

# Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around

## Cardinal Mooney's Defensive Girls

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Cardinal Mooney has three sets of girls' basketball record books!

There's the Private-Catholic League record (10-0); the Private-Catholic plus exhibition record (10-1, loss to Mercy); and overall record (18-4, we'll get to this later).

Mooney's arch-rival in girls' basketball over the years has been Mercy and twice this season Mooney has beaten Mercy in league games, but the Cards dropped an exhibition game to Mercy played for the purpose of raising funds for each team.

Mercy outscored Mooney in fund-raising in that game also, \$400 to \$175! But Mooney doesn't really count the defeat, although both clubs counted the dollars.

Mooney Coach Marcia Niebch is confident her Cardinals can win the Section 5, Class-A girls tournament under way this week.

"We have a well-balanced team. We're young and aggressive and we're not afraid like some of our teams have been in the past."

She says this is because girls are playing more basketball in the earlier grades so that they are more able to come out and play the kind of basketball she wants them to play.

She says Mooney's defense is more of its total game than its offense because the Cardinals are not a high scoring team.

"We've only hit the 50 figure twice all year; we're usually in the middle 40s. But we have held many of our opponents to less than 30 in most of the games we've played," she explains.

Defense is a trademark of Mooney's boys' teams coached by Ed Nietopski, and Niebch says it isn't coincidental that her girls play the same kind of defense.

"If anybody watches our girls play, they'll see we use the same 2-3 zone he uses and we also use the same fullcourt press he uses."

Mooney's starters aren't giant six-footers, but they do get the job done.

Meg Tuttle, a 5-11 junior, averages 11.5 points per game, and isn't supposed to be a shooter, Niebch explains.

She's there to pull down rebounds and has logged more than 325 grabs this season. She's also good for 60 per cent of her efforts from the foul line. "She's a tough competitor and keeps the team moving," Niebch says.

Mary Ellen Hart, a 5-6 sophomore, averages eight points per game, not terrific, Niebch says, but it's her defensive game that has helped the Cards a lot. "She has a dozen assists for the season on offense and she's forced more than 30 opponents' turnovers."

Meg Tydings, a 5-5 senior, is the playmaker who keeps all the heads cool, Niebch explains. "She's not a shooter or a rebounder, but she's got the head out there to move the ball and work the plays for us."

Lynn Kirkmeyer, a 5-7 junior, took over for Diane Agostinelli when Dianne pulled ligaments in an ankle, and she's close to being Mooney's second best rebounder. "She can come in and score that basket when you need it."

Mary Jo Mitchell, a 5-6 1/2 senior, is averaging eight points per game and has close to 200 rebounds for the season.

Niebch is optimistic about Mooney's chances in the sectionals because of the tough schedule they've played.

While Mooney lost to Olympia, to Franklin (twice), to Mercy (that exhibition) and to Madison (non-league), the Cards own a win over Penfield which is 13-0 in its Monroe County League eastern division.

Mooney's opening sectional game was against Coach Niebch's old Alma Mater, Batavia High. She says she doesn't know very much about Batavia, but that didn't seem to temper her optimism.



Alice in Wonderland

On Saturday, March 27, at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 28, at 2 p.m. the Cardinal Mooney Drama Department will present the Lewis Carroll classic, "Alice in Wonderland." Portraying Tweedledee and Tweedledum are Theresa DeMarle and Vici O'Connell; playing Alice is Anne Winkler; the Dormouse is Barb Evans, and the Caterpillar is Dave Walker. The production is being directed by Brother Michael O'Palko and stage managed by senior Suzanne Natale and sophomore Gary Groth. The play will be held in the school's auditorium at 800 Maiden Lane.



Undefeated Season

Shown above is the Aquinas freshman basketball team which ended the season with 13 wins and no defeats. Front row: Mike Flannery, Lonnie Kaczka, Mark Magliocco, Mike Paris and Frank Angelone. Second row: Coach Richard Pillitter, Steven Hamilton, Joe Damelio, Bob Skirvin, Gary Huether and Father Michael Cerretto, moderator of the team. Third row: Mike Daily, John Cocilova, Mark Ventrillo, Steve DiLaura and Charles Schiano. They look forward to a great sophomore year.

## Action on World Problems

Human Development Week (March 29-April 2) at St. Agnes High School is being organized by a student-faculty committee under the direction of Sister Anne Urquhart and Mrs. Florence DeWitt. The week's events will feature student activities and guest speakers.

The objectives drawn up by the committee state the purpose for the week's activities as follows: "To increase our awareness of situations both in the Rochester community and in worldwide areas in which human beings have been forced to live below the level of human dignity, stifling their growth and depriving them of their freedom and full potential." The committee aims to form an ongoing Human Development Committee to continue and to broaden student action for the future.

Students and teachers are scheduled to appear on the Matt Rinaldi television show on March 31, 9-10 a.m. for an interview about their volunteer involvement in community services.

The Home Economics Department

will be promoting the Rice Bowl Operation with displays of sample menus and special recipes. Math classes will be working on graphs and statistics; History classes will study the poverty and illiteracy in the Third World; the English Department's project will include readings about "living death" which focuses on extreme poverty; business students are planning a party for nursing home residents.

Speakers for the week will be Father Charles Mulligan, "Human Development," March 29, 12:30-1:30; Sister Alice McLaughlin, "Rural Ministry," March 29, 11:45-12:30; Sister Patricia Frisk, "Criminal Justice," March 30, 10:15-11 a.m.; Sister Joan Sobola, "Women," March 30, 1:45-2:30; Dick Aronson, "Migrants," March 31, 10:15-11:00; Matt Rinaldi, "Human Services in Rochester," April 1, 1:45-2:30; Bishop Hogan, "Social Justice," April 1, 10:15-11 a.m.; Sister Judith Reger, "The Elderly," April 2, 8:30-9:15.

The public is invited to all of these sessions in the school auditorium, 300 East River Road.



A Home Economics class at St. Agnes High School is studying menus to recommend for "Operation Rice Bowl" as a project for Human Development Week, March 29.