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BK... Plugging Pays Off

By JOHN DOSER

Bishop Kearney hockey coach Steve MacAdam wasn't home when the reporter called, and who could blame him?

"He's out celebrating," the coach's 15-year-old son explained over the phone.

He had reason to celebrate: his BK Kings had just beaten Pittsford Mendon, 7-6, in a Monroe County Hockey League game, a victory which MacAdam later described as the high school hockey upset of the season.

Why has Kearney become the hottest entry in the local school boy ice circuit?

"Because, it's my third year, it's their third year, and it's just good, hard work," MacAdam said.

The win was Kearney's third without a loss and immediately established the Kings as a contender for the league crown.

"If we can get by Sutherland, we are the favorite," MacAdam added.

(Editor's Note — Kearney tied Sutherland, 1-1, Saturday)

The Kings' first line hasn't got a nickname like other teams' top lines have — but the impact it's having on opponents might be creating a few.

Winger Rick Zamanian, a senior, scored three goals against Mendon and elevated himself to top team scorer with eight points in three games.

Center Scott Wilson and Winger Mark Mascaro, both seniors, make up the rest of the Kings' unnamed front line. Wilson scored his first point of the season against the Vikings and Mascaro, called The Moose, hiked his season's output to seven for three games.

The second line includes sophomore winger Mike Geitner who scored a dozen goals last year as a freshman and was all over the rink in the final two minutes against

Mendon protecting BK's slim one goal lead.

Junior center Dan Hickey and winger Rich Verduyse, the latter scoring twice against Mendon, complete the Kings' second line.

"You should have seen that second line forecheck — like you wouldn't believe. In fact both lines checked well. I'd say it was one of the best forechecking games we've ever played by far, because Mendon is one of the best passing and break-out teams in the league by far," MacAdam said.

Penalties in the game, a sore point in some other county games, were at a minimum. "If we had three and Mendon four, that was a lot," MacAdam said.

Only four defensemen saw action against Mendon: senior Pat Kolb, sophomore Eric Kolb (they're brothers), junior Bill Steffan (who's dad is an assistant coach at Aquinas) and sophomore Jerry Cargas.

Pat Doyle holds down the Kings' goalie spot, he's a senior, who despite allowing Mendon six goals, is a key performer.

Doesn't allowing six goals in one game bother anybody?

"Against Mendon?" MacAdam asks. "Nuts!"

To see these kids after they took their lumps for the past two years is really something else, according to MacAdam. "Mendon was shocked."

Last year Kearney was embarrassed by Aquinas, Mendon, Sutherland, Brighton, etc., by 12-0 scores and it hasn't forgotten.

"We're here to make some noise this year and these kids have really worked," MacAdam insists.

Two years ago BK finished 2-12-1 and last year the Kings were 6-7-3, there's little doubt this year's mark will represent another improvement.

Some of MacAdam's ten years as assistant trainer to the Rochester Americans has rubbed off on his team, MacAdam said.

The pros keep plugging and that's all I've done. That's all our kids have done, plus just good hard work."



KATHLEEN MCKAY

Student Ranks First at School

Kathleen McKay ranked highest among the 18 New York State Regent Scholarship winners at Our Lady of Mercy High School.

Besides her academic achievements, Kathy is active in school organizations. She is on the Mercedes (literary magazine) staff as well as being a member of the Christian Action Movement. In her spare time she works at the Penfield Library.

Kathy will further her education in Biology and Chemistry and has applied to the University of Rochester and Harvard University.

What are her feelings about the four years spent at Mercy? "They have gone so fast and I've loved every minute of them. As far as her future is concerned she acknowledged, "I'm scared about going on but will be ready for it when summer comes."

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