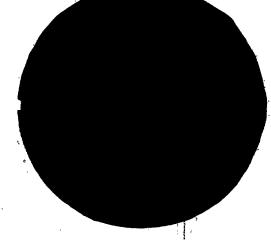
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CITY-CATHOLIC-PRIVATE **BOYS'** BASEBALL

Previous Results Edison 3, Marshall 2; Jefferson 8, Charlotte 4; Mooney 2, Monroe 0; Franklin 10, Madison 8; Marshall 2, HAC 1; Aquinas 7. East 5: Marshall 3. Niagara Falls Wilson 1; Brockport 3, Marshall 2; Edison 7, McQuaid 2; Charlotte 10, HAC 3; East 13, Madison 3; Mooney 8, Kearney 2. This Week

Wednesday, May 25-Mooney at Aquinas, Madison at Edison, McQuaid at Franklin, Kearney at Monroe, East at Marshall, 3:45 p.m.

Friday, May 27 - Mooney at East, Edison at Aquinas, Kearney at Madison, Monroe at McQuaid, Marshall at HAC, Jefferson at Charlotte, 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday, May 31-Edison at Moonev. East at Franklin, Aquinas at Kearney, Madison at McQuaid, Charlotte at Marshall, HAC at Jeff, 3:45 p.m.

CITY-CATHOLIC-PRIVATE BOYS' TRACK **Previous Results**

East 81, Edison 61; Charlotte 75, Jefferson 65; McQuaid 80, Franklin 65: Kearney 103, Mooney 43; Aquinas 81, Madison 65; Monroe 93, Mooney 53; Kearney 108, Edison 37; Aquinas 89, East 57; Jefferson 52, HAC 43; Charlotte 38, Marshall 27.

This Week

Thursday, May 26-Section 5 Qualifier at RIT.

Tuesday, May 31-All-Comers Meet at

CITY-CATHOLIC-PRIVATE BOYS' TENNIS Previous Results

McQuaid 4, Monroe 1 Mooney 4, Aguinas 1; McQuaid 5, Franklin 0; Mooney 5, Jefferson 0; Marshall 4, East 1; Kearney 5, Monroe 0; Edison 5, Madison 0; McQuaid 5, Jefferson 0; Kearney 5, Madison 0; Mooney 5, Monroe 0; Marshall 4, Franklin 1; Aquinas 4, Edison 1; Madison 3, Jefferson; Franklin 4, Edison 1.

This Week

Wednesday, May 25-City-Catholic Championships.

Tuesday, May 31—City-Catholic Division vs. City-Catholic Division II. singles. doubles.

CITY-CATHOLIC BOYS' GOLF Previous Results

 McQuaid 9. Mooney 0; Charlotte 178, East 238; Edison 181, Monroe 204; Marshall 240, Madison 265.

This Week

Friday, May 27—Section 5 Tournament at Monroe Golf Club, 9 a.m.,

CITY-CATHOLIC GIRLS' TRACK **Previous Results**

East 81, Monroe 31 This Week

Saturday, May 28-Section 5 Tournament at Hobart College, 11 a.m.

CITY GIRLS' SWIMMING

Previous Results Monroe 56, Madison 23; East 53, Monroe

This Week

Wednesday, May 25+City Championship Finals at East High, 6:30 p.m.

CITY-CATHOLIC-PRIVATE GIRLS' SOFT-BALL

Previous Results

Madison 24, Charlotte 6; Marshall 9, Franklin 8; Jefferson 31, Monroe 20; Mercy 29, St. Agnes 3, Mooney 13, HAC 7; Kearney 23. Nazareth 7; Kearney 12, Mooney 5; Kearney 19, HAC 6; Mooney 16, St. Agens 6; Marshall 22, Charlotte 4

This Week

Wednesday, May 25-Section 5 Tournament

By JOHN DOSER

Near the top isn't quite good enough to satisfy Aquinas Institute baseball coach Rich Pilliter. He, like almost everybody else in City-Catholic League baseball circles, still claims Cardinal Mooney is the best.

While the Irish were 8-3 when we talked with Pilliter, he mentioned that Coach Ed Nietopski's troops were then

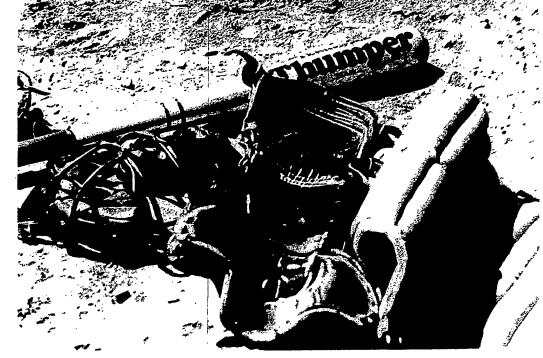
It isn't all a Mooney runaway, however; for the first time in many years Aquinas and a city school, Edison Tech, are giving Mooney plenty of heat for top honors. Pilliter says Tech is 7-4 with several other teams having only five losses.

