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What Makes Mercy So Good on the Pitch?

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What makes Mercy High so good in City-Catholic League girls soccer?

Mercy, which won five straight games after "dropping" its opener to Brockport (on penalty corners), has an excellent goalie back, three of last year's starting line back, and a center half back, all of whom played for last year's City-Catholic League champions — the first year Mercy participated in soccer competitively.

Sister Cathy Pflieger is the coach and she learned her soccer as an undergraduate at Ithaca College. She didn't play on a team there, but she did take physical education courses in soccer, and there's little doubt she took good notes.

Eileen Smith is the goalie. She's a junior and last year only allowed seven goals to get by her in 10 games. She's also a super-server in girls' volleyball.

The two returning fullbacks are juniors Dianne Schmidt and Mary Kay Allen, and two more juniors, Eileen Delaney and Patti Van

Student Commendations

Three St. Agnes and six Aquinas students have received letters of commendation from the National Merit Corporation.

They are Catherine Loomis, Andrea Morano, Eileen Root, from St. Agnes; and Thomas Buerkle, Mark Hahn, Lawrence Knapp, Anthony Liepert, Robert Montione and Timothy O'Sullivan from Aquinas Institute.

These students are among the 35,000 commended students named nationwide on the basis of their high performance on the 1974 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

Hove, play right and center halfback, respectively.

Senior Elaine Dalbey is at left halfback; Colleen Cleary, a junior, is at centerforward; Mary Ellen Weber, a junior, is at left inner; and Margie Meath, a sophomore, is playing right inner.

Cleary is scoring most of Mercy's goals — she had 10 through the first five games.

"She is very fast and really handles the ball well," Sister Cathy says. "She keeps it under control pretty well."

A new addition to the roster is front liner Dee Dee Springer, a junior, at right wing; and this girl is fast, really fast, according to Sister Cathy.

"I would say Dee Dee and Colleen are apt to most of our goal kicking.

"Sometimes it's hard to convince our team that you have to kick in order to score.

"They sometimes tend to kick the ball in as close as they can get it, before they'll try to kick it in the goal," Sister explains.

"But Dee Dee and Colleen will kick more often than the others, from farther out, and from outside angles too," she says.

The wing on the other side is freshman Trish Ciaccio who also is very quick.

"We have a very, very fast

team," Sister Cathy says, as compared with some of the other teams."

"We've done a lot of sprinting, trying to build up the distance; running; and also conditioning exercises for the ankles and we haven't had any injuries.

"It shows up when you play a team which is not as conditioned as we are. Against Marshall, our girls were playing down the middle constantly, actually playing Marshall's game, getting cut off at the middle, and Marshall was defending well.

"But once we got the ball to the outside of the field and played our own game, we did very well," Sister says.

Mercy scored four of its five goals against Marshall in the fourth quarter when Marshall just couldn't maintain the pace.

Mercy's "loss" in its opening preseason game against Brockport isn't necessarily considered a loss in the traditional sense of the word.

The game ended in a scoreless double overtime tie and Brockport won on penalty corners.

What's next? "We're going to take the City-Catholic title and hopefully we're going to take the sectionals," Sister Cathy says.

Last year Mercy lost the Section 5 finals but, reached the title game to Palmyra-Macedon, at Marion Central.

The date was Nov. 22, 1963 and I was in the barber's chair listening to the music on the radio. My father and the barber were having their usual discussion about the football season. The music broke and I heard the voice of a choked up announcer say, "President Kennedy has been shot, repeat, the President has been shot."

At first I didn't fully comprehend the meaning of this bulletin. I turned to my father and said that President Kennedy was dead.

Sen. Schweiker of Pennsylvania sponsored a resolution to reopen the JFK assassination case. This assignment would be given to the Select Committee on Intelligence Operations. Schweiker is a member of the committee, directed by Sen. Frank Church of Idaho, which is examining CIA activities.

Sen. Schweiker is seeking a review of the JFK case because of new evidence recently uncovered which leaves many questions unanswered.

The Warren Commission concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone. However, there is a possibility that there was a conspiracy.

The CIA and FBI may have covered up evidence that may have affected the commission's findings.

An Associated Press story on Sept. 9, 1963 quoted Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro as saying that U.S. leaders would be in danger if in any way they helped "eliminate Cuban leaders." CIA plots to assassinate Castro were withheld from the Warren Commission by former CIA Director, Allen Dulles. This

evidence provides a motive for the murder of Kennedy.

