

Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around



The RapAround Crew

Photo by Ben Susso

The Rochester Yacht Club was the setting for the June 2 Courier-Journal luncheon given for the RapAround high school coordinators in recognition of their dedicated service. RapAround editor Joan M. Smith enjoyed the company of the students who throughout the school year keep the young adult section supplied with the news which has made RapAround a success. The get-together included Mrs. Smith, Tom Rosica and Mark Hill of Aquinas; Pat Hartleben and Meg Rimore, Nazareth; Dick Dever, Carl Cichetti and Tom Brickler, Cardinal Mooney; Pete Radell, McQuaid. In foreground: Cathy Nesser, Bishop Kearney; Terry O'Brien, Mercy; Molly Fennel, Notre Dame; Christy Laws, Mercy; Kathy Buonaccorso, BK; Karen Koster, St. Agnes; Tom Scheg, McQuaid, and Alicia del Cerro, St. Agnes High School.

Aquinas Turns the Key

By JOHN DOSER

Aquinas track coach Ed Mancuso agrees with McQuaid track coach Bob Bradley that the 880-yard relay in last week's Irish-Knight clash at Jefferson was indeed a key event.

McQuaid, going into the final leg of the 880, owned a 10-yard lead, continuing a rally where the Knights won the mile run and 440 dash after Aquinas won the 110 high hurdles and 100 dash.

McQuaid's Nathan Peck, into the Knights' final lap of the 880 relay, took off with that 10-yard lead, but he didn't count on Aquinas' Rick Pulcino. Moments later, Pulcino streaked by on the way to an Aquinas 880 win, and eventually, an Aquinas 94-51 victory, good for Aquinas' fourth consecutive City-Catholic League championship.

"McQuaid used many of its stronger middle distance runners in that event to try to hurt us," Mancuso explains.

"We didn't win the meet at the point, but we kind of broke their backs."

The win was also Aquinas' 34th in a row, going back to 1972, and made up for last year's track tie between the schools, and in the eyes of some gridiron diehards, it made up also for last year's football loss to the Knights.

Aquinas-McQuaid track meets

are usually pretty good scraps, but this time Mancuso says he was surprised how easy the Irish won it.

"We beat McQuaid in 1972, 69-67; in 1973, 89-46; and last year we tied, 73-73. We've won three track titles and shared one with McQuaid in the past four years," Mancuso says.

Catholic schools (Aquinas, McQuaid, Kearney) dominate the C-C circuit, according to Mancuso, because of their distance runners.

"The city schools don't have the depth in the distance events (880, mile, two mile, mile relay, two-mile relay); they have excellent individuals in the sprinting events from the 100 to the 440, and they have great hurdlers and field men, but they end up losing on depth in the distance and depth overall."

Mancuso says the track programs at Monroe and Franklin are on the upswing. Trent Jackson at Franklin has an excellent group of kids over there, but outside of Franklin there are no city schools with the outstanding distance runners and until they find some, they're going to be in trouble against us.

To compare Aquinas with Monroe County schools, Mancuso says, is tough, because there isn't much to work on.

"We haven't met them (a county school) head-on, but we've scrimmaged them and held our

own. We scrimmaged Greece Arcadia this year (County Champion), but you can't put your finger on how it would turn out now as opposed to them.

"I think if we ran Arcadia in a meet it would be a fantastic thing right now. They could beat us, we could beat them; it would be a tossup, I'd say."

Comparative team strengths can't be measured by comparing scores in a sectional meet either, Mancuso says.

Aquinas beat Arcadia for the team title in the Hornell Relays, and Rush-Henrietta won the Aquinas Relays — the Comets are not considered as strong as Arcadia. "But both realays are different types of meets," he adds.

Aquinas beat McQuaid in part because of some unexpected points — Eric McMichael in the triple jump and Dave Andrews' second in the long jump.

Mike Coon lost to McQuaid's Paul Salzetta by 10 yards in the 880 sectional qualifiers one week earlier, but came back to beat him by 15 yards and set a new Aquinas school mark of 41.4 in the process.

Bob Birecree ran a very good mile time of 4:28.2, finishing second to McQuaid's Tom Horton who turned a 4:27.4. Horton just beat Birecree at the end; the times were just outstanding considering the weather," Mancuso says.

K. of C. Plans Essay Contest

Albert Szembrot, faithful navigator of Rochester General Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, has announced an Essay Contest open to all seniors of the area Catholic high schools.

The topic should be on any aspect of "Americanism" which appeals to the student, and the length should be governed by the thoughts of the student to cover the subject. Further details can be obtained from the principals of the participating high schools.

The winner from each school will be honored at the annual Fourth Degree Dinner to be held Thursday, June 24, at the Party House on Beahan Road.

John M. Morphy, past faithful navigator, is chairman.

Navy Appointees

Washington — Rep. Frank Horton has announced the appointment of three area young men to the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. They are; Robert J. Blunt, Daniel J. Brennan, and Steven R. Cape.

All residents of Horton's 34th Congressional District, they will enter the academy this summer to begin training with the Class of 1980.

The congressman said that each of these young men was chosen on the basis of his excellent performance on a battery of academy tests and on his outstanding qualifications.

Student Attends Speech Finals

Bishop Kearney junior Elaine Aers, on May 28-30, participated as a National Finalist in the National Catholic Forensic League's Grand National Speech Tournament held in Detroit, Michigan.

Elaine competed in the category of Dramatic Interpretations with a presentation of a cutting from George Bernard Shaw's play "St. Joan." She is the first person from Rochester to qualify for the NCFL Nationals.

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