The schedule may favor Mooney, however, because the Cardinals have already played most of the league's tougher teams twice.

Pilliter is not quite ready to throw in the towel, however, and unless the Irish fall completely apart, the Dewey Avenue outfit stands a good chance to finish second, still has a shot at the title, and should at least be among the top four which are eligible to compete in the Section 5 tournament.

Pilliter is realistic. If Aguinas drops a couple of its final games, there could be a real bottleneck in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth place spots.

"McQuaid and Kearney also have five losses each, and they have good ballclubs. Both defeated us and if they stay at that pace,



it could really be a battle for the last tournament spot.'

Aquinas got off to a good start by winning its first six league starts and held a 7-1 record at one time.

Primarily responsible for the early success was righthanded pitcher Dave Merkel, a junior, who won three of the six.

He's presently 6-2 and doubles as one of the team's leading hitters with a .400plus batting average.

When he's not pitching, he's in the outfield.

Gary Sciarratta, a junior second baseman, and Dean Holland, a third baseman, were the heavy hitters who provided much of the artillery needed in those first six wins.

Merkel owns an ERA of about 2.6, averages nine strikeouts per game and relies on a better than average fastball plus a decent curve.

Greg Tuttle, a sophomore righthander, has won four of five decisions, mostly on a smoking fastball. Lonnie Kaczka, another sophomore, is a righthander who divided his only two decisions.

The catching honors now go to Mark Maglicco, a sophomore, who earlier in the season shared the spot with senior Jim Riedman.

But Riedman turned into pretty good outfielder and Pilliter was pleased to move him full-time into the pasture.

Jim Brown, the hockey defenseman, is at first base - he's big and rangy and makes an ideal target for infielders. He has managed some clutch hits, has knocked in his fair share of runs, and is hitting about

Chris Knuth, the shortstop, is considered the team's top gloveman, but also has managed to have his photo taken by daily newspaper photographers more often than any other player.

"He pops out and gets his picture in the paper,' Pilliter says.

Knuth has made some outstanding plays at short, and has really tightened up the Aquinas infield which has been somewhat porous in previous seasons.

Knuth is described as a 'punch" hitter, an excellent bunter, and he also carries the distinction of being Aquinas' only lefthanded batter.

Holland is the third baseman. He's a junior who's hitting about .320. His triple earlier helped Aquinas romp over the highly regarded Mooney Cardinals,

Usually Merkel plays leftfield when he's not on the mound; when he's throwing, left field goes to Paul Roland, another senior, who is also the football quarterback. He's hitting about .318.

Riedman and Kaczka also see a lot of action in rightfield - more than anyone else.

Bench strength is light. When he's needed batting help. Pilliter has gone to junior reserve outfielder Alex Borrelli, a .280 hitter.

Other team members include senior outfielder Mike DePrez, junior pitcheroutfielders John Williams and Terry Marks, and junior infielder-pitcher Gil Perez.

Pilliter is in his fourth year of coaching baseball at Aquinas; he's gone through 10-8, 13-11 and 12-8 seasons.

Nazareth Hosts **Red Cross**

The Red Cross Bloodmobile Unit will be at Nazareth Academy on May 31. The blood drive is being sponsored by the Theology Department's Human Development Class. Any person who is at least 17 years old and meets the basic health requirements may give blood. Students and faculty as well as parents and friends are invited to participate.

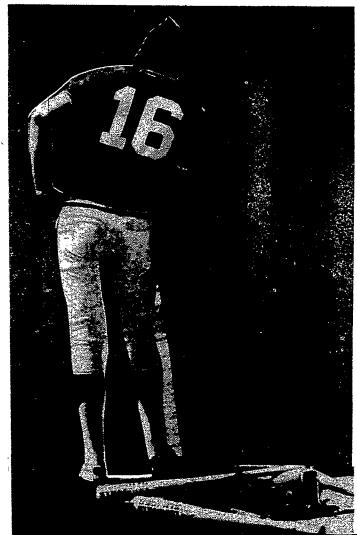
Mr. Joseph Giglio from the Red Cross will speak to the juniors and seniors during an extended homeroom assembly before the drive and will be available to answer questions concerning the procedure.

Piper On Stage

Junior High Department of St. Ambrose School will present the musical version of "The Magical Pied Piper of Hamelin" on May 25-26 in Dailey Hall at 8 p.m.

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The play is directed by Mrs. Kathy Lynd and tickets may be purchased at the door.



On Deck

The Aquinas varsity baseball team decided to get in a practice session on Tuesday, May 17. They had to take on East later in the day, so Coach Richard Pilliter played pitcher and gave everyone a few cracks at the

ball. Trouble is, what do you do while anxiously awaiting your turn at bat? Jim Brown, a junior, had the answer - you lean on your "Tennessee Thumper." By the way, Aquinas beat East, 7-5.