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Drum Beats Spark Mooney

By JOHN DOSER

Revenge is a word that is not part of Ed Nietopski's vocabulary.

Whatever word he chooses to use, it's still a pleasant feeling to come back and defeat a team which hung a loss on you earlier in the season.

McQuaid edged Mooney in an overtime contest early in the season and recently the Cards got even by pinning an eight-point loss on the high-flying City-Catholic League Knights at Mooney.

The first meeting between the two rivals was tough and Mooney was better prepared the next time around.

"A lot of our fellows who haven't had too much game experience are beginning to come around and they've given Jim Panaggio and Don Drum the help they've needed," Nietopski explains.

Panaggio, who lives in Brockport, is son of Brockport State head basketball coach Mauro

Panaggio and Drum, a Hilton resident, is the son of Greece Arcadia athletic director Joe Drum.

Nietopski considers Drum one of the best shooters he's ever coached.

"He's an excellent outside shooter from good distances; he takes the ball in extremely well; he has good coordination and good balance; and for a little guy he has some awfully good moves when he competes against bigger people.

"He's also an excellent ballhandler and an excellent competitor," Nietopski adds.

Drum also comes from an athletic family; besides his dad who formerly taught and coached at Penfield High, Rush-Henrietta and Brockport State, his sister Nancy recently hit 16 points in Hilton's victory over Batavia in Monroe County League girls' basketball.

East's recent upset win over previously unbeaten Madison didn't surprise Nietopski.

He says he has a lot of

respect for Madison, which, materialwise, has a lot going for it. But he also has a lot of respect for East.

"First of all Sal Rizzo does an extremely good job with his players and I think he has some good talent with his ballclub. With his big man, Rufus Elliott, coming back into the picture, that'll probably help East quite a bit."

Nietopski agrees the small city school courts are definite advantages to teams like Madison, and last year, to a team like Monroe.

"They're narrow and small and when you practice on a bigger court most of the week it does give the home team a little bit more of an advantage.

"But I think a good ballclub should adjust to almost any situation," Nietopski adds.

When the Cardinals are preparing for a game against a city opponent, Nietopski shuts off half the Mooney gym and works off the type of backboards the city schools have.

"We get a pretty good

simulation of what we're going to be up against for the most part. We adjust fairly well; we lost to Madison by six points at their place and it was one of those games that went back and forth.

"Their size, on a small court, makes things a little more compact. We need a big court to move around. We don't normally have the big size to compete with the other teams," Nietopski says.

The Cardinals like to run this year, primarily because of speedsters like Panaggio and Drum.

Nietopski is an advocate of state tournaments and believes the controversial regional tournament is a good thing.

"It's been a long time coming; it offers the boys that little extra that they work for all season long. Some people feel that it might detract from the Section 5 tournament, but I refuse to believe that. In fact I think it will enhance our tournament a little bit more and just give it a little more interest. I'm all in favor of this type of competition."

CITY-CATHOLIC BOYS' BASKETBALL

Previous Results
Franklin 87, Aquinas 50; HAC 62, Charlotte 47; Jefferson 77, Marshall 65; East 73, Madison 67; Mooney 79, McQuaid 71; HAC 57, Park 41; Monroe 54, Edison 48; Monroe 54, Edison 48; Madison 101, Aquinas 71; Mooney 75, Monroe 67; East 60, Edison 59; Madison 66, Kearney 58; Franklin 73, East 71; Marshall 80, Charlotte 76; Mooney 83, Aquinas 39; HAC 71, Jefferson 70; Franklin 69, McQuaid 66; Edison 52, Kearney 50; DeSales 71, Naples 54; DeSales 65, Bath 59.

This Week
Friday, Feb. 25-Saturday, March 12-Section 5 Tournament, Classes AAA, AA, A, B, C, D; Check daily newspapers for games, sites and times.

