

# Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap



## A Royal Game of Concentration

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Invented by the Arabians centuries ago, according to the McQuaid chess players, the game is gaining in popularity especially among the high school set. Whether it will attain super bowl status is a question but whether it does or not, it is "the game" for the students who make up the McQuaid Chess Club.



Photo by Ben Susso

Do you really want to make that move? John Magee seems to be asking as Phil moves in on John's king. Watching the "coup de grace" is club president, Terry Lynch.

Phil Geerstma, John Magee, Terry Lynch, Tim Flynn, Bob Cerame, Robert Sant, John Pegis, Joseph Gazzeta, Steve Zatyko and Andre Madrid represent their school in the interscholastic chess competitions. Aquinas, Bishop Kearney, Webster, Penfield, Victor, and Pittsford-Sutherland are just a few of the high schools they compete against during the 10 match schedule.

Talking about chess players brings visions of the impenetrable concentration of a Socrates, or the melodramatic antics of a Bobby Fischer, but you can't stereotype the McQuaid players. They love the game, consider themselves competitive material, and enjoy nothing better than teasing one another about their individual capabilities.

Though the game consumes some 2-3 hours, the players find it a relaxing pastime. Although Terry pointed out, "It can become cut-throat action on the first board!"

Players are dispersed according to ability at the matches. A team's best player is normally at the first board which is worth the most winning points. The second best player is placed at the second board and so on down the line.

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five: white pawn to king 4; black pawn to white king 4; white knight to king's bishop 3; black knight to white queen's bishop 3; white bishop to knight 5... and you can see their minds pursuing this strategy to its conclusion. Terry has been playing chess since his sophomore year and attributes his interest in the game to the Boris Spaskey, Bobby Fischer championship matches. Phil has been playing for "quite awhile" and was taught by his father. None of the boys have aspirations for international fame but they are looking forward to the team making the semifinals which begin in a few weeks.

According to John Magee, the greatest game challenges are anticipating your opponent's reactions

Terry, president of the club, is quick to acknowledge John Magee and Phil as the "star" players. "But the team as a whole is getting recognition. According to Terry, "We're getting glowing announcements over the PA when we win." But the boys agree it doesn't matter if you win or lose if you've played well. "So long as you don't get swamped," interjected Terry.

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### CITY-CATHOLIC BOYS' BASKETBALL

**Previous Results**  
East 93, Kearney 46; Edison 73, Aquinas 60; Madison 90, Monroe 48; HAC 71, Charlotte 68; Mooney 74, Franklin 64; Jefferson 71, Victor 48.

**This Week**  
Wednesday, Feb. 16—Kearney at East, 3 p.m.; McQuaid at Franklin, 3 p.m.  
Thursday, Feb. 17—Charlotte at Jefferson, 3:45 p.m.; East at Aquinas, 3:45 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 18—McQuaid at Aquinas, 8 p.m.; Edison at Madison, 3:45 p.m.; Franklin at Monroe, 3:45 p.m.; HAC at Marshall, 3:45 p.m.; Wellsville at Charlotte, 4 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 19—Mooney at East, 2 p.m.; Attica at Jefferson, 2:30 p.m.; Franklin at Madison, 10 a.m.  
Monday, Feb. 21—Mooney at Kearney, 8 p.m.  
Tuesday, Feb. 22—Monroe at East, 3:45 p.m.; Franklin at Edison, 3:45 p.m.; Madison at McQuaid, 3:45 p.m.

**Records (2/10)**  
City-Catholic: Madison 10-0, McQuaid 7-4, Mooney 7-4, McQuaid 7-4, Edison 6-6, East 5-6, Franklin 5-6, Monroe 5-8, Kearney 2-9, Aquinas 2-10.  
City-Private: Jefferson 10-3, HAC 6-4, Marshall 8-6, Charlotte 2-10.

### CITY-CATHOLIC BOYS' SWIMMING

**Previous Results**  
Madison 45, Monroe 33.  
**This Week**  
Wednesday-Friday, Feb. 16-18—City-Catholic Swimming and Diving Championships at East High.  
**Records (2/10)**  
McQuaid 14-0, Charlotte 8-3, Marshall 7-2-1, Aquinas 6-3, Edison 6-3, East 4-3-1, HAC 3-6, Madison 3-6, Franklin 1-7, Monroe 1-8, Jefferson 0-10.

### MONROE COUNTY BOYS' HOCKEY

**This Week**  
Wednesday, Feb. 16—Sutherland vs. Eastridge at RIT, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 19—Webster vs. Kearney at Lakeshore, 11 a.m.; Eastridge vs. Fairport at Lakeshore, 1 p.m.; Irondequoit vs. Aquinas at Lakeshore, 3 p.m.; Rush-Henrietta vs. Brighton at RIT, 11 a.m.; Mendon vs. Sutherland at RIT, 1 p.m.; McQuaid vs. Penfield at RIT, 3 p.m.  
Tuesday, Feb. 22—Mendon vs. Fairport at RIT, 6 p.m.  
**Records (2/10)**  
Northern Division: Kearney 8-1-1, Irondequoit 6-3, Aquinas 4-4-2, Webster 2-6-1, Fairport 2-8, Eastridge 0-8-1.  
Southern Division: Mendon 8-1-1, Sutherland 7-2-1, McQuaid 6-4-1, Penfield 5-3-2, Brighton 5-4-2, Rush-Henrietta 1-10.

### CITY-CATHOLIC BOYS' WRESTLING

**This Week**  
Thursday, Feb. 17—City-Catholic Tournament at McQuaid.  
Friday, Feb. 18—City-Catholic Tournament Finals at McQuaid.  
**Records (2/10)**  
Division I: McQuaid 6-0-1, East 7-1, Kearney 5-4, Madison 3-5, Edison 3-4, Mooney 0-9.  
Division II: Jefferson 3-3, Charlotte 3-5, Aquinas 0-4, Franklin 0-5.

### CITY-CATHOLIC GIRLS' BASKETBALL

**Previous Results**  
Franklin 61, East 35.  
**This Week**  
Wednesday, Feb. 16—Nazareth at HAC, 3:45 p.m.  
Thursday, Feb. 17—Mooney at East, 3:45 p.m.; Marshall at Franklin, 3:45 p.m.; Eastridge at Charlotte, 3:45 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 18—A St. Agnes at HAC, 3:45 p.m.  
Monday, Feb. 21—Mercy at St. Agnes, 3:45 p.m.

**Editor's Note** — Please check daily newspapers for updated scheduling in all sports because of Superstorm 1977 postponements.



In chess white always opens game. The action begins to build during the middle game where pieces are taken and strategy set-up for the end game which in photo on right could evolve in a series of moves which results in black knight putting opponent's king in check.