

# McQuaid Beats Mooney For Diocesan Crown

It took three years and an extra three minutes, but McQuaid Jesuit High finally came up with a basketball victory over Cardinal Mooney and made it good for the Diocesan Tournament championship. The game was played last Sunday at Monroe Community College.

Not since January of 1967 have the Knights been able to master the Cards. They did it then, 57-51, with a 17-point spurge in the last 3 1/2 minutes. Sunday, it was 47-44 in overtime, after a long uphill pull from a 13-point deficit.

Actually, the game might have been won 12 days earlier in a scrimmage at Pittsford. It was there that McQuaid senior Tom Wojcik showed Coach Ed Markey the passing and quick moves that had him in the starting lineup for all three tournament games. Wojcik, who had seen only brief action in the previous two losses to Mooney, sparked the Knights' rally on two occasions, played almost the whole game, and swished the cushion foul-shot with 12 seconds to play.

The Knights trailed by 13-9

at the quarter but seemed headed for the graveyard anyway when Ken Wehner and Pete Maher hit on six shots in a row to pump the Mooney lead up to 28-15. McQuaid saved itself then with a 6-point comeback as Ray O'Neill sank two fouls, Ned Miller hit a one-hander, and Wojcik stole the ball and put in a jumper. At the half it was a hopeful 27-19 deficit that McQuaid faced.

Wojcik led the second-half charge with a foul and two drives that cut the margin, 40-36, with six minutes left. Then the Knights held Mooney scoreless for almost five minutes while John McLane, on a foul and a followup, and O'Neill on a foul finally brought them even, 40-40, with three minutes to go.

Senior Tom Combs put McQuaid ahead for the first time with a tip-in at the 2:25 mark, but Mike Green equalized that with two foul shots at 1:15. With McQuaid holding the ball for a last shot, the score stayed that way until Mooney forced a jump ball, got possession, and had the last shot themselves, a

one-hander by Tom Spoonhower that missed.

In overtime, the Knights controlled the top, worked for over a minute, then had Wojcik slip McLane a pass on the baseline for the go-ahead layup. Wehner fired back for Mooney with 59 seconds left, leaving it for O'Neill to put in the winning shot on a 15-footer from the side with 32 seconds on the clock. McLane's steal and Wojcik's clinching foul closed off the Cards' last chances, bringing McQuaid its first diocesan tournament title since 1965.

The victory snapped Mooney's three-year string and ended the Cards' season with an 18-3 record in what began as a "building" year. McQuaid finished with 12-9.

The All-Tournament team, selected for the first time, had Mooney's Wehner and Maher, McQuaid's McLane and O'Neill, and Mt. Carmel's Bob Balash, who led his team as far as its 51-45 loss to McQuaid in the semi-finals. McLane garnered the additional honor of MVP, also a new award this year!



McQuaid's triumphant basketball players, receiving the diocesan championship trophy, are shown with Coach Ed Markey and the principal, Father Joseph Gersitz, S.J. The varsity squad includes Tom Wojcik, Dave Maurer, Will Martinez, John McLane, Gardner Odenbach, John Quinlisk, Bernard Knauf, Tom Combs, Mike Ryan, Ray O'Neill and, not shown, Jim Nentecek and Ned Miller.

## Rochester Downed In Diocesan Tourney

Rochester teams found the going pretty tough in the final games of the CYO Diocesan Basketball Tournament. In games played in Rochester, Auburn, and Elmira, not one Rochester team captured a championship.

St. Bridget and St. Pius, both of Rochester, lost in the finals. Crowned champions were: St. Mary, Elmira, over St. Alphonsus, Auburn, 38-26 to win the Archbishop Sheen Elementary Tournament.

The Bishop Hogan Elementary Tournament was won by St. Mary, Canandaigua, 41-30 over Holy Family, Auburn.

