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A Buildup of Strength For Aquinas Track Team

By JOHN DOSER

Aquinas Institute has only four seniors back on its track team from last year which won the City-Catholic League title and finished second in the sectionals.

Coach Ed Mancuso might have figured on some losses due to his inexperienced collection of runners but chances are slim he would have predicted a dropped baton in a relay would have cost the Irish their 37-meet City-Catholic League win streak so early in the season.

But that's what happened last week against the Monroe Redjackets.

Randy Benjamin had the baton in the opening lap of the 880 relay and was unable to hand it to his No. 2 man, Tom Jones.

By the time they did connect, they were too far behind to even compete, Mancuso explains. Aquinas didn't finish the race.

The Irish led by three points going into the event, the last event of the meet, 72-69, and the five first place points gave the Redjackets a 74-72 win.

Both Benjamin and Jones are juniors and have probably successfully passed the baton a minimum of 20 times in league meets and relays in the past two seasons. This was their third time out this season and the Little Irish fell to 1-1 in C-C action.

Mancuso, understandably, would prefer to look on the brighter side — he points out that Benjamin and Jones have contributed to many victories with successful handoffs, plus his team recorded no less than 35 personal bests against Monroe.

All in all, Mancuso considers this season to be a rebuilding year, but he has several outstanding performers who should end up among the city's best when it's all over next month.

Benjamin and Jones are the best the Irish offer in the 100 yard dash, and Pat Mulholland, another junior, joins the crowd for the 220.

Benjamin's best time in the 100 is :10 flat and he has a :22.6 in the 220; Jones is :10.6 in the 100 and :23.9 in the 220; Mulholland is :24 flat in the 220.

Jeff Huber owns a :53.9 in the 440 and is expected to get better as the season goes on. He also has a 2:08 half mile.

Freshman Paul Callens has run a 4:54 mile and senior Brian O'Connor owns a 4:55.

In the 120 high and 330 intermediate hurdles Jim Harney, a senior, is the city's best with :15.3 in the 120 and :41.6 in the 330s — and good enough for second place in the whole county in both events.

Callens' 10:39 and O'Connor's 10:45 tops Aquinas' two milers and junior Pat Muldoon has hit 2:07 in the 880.

Ed Kaufmann and Dave Andrews have hit 5-11 in the high jump and Bob Stephanson and Andrews own a 19-5 in the long jump.

Stephanson, a senior, registered the best triple jump with a 40-2, and Andrews has hit 39-even.

Two Little Irish pole vaulters have beaten 11-feet — Tom Centron and Jerry Gallipeau; and Gary Killings has fired the shot put 45 feet and heaved the discus 127 feet.

On good days, Mancuso says, his mile relayers can hit 3:40 and his two-milers, 8:40, both close to the county best.

Pat Muldoon, Huber, Macaluso and Dave O'Sullivan are his 880 relayers and they're capable of hitting 8:40, Mancuso says.

Aquinas lost about 20 trackmen via graduation last year and Mancuso figures Bishop Kearney, for sure, to be the toughest team to beat this season in the league.

"After that it's going to be a dog-fight; McQuaid is probably second best," he adds.

"And after that, I don't know."

This is Mancuso's third year at the helm — he won two C-C titles and owns a first and second in the sectionals.

Metric Review

St. Agnes High School's Math Department will observe National Metrics Week, May 9-13, according to Mrs. Arlene Porcelli, chairperson.

There will be a contest to guess Father Walter Cushing's (chaplain) weight in kilograms. The school nurse will weigh students in kilograms and measure their height in centimeters. There will be daily announcements of the temperature in celsius over WTNT and a bulletin board will display metric system facts and uses.

The Magic of Crepes

BY JOAN M. SMITH

One day recently students followed an appetizing aroma down the halls of St. Agnes High School and into Sister Edwarda's classroom where they found themselves in the festive atmosphere of a Parisian cafe. The desks were clustered in cafe style and decorated with flowers. Streamers curling from the ceiling made a colorful awning and paintings by the French Impressionists enhanced the walls.

It was freshman Jeannette Gilbert's special treat that was responsible for the mouthwatering aroma. In recognition of the school's Foreign Language Week she was introducing her fellow classmates to the elite of French cuisine; the crepe.

Making crepes is a delicate operation but Jeannette confidently whipped up a batter and



Photo by Ben Susso

Jeannette Gilbert prepares batter for her crepe demonstration.

expertly twisted and turned the pan until perfectly formed crepes were ready to be filled with jam.

The girls tasting them, many for the first time, pronounced them "delicious," and tasting like "sweet pancakes."

During her demonstration, Jeannette offered a few hints about crepe cookery; make sure the pan doesn't become excessively hot; when the crepe curls around the edges it is done; and though she herself used an electric fry pan she advised using the traditional shallow, long handled crepe pan. She also informed them of the various crepe designs as well as the numerous dessert and main course fillings which can be used.

Throughout the week the language students were allowed to dress up and Sister Edwarda described her French proteges as "tres chic." As she and her guest, Sister Christina joined in the festivities and enjoyed the crepes, Sister Christina acknowledged the experience as "cultural, sociable, and certainly nutritional."



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Sisters Edwarda and Christina enjoying crepe suzettes.

Honors For Debaters

Two members of the Aquinas Debating Team won honors at the New York State Speech and Debate Tournament held in Syracuse on April 22-23.

Sophomore Larry Costanza won the State Championship in Humorous Interpretation, using a selection from Woody Allan. He has qualified for the National Finals in Seattle in June.



BEN BAUER

Benedict Bauer, freshman, was a semifinalist in Original Oratory. He spoke on the experience of the dying and those revived after clinical death.

The Debate Club, coached by Father Stephen Martin, ended a successful year, having won three Sweepstakes trophies.



LARRY COSTANZA



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 Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following our publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at Notre Dame High School during a dance marathon. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, May 17 to receive \$5.