Records (2/17)
City-Catholic League
Madison 12-1, Mooney 11-4, McQuaid 8-6, Franklin 8-6, East 8-7, Edison 7-9, Monroe 6-9, Kearney 3-11, Aquinas 2-14.
City-Private League
Jefferson 12-4, HAC 9-4, Marshall 9-7, Charlotte 2-13.

CITY-CATHOLIC BOYS' SWIMMING

Previous Results
Edison 41, Aquinas 39; McQuaid 55, Marshall 28; East 58, Franklin 27; McQuaid 107, Victor 65.

This Week
Friday, Feb. 25-Saturday, Feb. 26-Section 5 Tournament, Classes A and B. Check daily newspapers for sites and times.

Records (2/17)
McQuaid 16-0, Charlotte 9-3, Marshall 7-3-1, Edison 7-3, Aquinas 6-4, East 6-4-1, HAC 4-6, Madison 3-7, Monroe 2-8, Franklin 1-10, Jefferson 0-10.

MONROE COUNTY BOYS' HOCKEY

Previous Results
Irondequoit 4, Fairport 2; Webster 6, Eastridge 0; Kearney 6, Aquinas 3; Aquinas 6, Penfield 3; Sutherland 9, Eastridge 2.

This Week
Wednesday, Feb. 24-McQuaid vs. Irondequoit at RIT, 6 p.m. Check daily newspapers for playoff sites and times.

Records (2/17)
Northern Division: Kearney 8-1-2, Irondequoit 7-3, Aquinas 5-5-2, Webster 4-6-1, Fairport 2-8-1, Eastridge 0-11-1.
Southern Division: Mendon 10-1-1, Sutherland 9-2-1, Brighton 6-4-2, McQuaid 6-5-1, Penfield 5-5-2, Rush-Henrietta 1-12.

CITY-CATHOLIC BOYS' WRESTLING

Previous Results
Madison 32, East 22; Franklin 31, Aquinas 30; Kearney 25, McQuaid 24; Edison 44, Mooney 23; Charlotte 30, Jefferson 22; Madison 66, Mooney 6; McQuaid 31, Madison 17; Charlotte 52, Aquinas 9; Kearney 46, Edison 14.

This Week
Wednesday, Feb. 23-Saturday, Feb. 26-City-Catholic League Championships. Check daily newspapers for sites and times.

Records (2/17)
Division I: McQuaid 9-1-1, Madison 8-4, Kearney 8-5, East 6-4, Edison 4-5, Mooney 2-11.
Division II: Charlotte 5-5, Jefferson 3-4, Aquinas 0-5, Franklin 0-6.

CITY-CATHOLIC-PRIVATE GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Previous Results
Franklin 69, Mercy 40; Monroe 43, Charlotte 35; Charlotte 44, HAC 40; Franklin 70, Monroe 31; Franklin 58, Madison 47.

This Week
Wednesday, Feb. 23-Kearney at Mooney, Mercy at HAC, 3:45 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 25-Mercy at Mooney, HAC at St. Agnes, 3:45 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 28-Kearney at Mercy, HAC at Mooney, Nazareth at St. Agnes, East at Marshall, Rush-Henrietta Roth at Charlotte, all 3:45 p.m.

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BK Ices Aquinas

The Bishop Kearney hockey team defeated Aquinas in a Monday afternoon game played Feb. 14 at the Lakeshore ice rink. Bishop Kearney scored two goals early in the first period, with senior Rick Zamanian, and sophomore Bill Stephan, both forwards, looking especially strong. Although Aquinas scored three goals later in the game, they were never able to overcome BK's early advantage. The final score was 6-3 as Bishop Kearney won and stayed on top of the Northern Division of the Monroe County League. On Saturday Feb. 19, however, Webster handed BK a defeat which leaves them in first place but tied with Irondequoit. BK has three games yet to play. This photo was also taken as a Winner's Circle. Each week RapAround runs 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 Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following our publication date, he or she will receive \$5. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, March 2 to receive \$5.

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