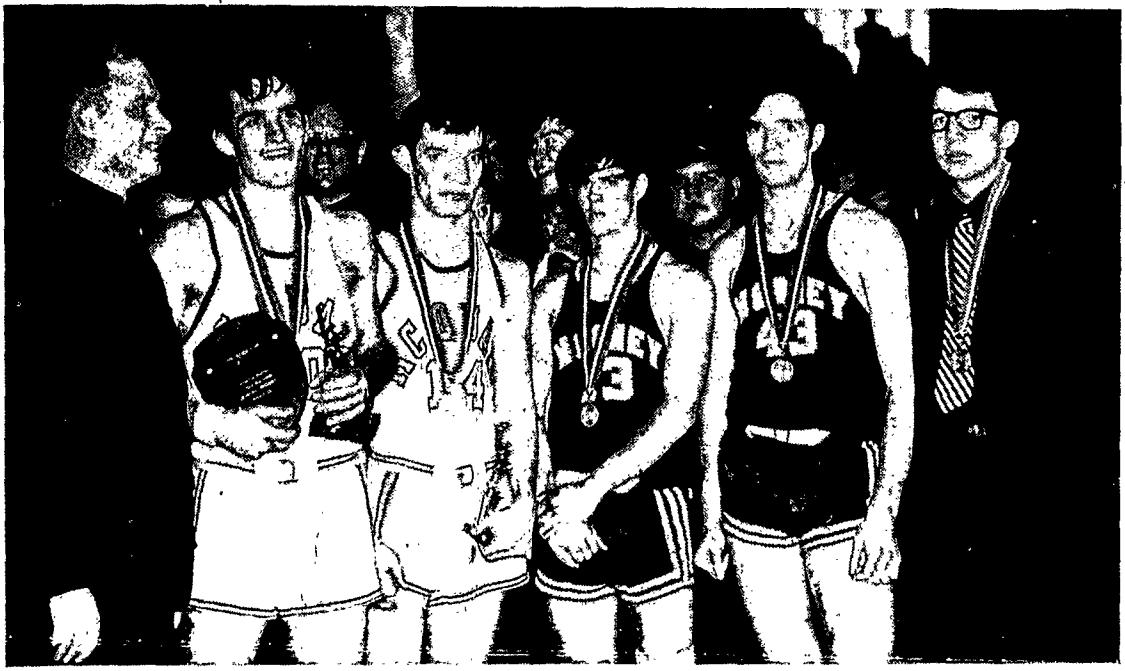
St. Mary, Horseheads, was crowned champion of the Bishop Kearney High School Tournament and was awarded the coveted Bishop Kearney traveling trophy with a victory over St. Pius X 50-40. If a team wins three years running, the trophy is retired to their parish.

The Bishop McCafferty Elementary Tournament held in Elmira, saw St. Patrick, Elmira, squeak by St. Bridget 39-37.

The Bishop Hickey Tournament in Auburn was won by St. Casimir, Elmira, over St. Michael, Newark, 77-72.



Michael D'Aiolo, coach of St. Anthony Parish, Elmira, was named "Coach of the Year" at the annual CYO Mass and Breakfast held Sunday at Notre Dame High School. The honor came by vote of his associate coaches in the community.



Father William Charbonneau, Catholic Family Center director, congratulates diocesan high school basketball All-Stars, from left, Dennis McLane, McQuaid, most valuable player; Ray O'Neill, McQuaid; Peter Maher, Mooney; Ken Wehner, Mooney, and Bob Balash, Mt. Carmel.

## Irish Mission Bouts Slated for Tonight

By WHIT JOHNSON

Twenty-four schoolboy boxers—with a view to help and not to hurt—will compete in the 33rd Aquinas Mission Bout finals tonight at Aquinas Institute gymnasium.

All proceeds go to aid Catholic missions overseas and in neglected parts of this country.

Rest assured, the "Schmidt Boys" of 28 Jackie Circle West, are doing their part to make the Mission Bout program a success.

Two of the boys have come through the rigorous training drills and the elimination bouts with flying colors. The other "boy" is youthful Karl Schmidt, the father of Mark and Eric and a former Mission Bout champion while attending Aquinas from 1943 to 1947. Pop Schmidt has been working with all the Aquinas fighters under the direction of Frank "Hunk" Vadas, the director of the program.

"Boxing teaches the boys to be good clean fighters. Once they get in shape, they want to stay that way," said the elder Schmidt. And from the looks of him, it appears he practices what he preaches.

Last year Eric won the freshman fighter of the night award. Brother Mark, as a sophomore, lost a close decision to senior Ray Schaller. Mark is also a first halfback on the Little Irish football team.

