

McQuaid Knights Keep on Sweeping

By JOHN DOSER

Like an old, familiar broom, McQuaid Jesuit High golfers continue to sweep clean in City Catholic League golfing circles.

The Knights have been scoring clean sweeps in the C-C circuit for longer than some team members can remember — in fact, McQuaid is already referring to its golf accomplishments in Bicentennial-type heritage terms like "The (Doug) Miller (Chuck) Ryan Era," both now playing collegiate golf.

In the recent City Catholic League Section 5 qualifier at Churchville Park, the Knights' No. 1 performer, Mike Mercier, won medalist honors with a 76 and his teammates swept the next three qualifying positions.

Mercier led a McQuaid foursome, not-so-affectionately known as Murderer's Row, consisting of John Kircher, John Salamone and Joe Carlisi into the Sectional Championships at Wayne Hills Country Club.

Mercier, a senior, unloaded a 39 on the front nine and turned in a 37 on the back nine for a four-over-par total on the 6,671 yard layout, more impressive considering he had never played the course before.

Kircher, the Knights' junior co-captain who took co-medalist honors last year, finished a stroke behind Mercier.

Salamone, another junior, and Carlisi, only a sophomore, fired 80s.

Alternates for the sectional tournament are Bishop Kearney golfers Paul Bonacchi and Dave Cameron who shot 81 and 84, respectively.

McQuaid's Richard Horvath was seventh with an 84; Charlotte's Neil Prosser, and Kearney's Dave Streb, eighth, 85; and Charlotte's Randy Burke, tenth, 91.

Mercier, who's headed for Ohio State and hopefully a Big 10 golf career a la Jack Nicklaus, found Churchville a guessing game — not knowing whether to use a seven-iron or a spade on the front nine, for example.

"You don't know the yardage," he

explains. "It's marked, but it's still not always accurate."

Guessing got better on the second nine when Mercier put together birds on the 10th, 11th, and 12th holes, with another on the 15th.

McQuaid Coach Tom Schaeffer, a chemistry teacher, says he learns more from his team than the team will ever acquire from him.

He points out that while his super performers have handicaps which range between two and ten, his is more apt to be between 16 and 19.

Coach for only the past four years, Schaeffer believes the current Knights edition may be the best balanced group to wear the Black and Gold ever well, certainly during the past four years, at least.

This year's McQuaid lineup, he says, has nothing but power all the way with a little more of it at the top.

The top, strangely enough, isn't Mercier, but Kircher.

At 16, Kircher was a U.S. Amateur qualifier and he won his first match in the national tournament.

Other Knights are only slightly less impressive.

Salamone is the men's champion at Locust Hill; Mercier, the Knights' only senior on the team, is a four-handicapper at Oak Hill; Horvath is another familiar face at Locust Hill and Carlisi is Midvale's junior champ. Both Horvath and Carlisi are steady, 70-neighborhood scorers.

How much better than the rest of the league is McQuaid?

Consider this — Kearney's best efforts took fifth and sixth place in the sectional qualifier, the best city effort was an eighth place finish by a Charlotte golfer.

McQuaid defeated Kearney 9-0 and 8-1 in back-to-back C-C matches; Kircher fired a 34 on the front nine at Oak Hill, Salamone added a 36 and Horvath shot a 39 in the first match.

In the earlier match all five McQuaid duffers finished under 40.



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 during May Day. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, Feb. 18 to receive \$5.

Youths Talk Business

"Business and Its Responsibility to the Community" will be discussed on the half-hour television program Let's Talk Business to be telecast on Sunday, May 30, at 1:30 p.m. on WOKR-TV, Channel 13.

Responding to the questions will be guest panelists Thomas A. Horey, Manager, Communications and Staff Services, Xerox Corp., and Ervin F. Lyke, President, Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

The questions will be asked by four area high school students: Al D'Alfonso, James Sperry High School, Rush-Henrietta School District; Ressa Derman, Monroe High School; Donald Kruggel, Greece Arcadia High School; and Robert Reiser, McQuaid Jesuit High School.

The program will be the fourth in a series of monthly television programs sponsored by the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce, and produced by WOKR-TV, to create a better understanding of business and the free enterprise system.

A Star Spangled Trip to Boston

By MAUREEN O'BRIEN

Elmira — For five Notre Dame students, Easter vacation was spent getting up at 6 a.m. and sightseeing at New England's vacation and historical spots. It was all part of a bicentennial trip to Boston taken by Joy Amisano, Mary Ellen Nolan, Marcia Peterson, Mary Beth and Maureen O'Brien, accompanied by Sister Dorothy Becker.

Departing the Wednesday before Easter in their "Pepsi-Cola Pontiac," the girls took a leisurely drive to their first stop, the Weston Priory in the picturesque Green Mountain ski country of Vermont.

Famed for its warm hospitality and fine musical interpretation of Scripture, this Benedictine Monastery won the hearts of the group. They found themselves mesmerized by the beautiful singing of the monks and the simple but direct format of their services. These monks have adapted a singing style similar to that of the Trapp Family Singers, their friends who live farther north in Stowe, Vt.

Holy Week is a special occasion for the priory, when city people meet mountain folk, and crowds gather to celebrate with the brothers who write their own music and sing it accompanied by two folk guitars.

Side stops were also made at Santa's Land, U.S.A., Basketville, and at Putney where they ate sundaes in a real old-fashioned general store and watched maple syrup processing. They also stayed in a nearby convent and were astounded when one of the sisters arose at 6 a.m. so youngsters could take her fishing on their day off.

Boston, the highlight of their trip, was reached on Saturday in temperatures that had climbed to a scorching 95. Friends again welcomed them, this time at a Franciscan Priory. Mass was concelebrated by the friars and then the travellers were invited to an Easter Vigil dinner.

Grand tours followed the next day. An air-conditioned bus took them over the Freedom Trail past major sights in Boston — Paul Revere's House, Faneuil Hall, the Boston Common, the Boston Tea Party Ship, the Bunker Hill Pavilion, and Beacon Hill.

Other spots included Harvard, the Museum of Science, Hayden's Planetarium, John F. Kennedy's birthplace, and a picnic luncheon on the Esplanade.

A trolley trip downtown took the group to the New England Aquarium and then shopping before a Seventeen magazine fashion show on Tuesday. This was followed in the evening by dinner at the Assumptionist Fathers, whose house is directly behind that of the Boston Pop's director, Arthur Fiedler. There in his driveway sat a little Volkswagen with a license plate reading Pops.

Principal To be Honored

The Parents' Association of Our Lady of Mercy High School is honoring Sister Mary Bryan Ford in recognition of her eight years of service as principal of Mercy.

The reception will be held on Sunday, June 6 in the McAuley wing of the Mercy Motherhouse, 1437 Blossom Road from 2-5 p.m.



Winning Sprinters

Rudy Kears (440), Rick Pulcino (220), Randy Benjamin (220), and Tim O'Sullivan (880), members of the Aquinas Varsity Sprint Medley Relay, took first place in their event in the Aquinas Relay competitions at Fauver Stadium, Saturday May 22.

HOTLINE

It is the aim of RapAround to touch all of the bases. If we are missing any, let Mrs. Joan M. Smith know your ideas. Drop her a line.

We need suggestions and invite criticism.