

Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap

Great Season for ND Champs

By MARTIN TOOMBS
Elmira — With a five-month basketball season and a 21-2 overall record behind him, Notre Dame basketball coach Mike Johnston was relaxed the Monday following his team's 90-66 win for a regional championship, adding to the team's league and sectional titles.

Asked if he was happy that the long season was over, he replied that he was, as he would be able to catch up on his reading — on basketball — which he doesn't have time for during the season, and begin preparing for next season.

Coach Johnston shows no signs of resting on the laurels of the 1976-77 team, although he certainly could. Finishing the season with an 18-game winning streak, the Crusaders lost only two non-league games during December, by a total of three points. They finished the season undefeated in the State League and Section IV champs for the second year, and won the three section playoff. The team averaged more than 90 points a game, often winning by 40 points and often over schools with much larger enrolments. A class "B" team according to state standards, the Crusaders played in class "A" in the regional playoffs and won.

Johnston points out that he is in favor of a state-wide tournament, and he wishes one had been available this year. "I'd have to put these 17 kids up against anybody," he commented.

The trademark of the team, Johnston said, was that it was "totally unselfish." Noting that he would rather see a great pass than a successful safely long shot, he emphasized that the players "don't care who scores as long as someone does," and that's the reason we've been so successful.

He noted that the team members "have great respect for each other and each other's capabilities" and "have been 'great workers' all season. They

"know what their goal is, know they're going to have to pay the price to reach that goal," and then follow through, he said.

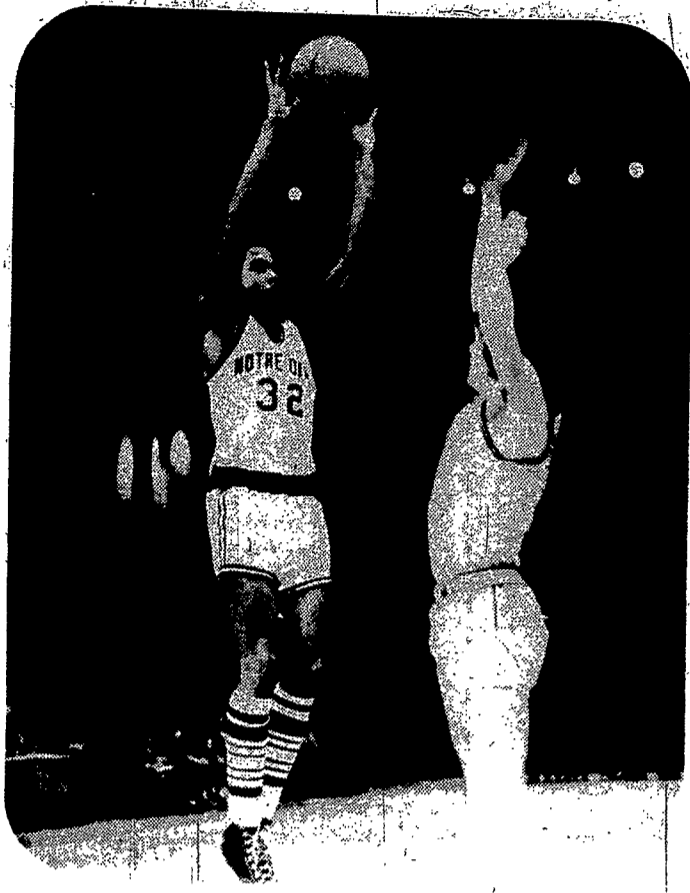
The team's greatest asset was its "overall quickness," he noted, which the team worked for many stelas, fast breaks and quick baskets during the season. Johnston noted that he tries for the "best conditioned team on our schedule" to wear down the opposition. That tactic often resulted in Notre Dame scoring spurts that left the opposition gasping, and contributed to an excellent 57 per cent team shooting mark for the regular season.

Johnston also noted that the team had great support. Large crowds supported the team at its games in Binghamton and Syracuse, he reported. The "fantastic togetherness we have here at Notre Dame" was a factor in the team's success, he said.

The season's leading scorer was Tom Vetter, who averaged about 20 points per game. He was "very happy" that Vetter became the first Notre Dame player to score 1,000 career points in the regional championship game, Johnston said. Vetter, a 6'5" center, has been looking at several colleges, he added.

Another senior starter, Bill Nichols, is heading for Marquette. Starter Matt Riordan should see action on a college football field next fall, Johnston said, and seniors Mark Pochal and Kevin Sheehan also will be graduating.

"Next year's team will have to establish its own identity," Johnston noted. "I know we're going to have a good nucleus." Starters Lacey Fulmer and Steve Ramich will be returning, and Johnston noted that the non-starters played often and well. The team's second leading rebounder, Carl Schiefen, is a sophomore who did not start. Others returning will be Jim Duncan, Jeff Sobkowski, Tom Reedy and Steve Agan who moved up to the varsity for the playoffs.



