

A Drop in the Basket, the Roar of the Crowd

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This is the time of the year when high school basketball reaches a fever pitch in parochial and public high schools in the Rochester area.

Aquinas Institute and Mc-

Quaid Jesuit High, two veteran high school rivals, collided on the old RIT hardwood recently with the Irish coming out on top, 74-64.

Both teams may get at least one more chance to play each other in the upcoming Diocesan cage tournaments. They are

members of the Rochester City-Catholic League.

In this contest Aquinas received stellar efforts from Tom Heil and Brady Spetz (22 points each) and Tom Rolwing and John Duignan (12 points each) while McQuaid's top performance was Gardner Odenbach's 20 points.



McQuaid's Herman Springer (with ball) taunts Aquinas' Brady Spetz (left), Larry Mitchell (33) and Tom Heil (22) as he looks for teammate to pass to. In back are McQuaid's Chuck Ryan (15) and Gardner Odenbach.



McQuaid coach Ed Markey watches action of game.

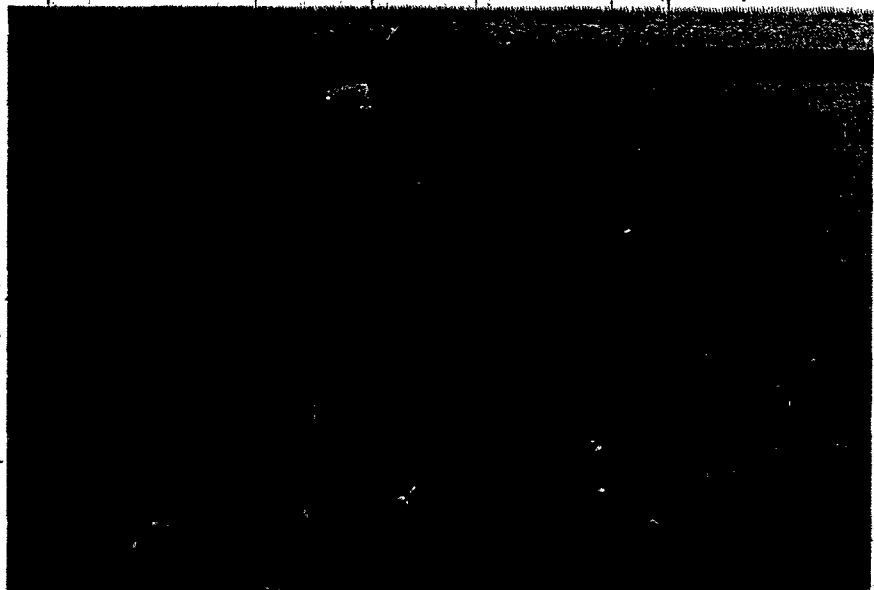
Aquinas coach John Uriah shouts instructions to players during game.



Aquinas' Brady Spetz goes high for a layup. He finished with 22 points in Irish victory.



Cheerleader Mary Culhane from Nazareth Academy pulled for the Irish.

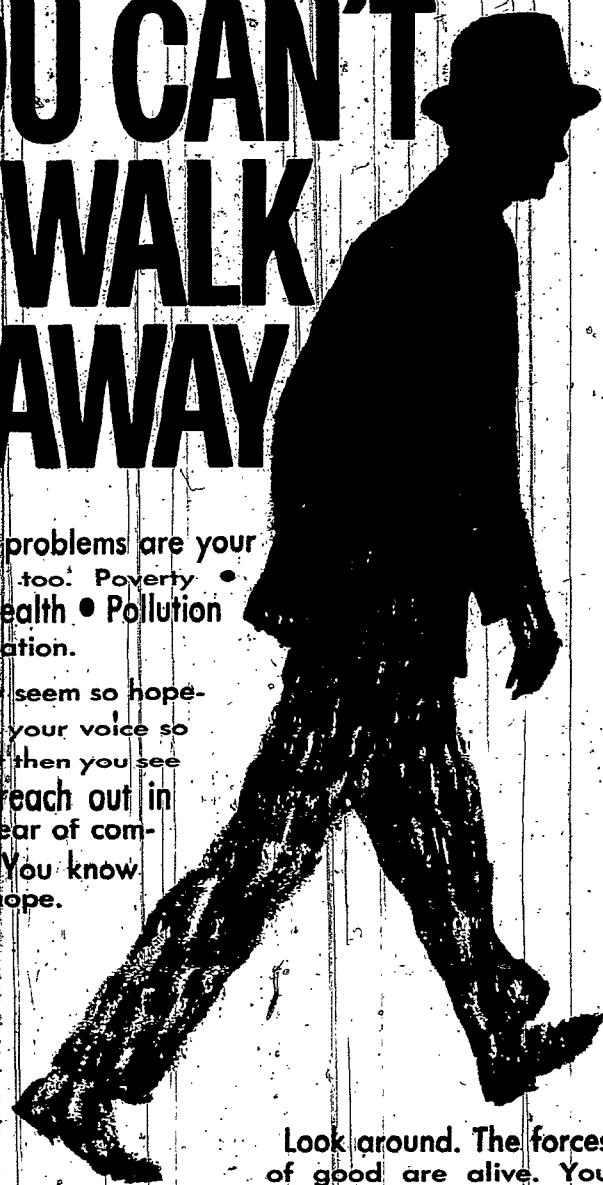


McQuaid coach Ed Markey comforts Brian Dwyer (35) who turned an ankle during second period. Referee Murph Shapiro stands by.



Sister Barbara Jeanne of St. Michael's School (left) and Sister David of St. Joseph Business high School watched intently. They are Aquinas cheerleaders' moderators.

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