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What Next for McQuaid Wrestlers?

By JOHN DOSER

McQuaid Jesuit has won its third straight City-Catholic League wrestling championship; every year, it seems, we ask McQuaid wrestling coach John Roselli what he intends to do next season for an encore.

He says he didn't expect to come on as strong as the Knights did this season after losing eight boys from last year's team via graduation.

Only five juniors moved up to fill the vacancies, Roselli explains, and the rest are filled by underclassmen.

Greater Rochester football guard Craig Kennedy, a heavyweight, is one of the major contributors to the Knights' success — he's lost only two matches so far this season.

Jeff O'Hara, defending City-Catholic League champion at 148 pounds, has lost only once and is looking for another C-C title.

"O'Hara has excellent sectional prospects," Roselli says. "He was second in the sectionals last year and lost to the state champ from Hilton."

Pete Springer, 126 pounds, also has dropped only one match this season, to the Section 5, Class A champ from Midlakes. Springer remains unbeaten in C-C action this season.

Junior John Smallridge, 108 pounds, is unbeaten, 17-0, and lost only in the finals at the Maryvale Tournament in Buffalo. He won a title in the Greece Holiday Tournament. Roselli believes he is an excellent prospect for both a C-C individual and a sectional title.

Richie Salamone, 98 pounds, is

undefeated and won individual titles at both the Greece and Maryvale tournaments.

Salamone, 19-0, will go down to 94 pounds for the sectionals, and is considered by Roselli as McQuaid's first genuine prospect for a state championship.

Charlie Lawless, 134 pounds, another junior, lost three matches this season, but also won a number of key bouts for the Knights including a pin over Kearney's Scott Flanna.

Mike Morone, another junior at 120 pounds, came off cross country season with shin splints and missed the first month of the season.

He lost his first two matches of the year, and won 10 of the next 12. "He's very, very strong," Roselli adds.

Last year McQuaid finished fifth in the sectionals among 28 schools, with three Knights losing in semifinal matches.

This year Roselli is optimistic that McQuaid will improve upon last season's sectional achievements.

Roselli thinks the City-Catholic League will do well in the sectionals.

He's in a good position to make the assessment; he's been head wrestling coach at McQuaid for the past 11 years.

His overall record for the period is 123 wins, 30 losses and two ties.

Ironically, as a highly successful wrestling coach, he never wrestled himself at either the high school or college levels.

"I fooled around with wrestling, but I played football at McQuaid and basketball at St. John Fisher," Roselli says.

He went to McQuaid right out of Fisher and he's been there ever since.

Besides coaching wrestling, he was assistant varsity coach in charge of the backfield under head coach Tom Seymour until two years ago when he became vice principal.

He's good at keeping track of dates; for example, there's the final dual meet of the season Feb. 25 against Eastridge; City-Catholic League championships Saturday at East High; sectionals, Feb. 27 at Kearney; the crossovers, Feb. 28 at Spencerport; the sectional state qualifier, March 6 at Brockport State; and then the state meet, March 12-13, at the Syracuse War Memorial.

Aquinas Offers Adult Ceramics

Designed for beginners as well as advanced students a 12-week ceramics course for adults is being held at Aquinas Institute on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

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Instruction is given by Father Leonard Cullen, Aquinas art teacher. The class size is limited to 10 students. Charge for materials is \$60.

For registration information call the school at 254-2020.

