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## 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 CourierJournal before noon of the Tuesday following our publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at Mercy High during a rally. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, Jan 18. to receive \$5.

## McQuaid Swimmers Keep Winning Despite Lack of Home Pool

By JOHN DOSER

The weekly newsletter of the New York State Sportswriters Association recognized the relative swimming achievements of McQuaid Jesuit High last week, and then dismissed Coach John Tobin's finmen with this kissoff — "Little Wheatland-Chili has won 99 straight meets, but would get drowned if it ever swam Class A schools. Rochester McQuaid also owns a long string of pool wins, but again, that school doesn't face quality teams."

Tobin, whose Knights own a 58-meet win streak (at this writing), says he's heard it all before.

OK, the Knights don't go up against Spencerports, Pittsford, Sutherlands, Penfields and Fairports, not even Wheatland-Chili.

Tobin explains it this way — his Knights are the best there is where they are — a member of the Rochester City-Catholic League.

Wheatland-Chili is best where it is — a Class C swim team (McQuaid is at least competing in Class A).

And Tobin honestly admits his club, at this time, has no business taking on powerhouses. Like Sutherland or Spencerport.

"You get used to people saying 'Why don't you swim

this team or that team.' Well this year we're swimming eight times against county schools.

"We're gradually getting up there, but there's no way possible I can see that we'll ever be in a position to swim Sutherland or other schools like that with the limited amount of pool time we have," Tobin explains.

What he doesn't say, but everybody in the local swim world knows, is that the Knights, lacking a home school pool, hold their daily practice sessions and meets at the YWCA downtown (Rochester) with three meets in the foreign metric waters at Nazareth College.

Actually, attempts were made to schedule Wheatland-Chili, but Tobin says it just wasn't possible.

He agrees with W-C Coach Don Cummings who says in his way the Scotsmen are the best and in Tobin's way, McQuaid is the best.

"Wheatland does not swim the same type of teams we swim, but that's all relative," Tobin adds.

So far this year the Knights are 6-0 overall and 4-0 in City-Catholic League action; it appears again, as it has for the past two years, that McQuaid will battle Marshall in the final meet of the season for the league's championship.

Here are the swimmers who make the Knights tick:

The medley relay includes freshman backstroker Jeff Talbot whom Tobin describes as one of the Knights' most promising swimmers ever; junior breaststroker Mike Tuite; junior butterflyer Tom Stone; and freshman freestyler Bill Schneider.

Tuite, incidentally, is filling in for Ned Nicosia, a junior, who missed the first part of the season because of illness.

Nicosia was last year's best breaststroker and took seventh in the sectionals. Hopefully he'll finish the season with the Knights, Tobin says.

The other medley relay includes eighth grade backstroker Matt Bowers who doubles as first diver; sophomore breast stroker Tom Byrne (who shares a City-Catholic freshman medley relay record); junior butterflyer Dave Allen; and eighth grade freestyler John Norton.

Jerry Schneider, a junior, handles the 200 freestyle; Neil Brophy, a sophomore, 500 freestyle, (he was sixth in last year's intersectional qualifier); and then there's Jeff LiButti.

LiButti swims the IM this year; he's team captain, a

senior, and holds C-C marks in the 100, 200 and 500 freestyles as well as a piece of the C-C 400 yard freestyle relay mark.)

Tom Byrne, Jeff Talbot and sophomore Marty Mahoney also swim freestyle.

Paul Pero a freshman, is the second diver, and Ted Byrne, the last of three Byrne brothers on the team, handles the diving.

Senior Kevin O'Hara, the other team captain, does the butterfly and is also part of the C-C record relay team.

Henry Rohrer, another sophomore, and freshman Paul Kircher (from the local golfing family) complete the starting swimmers.

The Knights have responded well to the improved competition according to Tobin — in fact against Greece Arcadia McQuaid trailed heavily in the early going of the meet and had to take first and second in the 400 relay to win the meet.

That's what they did.

After that comes Canandaigua, Greece Athena, and Churchillville-Chili.

There's no doubt the Knights are doing the best they can without a pool.



- AQUINAS**  
Monday, Jan. 17 — Department meetings  
Tuesday, Jan. 18 — Sport Boosters' dinner.
- BISHOP KEARNEY**  
Friday, Jan. 14 — Student-faculty "donkey" basketball game.  
Sunday, Jan. 16 — Gymnastic Club meeting; 10-12 p.m.
- CARDINAL MOONEY**  
Tuesday, Jan. 18 — Faculty meeting, early dismissal; 1:15 p.m.
- NAZARETH**  
Thursday, Jan. 13 — Parent-teacher conference; 7:30-9 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 14 — School closed; joint faculty workshop.
- OUR LADY OF MERCY**  
Thursday, Jan. 13 — Parents' Board meeting; 8 p.m.  
Monday, Jan. 17 — Administrative Board meeting; 3:15 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 19 — Children's Theater, Wizard of Oz; 10 p.m.