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School Spat Could Affect Whole County

By JOHN DOSER

Eastridge High and Webster Schroeder High administrators are meeting this week to resolve a problem which affects Bishop Kearney High.

The Town of Irondequoit initiated a town football championship two years ago among Irondequoit, Eastridge and Bishop Kearney high schools, under the auspices of the Eastridge Kiwanis Club.

The three teams play each other in the fi[illegible]st natural competitive spirit of the series. It's a co[illegible]unity endeavor, and relations among the private and public schools involved have never been better.

Credit for the series goes to many townspeople, but the efforts of Irondequoit athletic director Roger Bunce and his counterparts at Kearney (Don Della Vella) and Eastridge (Flo Bojinoff) can not be overlooked.

This season the three game round robin town championship may not be played because Webster Schroeder, for what it believes to be valid reasons, is insisting on scheduling Eastridge for its opening game of the season.

Schroeder athletic director John Boomer says he notified Eastridge athletic director Bojinoff early in the year that he was interested in playing the Lancers in Schroeder's first game of the season.

Eastridge had previously agreed to meet Kearney in the season's opener, under the lights at Holleder Stadium, in the first of the town tournament's three games.

Boomer, claiming he did not receive anything in writing from Eastridge about the Eastridge-Kearney game, went ahead and scheduled the Lancers for his team.

When Eastridge did respond, in writing from Bojinoff, Boomer said it was too late and cited a Monroe County League rule which stipulates county schools are obligated to play each other first before scheduling non-league games with outside opponents.

At the moment the Irondequoit town series is up in the air, Boomer says Eastridge superintendent Dr. Rodney Spring and Bojinoff were to meet with Webster Superintendent Dr. Ross Willink and himself this week to try to resolve the matter.

Ironically, Dr. Willink is former East Irondequoit District School Superintendent, and Bojinoff's boss at Eastridge.

Della Vella says Bojinoff was more than willing to continue the series with Kearney, back in February, but about a month ago he got word from Bojinoff that Eastridge was obligated to play Schroeder.

The Kearney-Eastridge administrators would have divided the expenses at Holleder, assuring both teams and town fans the best possible playing conditions.

Della Vella says he has spent recent weekends calling schools as far away as Pennsylvania for a game — an eighth game — while Schroeder is assured a nine game slate.

He says there is a good possibility Kearney will play Monroe for its eighth game, but details are not yet worked out; he says he is keeping his ninth playing date open in hopes that the Eastridge-Schroeder conflict can be ironed out.

Della Vella says he doesn't want to lose the town tournament which culminated three years ago from efforts dating back to 1969.

"The games have been excellent, the crowds are good, there have been no unpleasant incidents, and it has greatly increased interest and spirit in high school football in the Town of Irondequoit," Della Vella says.

East Irondequoit, which has taken a lot of negative flack in the press because of its controversial Board of Education over the past ten years, was the first school district to help Kearney out a few years ago when BK needed a field to play its home football dates.

Eastridge made its facilities available to Kearney at little or no cost, at a time when other Rochester area school districts turned Kearney down.

Irondequoit High also turned its field over to Kearney for a Sunday afternoon game on at least one occasion, again indicative of the excellent relations among the two public and one private school in the town.

Eastridge Booster Club co-presidents Ema Frank and Barb Schuber say "It's just not fair. The whole situation is wrong."

They say it could end up affecting the whole county.

It should never reach that point: the cooperation achieved between the public and private school sectors in the Town of Irondequoit should not be diluted by an outside-the-district influence.

A photograph from the Aquinas 1926 Arete of that year's famous basketball squad.

1926 Style

Aq Makes Sports History

Sports have been an important part of the American heritage. Aquinas, the oldest Catholic high school for boys in Rochester has contributed much to the annals of high school sports.

In 1926 the school boasted a basketball team that wouldn't quit. Following are exerpts from a story by Charles Callahan in Arete, the yearbook. **"Aquinas Wins First New York State Catholic Championship Tournament."**

To be runner-up in the National Catholic Interscholastic Basketball Tournament, conducted by Loyola University in Chicago; then to return to its home state and win the first tournament ever staged by the New York State Catholic High School Athletic Association, seems to the writer to be glory enough for one year.

Add to the results obtained by the team itself, the fact that Captain Joseph Kennedy was selected as "All American" forward after the close of the Loyola championships, and that Aquinas won the silver trophy for being the best coached five in the Chicago games, and anyone will agreed that it was a marvelous year that our boys enjoyed on the court.

The first tourney to be staged by the Catholic Schools in New York brought together Aquinas and St. Bonaventure in the first round; and Most Holy Rosary of Syracuse and St. John's High, of Rensselaer. Aquinas won from Bona, 24 to 18, while Rosary had an easy time disposing of St. John's 25 to 7.

The championship game between Aquinas and Rosary, according to Syracuse papers, was the greatest game played in Syracuse all season. The battle see-sawed back and fourth, neither team having a comfortable lead at any time. During the last half, the score changed every minute, but at the end of the third quarter Aquinas led, 9 to 7.

In the last period Aquinas weakened. The strain of a 30 game schedule was telling. Rosary got a basket to tie the score; then another to go ahead. Aquinas tied it. Rosary got another field goal and a foul. Aquinas closed the breach by a basket. The Syracuse team scored again, giving it a lead of 16 to 13 with only one minute left to play.

Putting forth everything they possessed the Aquinas players worked the ball under and Flynn made a basket. On the center ball Rosary got the leather and began to stall. Two players began passing the ball back and forth under the basket. Kennedy got between them. When the ball was passed again Joe, leaping high into the air, snared the pass, struck the ground and shot. The ball whistled through without touching the rim and the New York State Title belonged to Aquinas.

Fighting Irish Breeze Through First Round of Chicago Tournament

Aquinas Quintet Reaches Third Round by Defeating Cleveland, 9 to 8

AQUINAS FIVE DEFEATS SPALDING, 18 TO 17

TEAM ENTERS SEMI-FINALS OF CATHOLIC TOURNEY

MARKS'S FOUL SHOT AFTER BARK OF FINAL GUN GIVES TRIUMPH IN SEMI-FINALS

Local Team Holds Wichita Scoreless in Last Quarter to Eke Out Fourth Victory.

ROCHESTER FIVE BEATS WICHITA BY FOUL, 16 TO 15

KENNEDY WINS ALL-AMERICAN FORWARD POST

AQUINAS LOSES TO ST. XAVIER'S FIVE IN TOURNEY FINAL

Takes Second Place in Catholic Nationals at Loyola Gymnasium, Chicago; South Scores Two Goals Late in Frey.

ROCHESTER QUINT'S LEAD LOST IN FOURTH QUARTER

XAVIER WINS TOURNAMENT, 18-16

"Fighting Irish" Loses Heartbreaker In Tournament Finals

A college of Aquinas basketball game headlines which appeared in Rochester papers during the 1926 season. It is interesting to note the games' low scoring points.