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## Notre Dame: 'A Good Shot' o

Part of a Series By JOHN DOSER

Elmira Notre Dame football coach Mike Johnson is about to begin his fifth year as head coach of the Little Irish.

He's optimistic.

We think we should have a fine year. We have good people coming back, although so do the other teams in our league.

"I don't know if we'll be undefeated if you call again near the end of the season, but we expect to be fighting for the division title," Johnson predicts.

Notre Dame, 12-20-2 through the past four years under Johnson, has experienced a revival in its football program.

In Johnson's four terms, the Irish have gone from a disastrous 0-8 Johnson debut to 12-12-2 over the past three seasons.

Last year ND was 4-5, and Johnson admits the season should have been better.

"We lost our second game of the year against Horseheads after we led, 21-19. We had control of the ball fumbled, they scored, and they won, 26-19. It kind of turned our season around," Johnson says:

Notre Dame won its final two games of the season, however, with victories over crosstown rival Elmira. Free Academy and Hornell - with many sophomores and juniors in the lineup.

"We have those people back and we expect to have a pretty fair club this year," Johnson says.

ND's losses were heavy in quality, light in numbers.

The Irish lost a pair of wide receivers in Ed Drake and Paul McMahon, but Drake was a first team All-Twin-Tiers offensive end who caught 40 passes last season. He's headed for Alfred University. McMahon is going to Indiana (Pa.) State.

The Irish also lost their top ground-gainer and scorer, in Ed McCarrell, who missed a third of the season because of illness:

"The game he came back he got 177 yards on the ground," Johnson recalls, "and he led our team with nine TDs."

Notre Dame also lost center Fran Kamus, a Continued on Page 14

## DeSales Coach . . At \$1 a Year

By JOHN DOSER

Geneva DeSales Head football coach Harry Furman will donate his time and salary again this season, his seventh, at the helm of the DeSales football Saints.

He often kids around by saying he's still working for a dollar a year, and probably being overpaid

Dollar a year or not, his traditionally small teams at DeSales have traditionally won more games than they we lost since he took over, with only his first season as coach the exception to the rule.

DeSales won only one game in eight when Furman made his coaching debut in 1969.

The following year he turned it around, 7-1, and since then DeSales has compiled a 31-17-1 record, including a pair of Wayne-Finger Lakes League division titles.

Last year DeSales finished 7-1 again and shared the league's Western Division title with Lyons and Victor.

That's the good news. The bad news? Only seven boys from last year's varsity are back with letters on their sweaters.

They are senior quarterback Lou Quethera, senior halfback Danny Castor, senior guard John Deraddo, junior end Jimmy Maher, senior fullback Pat Riley and senior center Bob Landscoot

Last year's season was also marked by an extremely unusual event — the death of gridder Christandle on the morning of a game against Dundee.

The rest of the team, shocked by their teammate's passing, played the game in his memory and won, 30-24.

The youngster's death was unrelated to football, Furman explains.

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Sister Cora Marie puts her freshmen right at ease as she chats with them about their school life at Nazareth, and the many new adventures that await them.

## It Was a Big Day for Freshmen

JOAN M. SMITH

What's it like being a freshman? Well, RapAround joined Nazareth Academy's incoming freshman class on their first day of school last Wednesday, and it wasn't long before we had the answer.

After the first hectic minutes of arriving at school the freshmen settled into a subdued atmosphere of nervous expectation. They sat in their homerooms awaiting the unexpected which came in a mountain of forms. forms and more forms. As one teacher put it, "You're going to get very tired of writing."

Next came the schedules which were confusing as they consisted of a maze of data indicating six day cycles with rotating lunches and classes.

Asked if there was one freshman who hadn't been nervous about starting high school no one ventured an affirmative nod.

"They're bashful," commented one faculty member while another declared, "Yes, but just give them a few weeks and they'll be running the school."

The freshmen weren't so sure about acquiring such confidence, but their skepticism and confusion were alleviated by the help of the junior "big sisters". Each upperclassman had been assigned a "Little sister" whom she contacted during the summer, and was on hand to greet and to introduce to the complexities of high school life.

A few of the new students sought out the office for "moral support", but on the whole the freshmen survived their new experiences.

It didn't take them long to begin chatting with new acquaintances, and to ask questions about schedules, activities, and responsibilities.

"Just being here," was how Mary Simonetti described her feeling about starting high school.

Suzanne fazio who said she had always wanted to go to Nazareth was looking forward to "meeting new friends". Even in the midst of being confused some freshmen were planning their school involvements. Flute player Lorraine Woerner indicated an interest in Nazareth's music program.

All the freshmen agreed the big sister contact as well as the faculty's cheerful guidance made their first day in high school a pleasant one.



Freshman Elizabeth Roth tackles stubborn locker.



Students Cheryl Webster and Elizabeth Ward relax and "cool-off" after a hectic morning back to school. Juniors and "frosh" became acquainted over a snack.