Notre Dame Victory

The Notre Dame Crusaders recently won their 16th straight victory (81-71 over the Oneonta Yellow Jackets) giving them their second consecutive Section 4 Class A tourney championship. Above, Bill Nichols (32) outreaches opponent. He along with Tom Vetter and Lacey Folmer combined for 70 game points.

Boxing Champs

David Zimmer defended his title as Fighter of the Night in Aquinas' recent boxing bouts. Last year he won the freshman title and now has moved up to the outstanding upperclassman Boxer of the Night against senior Pat Doyle. The three round match became the

outstanding fight of the night as the pair won the Abe Raff Trophy, and Zimmer took the Hickok Trophy for the win.

Taking the freshman honors by winning the Art Telarico Memorial Trophy was Mark Loewenguth.



AQUINAS
Thursday, March 31 — Alumni Appeal Committee dinner meeting, student dining hall; 6:15 p.m.
April 1-2 — "Patty and the Ghost," auditorium; 8 p.m.
April 2-3 — Garage Sale, gym, 9-4 p.m.
Sunday, April 3 — Winter Sports Banquet, gym; 6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 6 — End of third quarter.

BISHOP KEARNEY
Wednesday, March 30 — Senior Banquet.
Thursday, March 31 — Fourth quarter begins; exchange of grades.
Friday, April 1 — Report cards issued.
April 2-17 — Easter vacation.

CARDINAL MOONEY
Friday, April 1 — Report cards.

MCQUAID
Tuesday, April 5 — End of Fourth marking period.

NAZARETH
Thursday, March 31 — Parents Association meeting; 7:30 p.m.
March 31-April 1 — Exams.

OUR LADY OF MERCY
Saturday, April 2 — ACT tests.



Several weeks ago Helter Skelter, a movie about Charles Manson was shown on television. It depicted Manson as the pitifully sadistic monster that he is. I'm sure, however, that more than a few viewers felt uncomfortable, even guilty, as Manson was allowed to speak at his trial. Manson spoke as a persecuted man, being tried by the very people he hoped to save. He told of his miserable childhood and the hardships he suffered. He described the ills of the world as only he could know them and we could recognize them. He wanted to save the world; Manson claimed he was Christ.

Manson, as any Christian should know, could not have been Christ. He practiced what Christ preached against. He proposed to bring peace to the world through mass murder, panic and suffering. Christ preached peace, not terrorism. However, would we know Christ if He really did come again?

If a man were to walk this earth as Christ did, giving of himself as He did, speaking of love and sharing, would we accept him? Or would we kill him? I fear we would kill him. Most of us are not ready for a second coming. We would murder Christ with our fear and lack of understanding, just as our ancestors did nearly 2000 years ago.

Perhaps the most disturbing part of the movie was this speech by Manson. It was disturbing because it was deceiving. Manson used words that Christ would have used, and more importantly he had the rare quality, as did Christ, to attract others and hold them with only the gentleness of his voice. Many people believed Manson. He was able to manipulate the impressionable minds of these people and entice them to follow him.

Why have we progressed so little since then, that we still lack the courage to throw down the petty things we value and follow a humble, loving man to God? Sadly, we are men, near-sighted and ignorant. We see so little and miss so much. One who would die for us may once again walk among us, and we would crucify him. Let us be thankful that there is a tolerant God above.

Speaking Circuit Win

On March 18-19 the Bishop Kearney Forensics Team travelled to Peekskill to participate in the New York State Districts Tournament of the National Forensics League. Jeanne Adams won second place in Original Oratory and the

team was first runner-up for the Sweepstakes Trophy.

The Sweepstakes Trophy is awarded to the school with the greatest number of combined points from this tournament and the team's total NFL points for the year.

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Mental Power



ANNE ROSATI

Things buzzed at Nazareth Academy as the student body shared its thinking to take part in a mental arithmetic competition. The competition was sponsored by the Mathematics Department to challenge students to think quickly and accurately.

On March 15 Sister Patricia Sullivan read 10

questions over the public address system. Students had to arrive at the answers mentally without any written computation. Those with perfect papers in this first round met the following morning for a second competition. The nine finalists then matched wits in an assembly on March 17. They were: seniors Diane Russell and Kathleen Stanwix; juniors Kathryn Hahn, Patricia Kase, Anne Rosati and Corrine Schultz; freshmen Rose Marie Cafarelli, Mary Dufoe, and Elizabeth Hinkleman.

After the final round the one contestant left standing was declared the winner when she answered the final question. Anne Rosati was awarded a pocket calculator as her prize. Each finalist received a small gift for her participation.