



DeSales Saints — Diocesan Champs



All Stars

The Diocesan All Stars include men from DeSales: Tom De John, Joe Crisanti, and Bob Bree. From Aquinas are Larry Mitchell and Brady Spitz.

Scholastic Notebook

DeSales Salute

By John Doser



If you opened the Monday, March 16 Geneva Times you couldn't miss it.

There on page 14 was an 8 1/2 x 13 1/2 inch photo of the Diocesan Champion DeSales Saints with this proclamation: We are proud to salute The DeSales Saints — Number One in the entire Rochester Diocese. . . . The first team outside of Rochester ever to win the Rochester Diocesan basketball tournament.

The full page, purchased by a number of Geneva merchants and Saints' boosters, was a fitting tribute to a team which didn't win a game last year.

DeSales knocked off Aquinas, 81-79, to become the first non-Rochester team to win the diocesan hardware in 13 years of tournament play.

Would you predict a 17-2 finish after going 0-19 the year before? Not many did but Saints' coach Jim Dolgos and his kids did.

Dolgos set up a few goals before the season began and the Saints made good on most of them. He wanted to win the Wayne-Finger Lakes League Western Division title and go unbeaten doing it (he did). He wanted to beat rival Geneva High (he didn't). He wanted to beat all non-league opponents (he lost one of two to Class D Romulus).

The victory also extended DeSales' longest winning streak since 1960 to seven games. The Saints ran up six wins in a row earlier this season before losing.

How do you measure DeSales' improvement? Bob Bree told a reporter that last year the Saints were a team which everybody practiced against. He and his teammates were quick to agree that the difference is coach Dolgos.

Dolgos is no stranger to DeSales; he played for the Saints in the early 60's and later, started for St. John Fisher.

Now the pressure falls upon DeSales baseball. After adding championship football and basketball trophies to the Saints' trophy case, baseball can't come up with anything less, can it?

NOTEBOOK — Ralph Alparone's goal with 55 into overtime gave Aquinas a 4-3 win over Pittsford for Monroe County League hockey playoff title. . . . Irish, also regular season champs, finished 13-1-1. . . . McQuaid put three on ice All-Stars including left winger V.J. Stanley (tied for league scoring honors with 18 points), defenseman Malcolm MacKenzie and goalie Mike O'Neill. . . . Aquinas placed Mark Wiedemer who tallied twice in title game against

Pittsford. . . 2nd team choices included John McTigue, McQuaid; center Mark Williams, Kearney (tied Stanley in scoring), defenseman Tom Schenkel, Aquinas and goalie Mark McCaffrey, Aquinas.

Goodbye to Cardinal Mooney's Jim Cunningham who will become athletic director and wrestling coach at Waterbury (Conn.) Holy Cross High. . . . Rochester Diocese won first annual Inter-Diocesan mat tournament at LeMoine, Syracuse second, Ogdensburg third. . . . Individual Rochester winners included Mike O'Connell, Pat Coghlin and Rick Barry from Kearney; Bernie Wegman, Mooney; Tom McInerney, Tom Connelly, Brian Carlton, Tom Keating, Emad Faddoul, Notre Dame/Elmira. . . . BK's O'Connell named MVP (lightweight) and ND's Carlton MVP (middleweight).

McQuaid's frosh basketball team finished 15-1 under Brother Tom Garvey S.J. . . . Fisher took 10th in final state sports-writer's poll. . . . new Fisher tennis coach is Greg Gonzales, TCR pro and ex-Penfield and Brown U. star. . . . Mooney's Lyle Beach averaged 196 to lead Cards to Catholic League bowling title. . . . Paul Flynn, Gannett Newspapers, scouts basketball players for Stone Hill College, his near-Boston alma-mater. . . . Mooney guidance director Rev. Don Haycock is a Stonehill alumnus.

Trophies Given At Bowling Fete

The Catholic Inter-High Bowling Dinner held March 10, saw nine trophies change hands in the Catholic Inter-High Bowling League.

In varsity action, trophies went to Cardinal Mooney High School for high team game and high series, 921-2400.

Mike Brown of Bishop Kearney High School captured both high individual games and series trophies by rolling 226-696.

The '71 high average trophy went to Lyle Beach of Mooney who spilled 194.4.

In the JV lanes Bishop Kearney High School had their best season in four years with 42.

Trophies went to Jack Hucko of McQuaid Jesuit High School who rolled a high individual game of 244. Pat Stack of Mooney took the series award with 592.

Jim Tasciotti of Aquinas Institute took high average with 161.38.

All-Star Hockey Team Named

Four players from high schools in the diocese were named to the Monroe County High School Hockey All-Stars chosen by league coaches.

Although Aquinas won the championship, McQuaid dominated the All-Stars with three selections—Mike O'Neill, senior, goaltender; Malcolm MacKenzie, senior, defenseman; V.J.

Stanley, junior, center and defenseman.

Mark Wiedemer, Aquinas junior, was selected at wing. Rounding out the first team are Rick Allen, Rush-Henrietta, forward and John Hoff, Pittsford, center.

Catholic school players on the second team are Mark McCaf-

fery and Tom Schenkel, Aquinas; John McTigue, McQuaid, and Mark Williams, Bishop Kearney.

Honorable mentions from Catholic schools are Mario Gerame, Kevin Arganbright and Paul Geitner, Kearney; Chips Quinn and Art McLeod, McQuaid; and Joe McQueen and Mike Fitzpatrick, Aquinas.

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