

Football Preview

Aquinas . . . the Team to Beat

By JOHN DOSER

Aquinas Institute, in its third year under head coach Nick Teta, has been picked by virtually everybody in the City-Catholic League as the team to beat.

"It's a nice feeling," Teta said, "but our feeling still is that nothing is certain until you play that first game."

(Aquinas beat Penfield, 26-6, in its opener Saturday).

"We have a lot of kids playing football here," Teta said, and explained that except for his potential All-Greater-Rochester tackle and defensive end Glenn Williams (6-3, 235 pounds), he can two-platoon his other positions.

The Irish lost 18 seniors, but have nine lettermen, all starters, back from last year's team which won five of seven in the league (after dropping two league and a non-league opener to Penfield) to finish in a second place tie with

Mooney behind, co-champs McQuaid and Madison.

Williams is by far Aquinas' best-known performer. Teta said he has already drawn the attention of several big colleges and universities, including Ohio State and Penn State.

Williams, an All-City-Catholic choice last year, is definitely a big time college prospect according to Teta.

"He's faster than 90 per cent of the boys on the team, including most of my backfield," Teta said. He's been timed at 4.8 seconds for the 40-yard dash.

Teta lost two potential starters for at least three games each—6-2, 195-pound senior end Scott Gosert and 6-3, 195-pound junior defensive end Dennis Daugherty, both of whom injured themselves before practice began in late August.

Here's some of the weight which provides Teta's colleague's

the basis for their selecting the Irish as the team to beat: 6-6, 260-pound middle guard Mike Costello; 6-1, 240-pound defensive tackle Dan Mistrella; 6-0, 190-pound end Lou Ricci; 6-1, 200-pound defensive tackle Jim Hildebrand; and 220-pound junior Joe Lavigne.

Teta can also pick from guards John Stevens (175) and Paul Oca (180), linebacker Bill Tytler (170) and defensive end Steve Furia (175).

Tim Weston, a junior transfer from Cardinal Mooney, appears to have the starting edge over senior QB Bob Cocilova, but Teta said the Irish can move with either QB at the controls.

He also has two tailbacks in Andy Fornorola and Juan Navarro, and Alton James, who was in the running for TB, was switched to halfback to provide the backfield with better balance.

"We think we are going to have a good football team this year,"



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Teta said. "What we try to do is to use as many players as we can during games, and when we have players of equal ability, we try to split up the positions evenly."

That means, of course, that the Little Irish have plenty of bench strength and all those other coaches may be correct in their assessments.

The schedule: Sept. 21, Edison Tech at Edgerton Park, 4 p.m.; Sept. 29, McQuaid at the U of R, 2 p.m.; Oct. 5, at Bishop Kearney, 1 p.m.; Oct. 12, at Madison, 1 p.m.; Oct. 19, East at Edgerton Park, 4 p.m.; Oct. 27, Mooney at McQuaid, 2 p.m.; Nov. 2, at Franklin, 1 p.m.

McQuaid . . . Starting from Scratch

By JOHN DOSER

McQuaid Jesuit head football coach Tom Seymour lost 22 players from last year's co-championship team which won six of seven City-Catholic League games and finished 7-1 overall.

Only four lettermen return, Seymour said, although he has a dozen seniors among his starting offensive/defensive units.

Missing from the current roster are these 1973 All-Catholic choices: tailback Roger Key, fullback Mike Hanna, center Lou Seymour and guard Matt Teddy (who also made All-Greater-

Rochester.)

Others gone via graduation include flanker back Mike Delagrang, quarterback Bill Hurley and defensive halfback Mike Donovan.

After losing that much talent Seymour admitted 1974 is much like starting from scratch.

The Knights will be led by 6-2, 188-pound senior tight end Chuck Schott who Seymour said will be McQuaid's "Mr. Everything," because Schott kicks off, punts, boots field goals and plays middle linebacker as well.

The rest of the Knights' offensive unit looks like this: 5-8,

175-pound senior left guard co-captain George Todd; 5-9, 160-pound senior center Ed Bunce; 6-1, 193-pound junior Craig Kennedy; 6-1, 190-pound junior tackle Mark Serto; 6-2, 190-pound senior outside tackle Paul Rokos; 5-10, 150-pound senior split end Frank Hodgetts; 5-11, 175-pound senior flanker back Tom Brady; 5-11, 170-pound senior quarterback Steve Maxon; 6-0, 195-pound senior fullback Bob McDonald; and 5-9, 170-pound senior tailback Ron Zeno.