Jack Ruby, who murdered Oswald after the killing of Kennedy, was an FBI informer. This fact was brought out under the new Freedom of Information act in a letter by the late FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, in 1964.

The FBI kept from the public, knowledge that they knew Oswald was a threat to Kennedy. This information was reported on Sept. 1 by the Houston Chronicle.

Oswald may have had "affiliation with an intelligence operation" in Russia. Being a former Marine, he was in Japan where CIA agents were trained. After applying for a "hardship" discharge he went to Russia, and renounced his citizenship. When he wanted to come back we never questioned him in any way and even paid his fare home.

There are many theories about Oswald, one that he was a double agent, another that there were several impostors claiming to be Oswald, who were a "crackshot with a gun", the same gun used in Dallas. These impostors all had an unusual likeness to Oswald except for a difference of as much as six inches in height.

The angle and rapid firing of the shots which killed the President could not be matched by the FBI's best marksmen using the same gun.

The evidence which I have presented in this article is only a small portion which requires attention.

Should the case be reopened? Many people have doubted the Warren Commission's conclusions and the new evidence should be taken seriously by the American people

DeSales Holds Elections

Student Council elections were held at Geneva DeSales high school on Monday, Sept. 22.

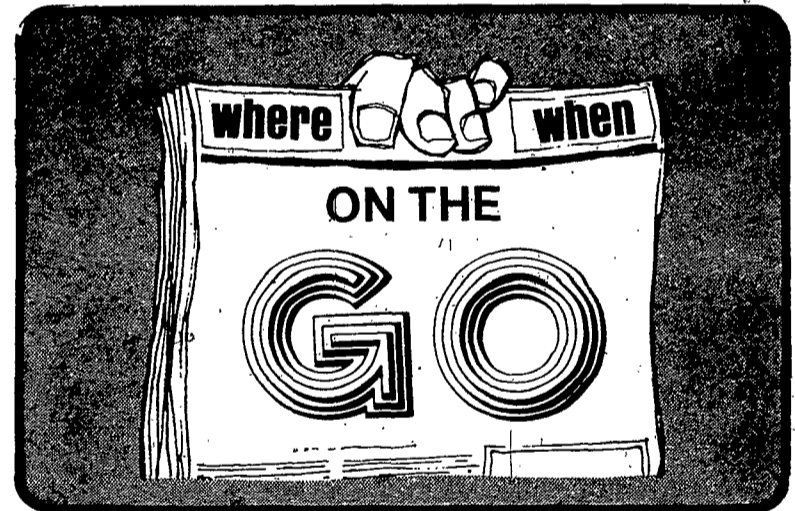
Students voted in as new of-

ficers are Melanie Mantell, president; Mary Beth Walsh, vice president; Sharon Maher, secretary; Jamie Welcher, treasurer.



Winner's Circle

RapAround weekly will run a photo of a group of students taken somewhere in the diocese. One person will be circled and if that person brings the clipping to the Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at Mercy High School during Field Day. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, Oct. 14 to receive \$5.



- AQUINAS:**
Sunday, Oct. 12—Freshmen Parents' Night;
Monday, Oct. 13—Columbus Day - holiday.
- BISHOP KEARNEY:**
Wednesday, Oct. 8—Yearbook pictures.
Thursday, Oct. 9—Area College Night at Mercy High.
Saturday, Oct. 11—Parents' Club Italian Night.
Tuesday, Oct. 14—Parents' Club Polish Night meeting.
Wednesday, Oct. 15—Faculty Advisory Board - student meeting.
- DeSALES:**
Sunday, Oct. 12—Car wash at McDonald's.
Oct. 13-14—Senior yearbook pictures.
- McQUAID:**
Friday, Oct. 10—McQuaid Benefit Ball.
Monday, Oct. 13—Columbus Day -holiday.
- NAZARETH:**
Thursday, Oct. 9—Film Festival; "Meet Me in St. Louis"
7:30 p.m. - Nazareth auditorium.
Friday, Oct. 10—School holiday.
Tuesday, Oct. 14—Assembly.
- MERCY:**
Wednesday, Oct. 8—Parents' board meeting; 8 p.m. cafeteria.
- ST. AGNES:**
Friday, Oct. 10—Senior Beany Day; assembly, 12:30 p.m. Senior bonfire in evening.