The story of the Aquinas Mission Bouts is worth telling.

Many years ago, 33 to be exact, two Aquinas lads had a disagreement which led to fist-cutting in their homeroom. One of the good padres broke up the scuffle, but that didn't stop the combatants. They challenged each other to a bout in the gym after school. An enterprising young promoter suggested they wear gloves and that the rest of the student body be invited to attend for ten cents, with the proceeds going to the missions.

No one remembers who won the fight but missionaries throughout the world will not forget what the contributions have meant to them.

The object of the Mission Bout program, says Vadas, is "not to make fighters, but to build lads who can take care of themselves in later life. We teach them to be able to take it as well as dish it out."

## CYO Swim Meet Due March 28

The Catholic Youth Organization will hold its annual elementary Parochial School Swim Meet Saturday, March 28, at 10:30 a.m., for boys and 1:30 p.m., for girls.

Prizes will be given for first, second and third place in each race; and there will be an award given the school accumulating the greatest number of points.

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## CYO Cheerleader Victors Listed

Winners in the CYO cheerleading contest last week are:

Pink Division—Elementary School—1. St. Margaret Mary's; 2. St. Thomas Apostle; 3. Mother of Sorrows.

Yellow Division—Elementary School—1. St. Alphonsus, Auburn; 2. St. Charles Borromeo; 3. Holy Cross.

White Division—High School—1. St. Margaret Mary's; 2. St. Cecilia's; 3. St. Michael's.

Blue Division—High School—1. St. Thomas Apostle; 2. Holy Cross; 3. Our Lady of Mercy.

First place winner will compete in the CYO State Tournament Saturday, April 11, at 50 Chestnut St.

## Scuba Classes Start March 30

The Catholic Youth Organization will offer Scuba diving classes Mondays at 7 p.m. starting March 30, for twelve consecutive weeks.

The instructions cover skin diving and the use of Scuba equipment, the physiology of Scuba diving, safety and diving regulations, and a water test with equipment.

Persons over 16 who are interested may contact Mrs. Osborne (716) 454-2030.

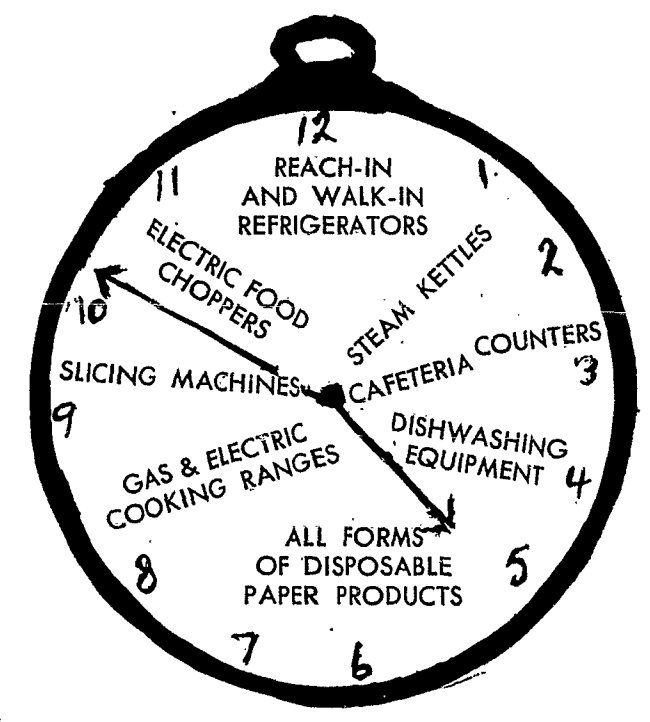
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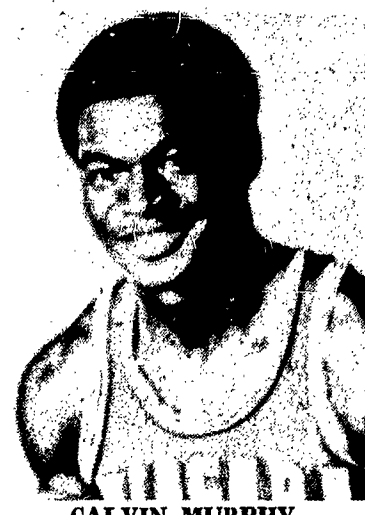
## Mt. Carmel Banquet Sets Mathis, Murphy

Bill Mathis, New York Jets running back and prime receiver, and Calvin Murphy, Niagara University's All-American basketball player, will be the featured speakers at Mount Carmel's Sports Banquet in Auburn on Sunday, March 22.

