedon tonight. Tomorrow, the Kings will host Pittsford at 8 p.m. with the Jayvees competing at 7.

Aquinas Icers Beat McQuaid

The Aquinas Institute hockey team blasted the McQuaid netminder with 46 shots Saturday morning to win, 7 to 1, at the new Rochester Institute of Technology rink on Jefferson Road.

Led by sharp-shooting Mike Skivington, Aquinas gained a tie for second place with the Knights in the Monroe County Hockey League. Skivington performed the "hat trick," blasting in three goals. Other Aquinas scorers were Mike Gotham, Mike Fitzpatrick, Barry Bedford and Carl Nanni. V.J. Stanley scored the lone McQuaid tally.

Aquinas takes on league-leading Irondequoit High tomorrow in a 1:30 p.m. game and McQuaid meets Fairport in the 11:30 a.m. opener.

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Now that it has its bishop in (Most Rev. John J. Ferty), Elmira is rather important as a center in the Rochester. But it is the advent of Bishop Ferty, Catholicism had been increasing.
There were Catholics in Elmira at least and perhaps five more, and they had been invited by the local Catholics to use the local church.
The first Mass celebrated in the city was in 1834. Two of the first, Matthew Lafcay, Biggs, Reguier, Francis O'Donnell, came to their children. He had been home, baptized, and assisted at marriage ministered the sacraments and the after that, priest Elmira's occasional from Auburn, 1840 from Geneva 1842, from Bing Mass celebrated in 1849; Father John was named fourth in a parish in Elmira building a brick St. Peter and structure was not over, so his successor John O'Boyle 1854 a more Gothic building
Unfortunately, construction of Father O'Boyle's scaffold and died her 1856. His reinterred under the a rather unus in America churches.
It took three years the new structure and Paul, but it the Elmira parish was finished in 1861. As well were pleased with Protestants ask pews, and some

Have Faith In Young
(The following reprinted from the bulletin of St. Michael's Church in Rochester.)
Many young people have lost their faith. This calls for prayers more than tears. The faith they have given up is the faith they observe around them, a faith that is dull and lifeless. They want no part of that kind of faith.
But this is not to say they have no faith, or are not looking for faith. Especially today's young generation. They are serious. They are earnest. They are asking deeper questions about life and God than we older folks ever did. And they are not settling for cheap and easy answers.
"I say to you I have not found so great a faith in Israel," Jesus said about the faith of the pagans—conversion who came to Him for help. I think we can say something like this about today's young seekers and rebels. They are looking for a faith much more dynamic and heartfelt than most of us can show them. They ask us for bread, and we hand them a stone, a dead faith.

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The lesson for the older generation is: Don't rail at the young. Listen for the truth in their discontent. Their irreverence and impatience is not really against God and His Christ, but rather the idols we set up and the hypocrites we look like to them. Our response should be, not anger, but self-appraisal, and patience with their questioning. By the grace of God we may enter into a livelier faith and sincerity.

"A Time to Reflect..."
Have you ever wondered why the Church has devoted a whole season to penance? Why, when personal fulfillment and individual growth are today's catchwords, does She continue to urge us to sacrifice for others? Have you wondered why the Church has not done away with Lent altogether?
The answer, I think, is simply this. Sacrifice is basic to our religion. Just as it is basic to any relationship. For example, a marriage that is not grounded on mutual consideration—which entails much sacrifice—will not last. In the same way, our sacrifice binds us to Christ, and it binds us to those we help by our sacrifices.

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CYO Cage Tourney To Begin Tonight
Tournament games to determine champions in the CYO Monroe County Basketball League will begin this weekend and continue through next week.
In the league's high school section, St. Charles Borromeo and Blessed Sacrament will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14. St. Louis and St. John (Greece) will meet at 4 p.m. Sunday.

Kearney Matmen Defeat McQuaid
By FRANK GENOVESE
The Bishop Kearney grapplers beat the McQuaid Knights for the second time this season, last Saturday, by a 29-13 margin.
Four Kearney wrestlers, Mike O'Connell, Paul Williams, Lou Alano and Jerry Kleisak remain undefeated this season in ten matches.

Paddleball Tourney Scheduled at CYO
Competition for the Monroe County singles paddleball championship will begin at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, at Columbus Civic Center.
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