

No Tourney For Fisher

By John Doser



"All dressed up and no place to go," said the headlines in the Rochester Times-Union, referring to St. John Fisher's fine basketball team with its equally fine record and no prospect of post-season tournament play. Why?

Because Fisher doesn't belong to any of the groups which conduct the after-season tournaments. Fisher doesn't belong to the NCAA, which sponsors tournaments for large and small schools. Why?

Mostly because Fisher at one time didn't have enough sports for its males to compete in. But the Cards now have two for each season and athletic director and basketball coach Bob Wanzer thinks Fisher is now eligible to join the NCAA.

The future is good for the Cardinals, who won 13 of their first 15 games. Two high scorers, Rich Sydio and Bill Hepler, both return next year.

It's interesting to observe that the weekly state small college listings rate Brockport State very high, RIT and Fisher among the top ten. The University of Rochester doesn't appear in the rankings anymore. Coach Lyle Brown's Yellowjackets face the prospect of a losing season for the first time in many years.

While the Rochester Americans were giving the heave-ho to coach and GM Dick Gamble, popular winger Red Armstrong discovered he was on the chop-

ping block too. The day after Red was traded to Springfield, ex-Amerk Les Duff became the "late" coach of the St. John Fisher hockey team.

In Duff's case, however, it wasn't entirely clear whether he was fired or whether he fired the team. The Cardinal icers were 2-10 at the point of Duff's exit. Fisher players said Duff didn't show for several practice sessions, and they decided they were wasting their money. Being a "club" team, the players have to foot the bill, not the Fisher athletic department or student body. Anyway, Fisher is without a hockey coach and Duff apparently is out \$250, one-half of his fee for coaching.

NAME DROPPING — McQuaid's John Dowd, a Brighton junior, finished the wrestling season with a 12-0-1 record including eight pins. . . . brother Kevin Dowd went unbeaten for the McQuaid JV's. . . . John, recovering from an illness, reached the final round of the Catholic Invitational mat tournament at McQuaid but lost. . . . Bishop Kearney's Pat Coghlin and Cardinal Mooney's Bernie Wegman won championships at the 105 and 145 levels respectively. . . . Coghlin was seeded third. . . . champion Notre Dame of Elmira had 10 seniors on their squad. . . . Coach John Roselli of McQuaid's champion City-Catholic grapplers was satisfied with 4th considering ND's strength and Dowd's illness. . . . BK took third behind CBA of Syracuse. . . . Cardinal Mooney was fourth.



The 13th annual Diocesan High School Basketball Tournament Committee makes its final plans. Standing, (l. to r.) Vick DiSimon, Larry Oberlies, Bud Bamann, C. Norman Driscoll, Rev. Daniel Brent and James Sullivan. Seated, (l. to r.) Tom Emmanuel, John Doud, chairman, and Paul Schmidt.

Open Tournament Sunday

The 13th annual Diocesan High School Basketball Tournament opens Sunday, March 7, with quarterfinal games at Monroe Community College. The opening game of the double-header pits McQuaid Jesuit against Notre Dame of Elmira, at 1:30 p.m. The second game matches arch rivals Bishop Kearney and Cardinal Mooney, at 3:15.

The winners of the opener will face St. Francis DeSales of Geneva. The Kearney-Mooney winner will face Aquinas. Both games will be held the following weekend, at times and places to be announced. DeSales and Aquinas drew first round byes because of superior win-loss records in league play. The DeSales record was 12 wins, 2 losses; Aquinas, 11-3.

Courier-Journal

Bishops' Tourney Opens

The annual Bishops' Tournament for CYO parish basketball teams will be held this Saturday and Sunday, March 6 and 7, in Rochester, Elmira and Auburn. Forty-eight teams, at elementary and high school levels, qualified through 15 weeks of regular season competition.

The high school teams will play in Rochester, at Aquinas and McQuaid. The elementary school teams will play at the CYO and Cardinal Mooney High School, Rochester; at St. Anthony's, Elmira, and the Central Elementary School, Auburn. The pairings follow.

ELEMENTARY DIVISION

Archbishop Sheen Tournament, CYO Auditorium, Rochester: Corpus Christi vs. St. Vincent de Paul, Corning; St. Michael's, Newark vs. Holy Ghost; St. Joseph's, Penfield vs. Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira; St. Mary's, Auburn vs. St. Bridget's.

Bishop McCafferty Tournament, St. Anthony's Gym, Elmira: St. Margaret Mary's vs. St. Casimir, Elmira; St. Thomas, the Apostle vs. St. Mary's, Canandaigua; Good Shepherd vs. Holy Family, Auburn; St. Mary's, Corning vs. St. Augustine.

Bishop Hogan Tournament, Cardinal Mooney, Rochester: St. John Evangelist, Greece vs. St. Stephen's, Geneva; St. Jerome's, East Rochester vs. St. Mary's, Elmira; Christ the King vs. St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls; St. Alphonsus, Auburn vs. St. Pius X.

Bishop Hickey Tournament, Central Elementary School, Auburn: St. Monica's vs. St. Francis, Geneva; St. Francis, Auburn vs. St. Rita's, West Webster; St. Aloysius, Auburn vs. Sacred Heart Cathedral; St. Helen's vs. St. Patrick, Elmira.



HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

Bishop Kearney A Tournament, at McQuaid: Holy Cross vs. St. Mary's, Horseheads; St. Casimir, Elmira vs. Christ the King; St. Christopher vs. St. Alphonsus, Auburn; St. Michael's, Newark vs. St. Monica's.

Bishop Kearney B Tournament, at Aquinas: St. Joseph's, Penfield vs. St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls; St. Mary's, Corning vs. St. Pius X; Corpus Christi vs. Holy Family, Auburn; St. Anthony's, Elmira vs. Sacred Heart Cathedral.


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