Only Schott, Todd, Rokos, and Hodgetts played enough last year to win a varsity letter. Todd and McDonald also play defensive linebacker. Kennedy is a defensive tackle and Rokos is a defensive end.

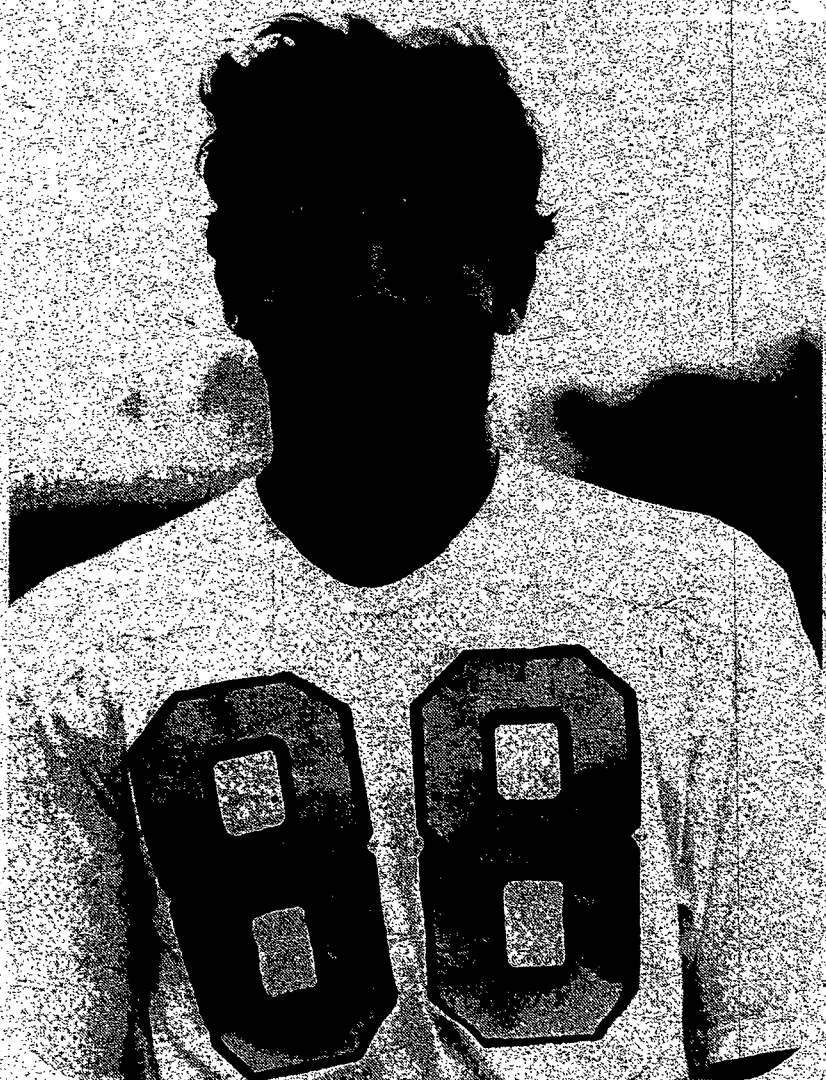
Others on defense include 6-1, 150-pound senior end Jerry Cushman; 5-10, 198-pound senior nose guard Mike Mancuso; 5-10, 165-pound senior right halfback Bob Broomfield; 5-10, 160-pound junior safety Peter Stone; and 5-9, 145-pound junior left halfback Tony Quercia.

Seymour does have some reserve strength and said any of these six gridgers could break into the starting lineup: 5-10, 160-pound junior guard Kevin Barney; 5-8, 150-pound junior flanker back Bob Demmerle; 6-1, 145-pound junior split end Mike Wiese; 6-1, 195-pound sophomore linebacker Mark Lyons; 5-10, 155-pound junior quarterback Tom Achille; and 5-4, 140-pound junior flanker back Pete Springer.

Seymour, like practically every other coach in the C-C circuit, thinks Aquinas will be the team to beat.

