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Football Season About to Open

Football, it has been said is synonymous with Fall, as is the opening of school across the country. The summer, however, has been shortened somewhat for these scholars who also are in practice for their skirmishes on the grid. Above left, the Bishop Kearney High School Kings hit the tackling dummies. Above right, the Cardinal Mooney High School Cardinals practice blocking. Lower left, the Aquinas Institute Little Irish run a sweep. Lower right, McQuaid Jesuit High School Knights also on the blocking sled.

'Supersport' Nominated Self

By JOHN DOSER

Pat Loomis, 17, a senior at Bishop Kearney High School, knows exactly how to be nominated for September Supersport of the Month, a popular feature of Teen magazine

You sit down and write your own nomination — it's that easy

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Loomis of Daley Blvd., Irondequoit, Pat did just that. She nominated herself.

It wasn't especially difficult, however; she wants to be a writer when she graduates and besides, her credentials are rather impressive

In her nomination story she described how she threw the discus two summers ago in a youth tournament in Vienna, Austria, while attending school in Belgium

She happened to be in Belgium because her dad, who works at Gleason Works in Rochester, was assigned to the firm's Belgium plant for one-and-a-half years

In Belgium she attended the International School in Brussels and became one of the best discus throwers for her age in the country.

Last year Pat was a member of the undefeated City-Catholic League champion Bishop Kearney girls' track team under coach Fred Kaufmann where she was the Kings' top discus thrower.

Her best throw overseas was 85 feet; she says her heave back home on BK sod was about the same.

She tried shot putting, but she says she didn't find it one of her strong points.

"Discus is my game," she says.

Like the BK team, Pat was undefeated in the discus until she ran into a competitor from Brockport High who's been firing the discus for five years.

"She went to the sectionals which I missed by an inch. She threw a a lot further than I did — close to a 100 feet, I think."

Pat is trying out for the Kearney girls' tennis team this fall and will concentrate on tennis (if she makes the team) and track.

If tennis doesn't come through, she says she may try volleyball in the winter, but that depends on her academic schedule.

She hasn't played too much volleyball, but she did play some basketball at St. Margaret Mary elementary school, just down the street from her home on Daley Blvd.

Pat hasn't received any feelers from university or college coaches yet, but then she still has another year of school to go

There is a scholarship of $1,000 pending — if she can win the Teen magazine's Supersport of the Year Award — but there are at least three nominees each month, or a total of 36 from among whom the final Supersport will be selected

"There are so many other girls in there that I know it's going to be tough," she explains

The winner will be announced in May, 1978, according to the magazine.

Pat didn't win any money for being nominated a monthly winner, and a trophy which she believes she did win, hasn't arrived yet.

Her grades at Kearney are average — in the B range — and she mailed in the nomination because she thought it would give her a chance to write something — even if it were about herself.

The rules required her to write in the first person and she covered her track achievements in that manner.

She hasn't had the time to write for any school or community publications; but she does intend to write for the Kearney school yearbook this school year.

She says she may even try out for editor of the yearbook; Kearney also has a school newspaper, but where she ends up depends on which of the two she likes better. She leans toward the yearbook.

She's a good reader, and likes Shakespeare, medieval English, and Art Buchwald.

She subscribes to Seventeen and Glamour, stands 5-5½, weighs 130 pounds, and has an older sister at Monroe Community College and a younger brother at St. Margaret Mary.

Her sister Kim, is not too active in sports activity, she says, but her brother Mark plays soccer and baseball.

If Mark one day believes he deserves nomination for an athletic award, he knows he doesn't have to go far for someone to write it for him.

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