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EAST WINS AGAIN

McQuaid's Jim Combs (45) finds there's no getting away from East High's Norman Jones (32). Hot shooting East handed McQuaid a 98-55 defeat in the March 4 game.

Photo by Susan McKinney

A Chance to See Urzetta . . . and Kearney Win

By JOHN DOSER

Don't suggest the open format of the 1975 Section 5 basketball tournament now going on at the War Memorial is diluting the product if Bishop Kearney basketball coach Carmen Urzetta is within earshot.

"If the tournament weren't open," Urzetta said, "the people would never get a chance to see Nick Urzetta play."

Nick Urzetta, the coach's cousin, is worth the price of admission, and more.

"Let's face it," Urzetta admitted, "without trying to be prejudiced, he's our most able player."

"We don't have much depth or size, and he's the edge. He does everything so well, I just don't have the superlatives to describe him."

Nick Urzetta, the City-Catholic and Section 5 scoring champion with a 27.1 average, last week accepted a basketball scholarship to St. Bonaventure — and at least some of the youngster's pressure is off.

All that remains is keeping BK alive in the Class AAA tournament — and the Kings got off to a resounding start by upsetting crosstown rival Irondequoit, 65-60, last Friday night in a first round game at the War Memorial.

Nick, who also averages about 14 rebounds and seven assists per game, was a doubtful starter because of an ankle injury suf-

fered earlier in the week in an 80-56 loss to Cardinal Mooney.

"He wasn't expected to play, but after 20 minutes worth of tape he was ready to go. There's no doubt he wasn't his usual self — the injury affected his jumping and cutting ability," Carmen explained.

Despite the tape, Nick went out and scored 30 points on 12 of 22 shots from the field and 6-of-8 from the foul line. He also led the Kings in rebounds with 18 and managed to assist on five other BK buckets.

Kearney, which finished 5-11 and in seventh place in the City-Catholic league (5-13 overall), was seeded No. 20, while the Indians (9-9) were seeded 13th. Irondequoit finished fifth in the Monroe County League's Eastern Division.

The Kings, who weren't supposed to win, led all the way, 18-8, 28-23, and 44-39 at the period breaks.

Ironically, in two earlier games this season, the Tribe defeated Kearney, 76-68, at BK, and 58-57, at Irondequoit. In fact the Indians owned a four-game win streak over the Kings extending back to last season.

"I think Nick's injury actually gave us an edge. They beat us twice earlier with him and here it appeared we were going to go without him."

"We were able to shut off their fast break. We knew what they

were going to do and we knew what we had to do; we held Rob Remilen (the county league's Eastern Division scoring champ) to nine points," Urzetta said.

Matt Kellman, a 6-1 senior forward, scored 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds, and 5-10 senior guard Paul Foery threw in 10 points including 6-of-6 from the foul line for Kearney.

Mark Lewis, a 5-11 junior guard, scored nine and hauled in 13 rebounds and 5-6 junior backcourt quarterback Jim DellaVilla added two points for the winners.

Paul Bonacci, a 5-11 junior guard, didn't score, but grabbed six rebounds for the Kings.

Kearney, which opposes Rush-Henrietta (15-3), 7 p.m., Thursday, at the War Memorial (WIRQ-FM) in the second round game, doesn't have any reserve size sitting on the bench or coming up from the JVs, Urzetta said.

"We have juniors Jim Keegan, Pete Riester, Leo Fusilli, and John Gilman and seniors Tim Hedges and John Sneeringer in reserve, and they only range from 5-8 to 6-0. And our JVs (2-16) don't have any size either," he added.

"We know Rush-Henrietta has good ballplayers and let's face it, we're the underdogs again. The only thing we have going for us is that we've played some pretty tough kids in the City-Catholic League."

Kearney's win over Irondequoit proved the Kings, despite their 6-13 record, sure aren't pushovers.



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The "strumming" sounds of Paul Swiatek, Bob Schwartz, director, Steve Grills, Craig Schantz, and Joel Christian. They treated McQuaid students to a program of folk music.

A Song for Every Occasion

By JOAN M. SMITH

"Music makes pictures, and often tells stories all of them magic, and all of them true. In all the pictures, and stories, and in all of the magic the story is you," are the words of popular folk-rock singer John Denver as quoted by Bob Schwartz, director of McQuaid High School's String Band.

Schwartz, who is an acquaintance of Denver's has his own deep convictions about the uses and benefits of music. As a teacher at McQuaid he is delighted with the opportunity of putting his musical ideas to work in the classroom.

Though he explained that music is more applicable in English, especially poetry, he has more than once demonstrated the "learning through music" objective for his social studies class. One subject matter was

American railroads so, with his guitar and songs like "City of New Orleans" (telling of the railroads' decline), Schwartz was able to bring this period of American history alive for his students.

Schwartz has also put his knowledge and love of music to work in forming McQuaid's string musical group. This band has played at Jefferson High School, Hillside Children's Home, and recently its members gave their first performance before the McQuaid student body. Guitarists and banjo players teamed up to present a foot-stomping folk musical program. The lively playing of "Mr. Bo Jangles" and an excellent rendition of "Duel Banjos" (from the movie Deliverance) earned the performers a standing ovation from the audience.

According to Schwartz there is a song for every occasion, and he and the String Band are astute in programming for their listeners' enjoyment.

"We play what people want to hear," he happily stated as the students headed for class still whistling "Bo Jangles".



The musical magic of Bob Schwartz.



Action in East-McQuaid game.