He adds, however, that if McQuaid's offensive and defensive lines perform as expected, the Knights will do OK too. The backfield is the big question mark, Seymour said. (McQuaid lost to Webster Schroeder, 7-13, Saturday).

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SCHOTT

Business In The Diocese

Gerard Russi, a business development officer at Lincoln First Bank was named an assistant vice president according to a recent announcement made by William B. Webber, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the bank.

Russi joined the Trust Operations Department in 1961 and in 1967 was promoted to

assistant manager of Data Processing Operations. In 1969 he became an officer in the banking offices.

He's an Army veteran and a graduate of Aquinas Institute and Rochester Institute of Technology. He's also a member of the Irondequoit Zoning Board and he and his wife and two children reside at 115 Medfield Dr., Irondequoit.

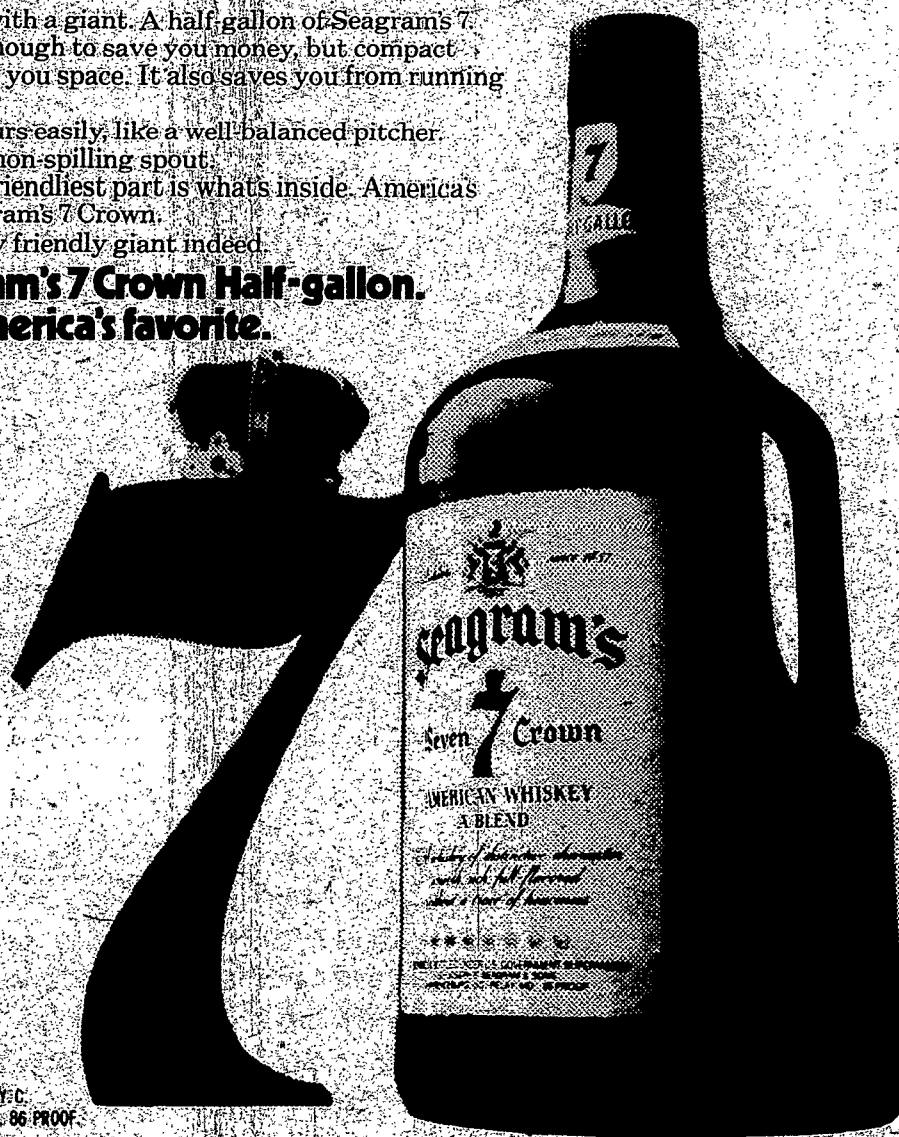
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