Mathis was a vital factor in the Jets' climb to the bottom of the heap to the world's championship in 1969. In 1968 he split the running duties with Emerson Boozer, yet he was still the third leading rusher on the Jets club with 208 yards enroute to the Super Bowl championship.

In his career, spanning a decade, Mathis has gained more than 3,000 yards and caught 131 passes. In 1961 and 1963 he was named to the All Pro team.

Calvin Murphy, the sharpshooter from Niagara University, has broken nearly every scoring mark at Niagara. He is the highest scorer in the school's history and the only player to score more than 2,000 points. He reached his plateau this year in the all-College Tournament in Oklahoma City. His career average of more than 34 points a game ranks second among all major collegians in history.



CALVIN MURPHY

In addition to being one of the all time great collegiate basketball players, Cal Murphy is also one of the finest baton twirlers in the nation. During the World's Fair in New York, he was selected the second best baton twirler in the country.

Murphy will be accompanied to Mount Carmel by his college mentor, Frank Layden, who this year directed Niagara to a 2-5 record and to the N.C.A.A. tournament.

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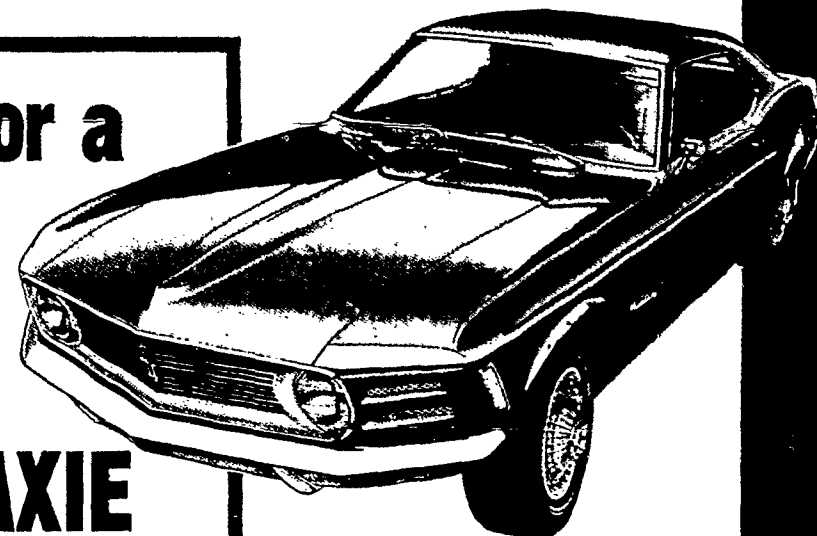
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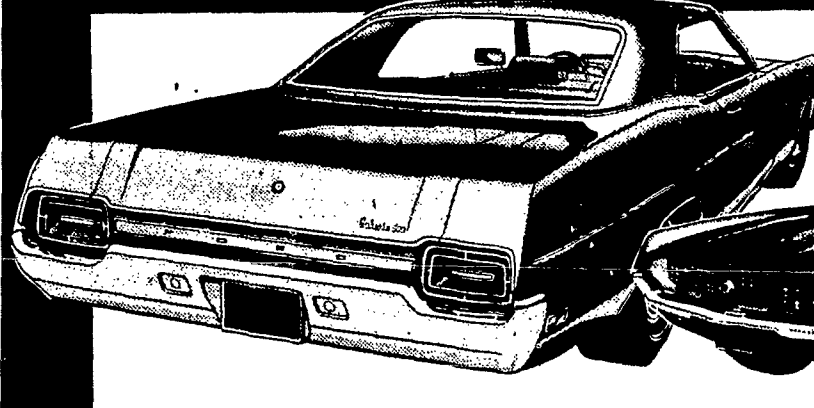
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