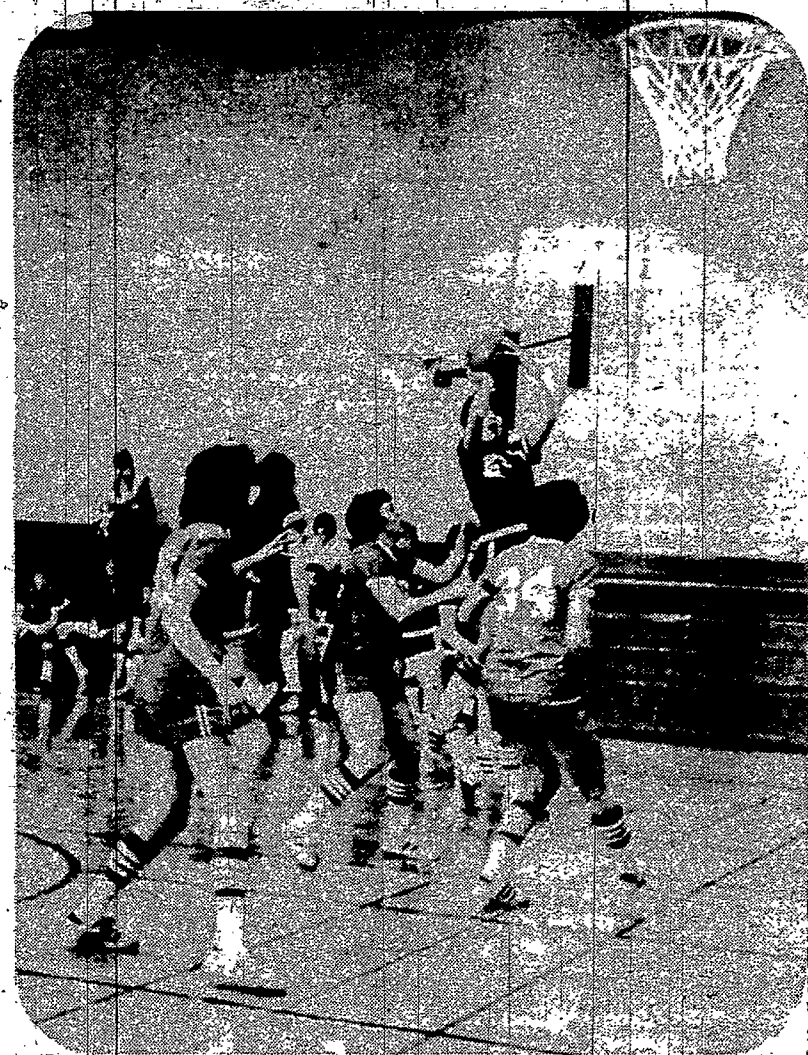
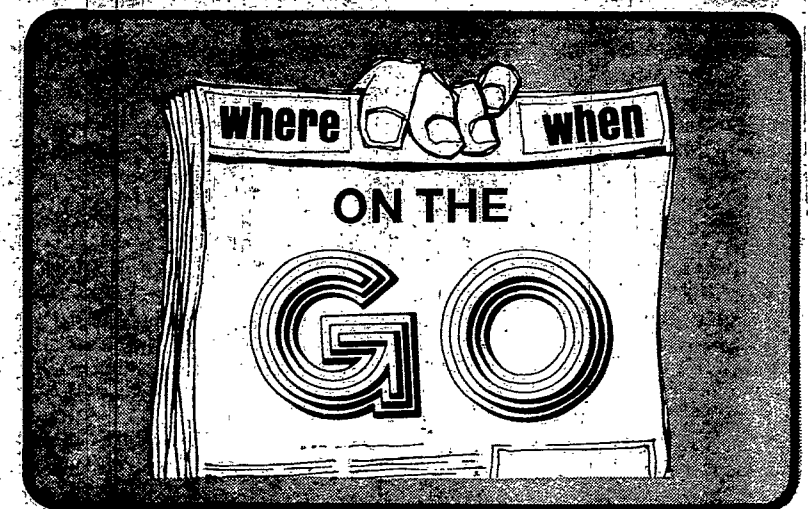


Photo by Ben Sasso

It's up, over and in the basket for Cardinal Mooney girl as Mooney defeated St. Agnes team 40-26 on Tuesday, Feb. 10.



- BISHOP KEARNEY:**
Feb. 16-20 — Mid-winter recess holiday.
Sunday, Feb. 22 — Band buffet, cafeteria.
Tuesday, Feb. 24 — Parents' Club mailing.
- CARDINAL MOONEY:**
Wednesday, Feb. 18 — Winter recess — school closed.
Friday, Feb. 20 — Junior assembly.
Monday, Feb. 23 — Women's Guild meeting.
Tuesday, Feb. 24 — Parent-teachers meeting; 7:30 p.m.
- DeSALES:**
Monday, Feb. 23 — Classes resume.
- McQUAID:**
Wednesday, Feb. 18 — Classes resume; Grades 8-10, NEDT tests.
Monday, Feb. 23 — End of third marking period.
- ST. AGNES:**
Monday, Feb. 23 — Nazareth College opera workshop assembly.



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 on the Tuesday following publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at Nazareth Academy during an assembly. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, Feb. 24 to receive \$5.

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