

# Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around

## Little Irish Show Strength

By JOHN DOSER

That 6-0 opening season football loss at Auburn High in the rain and mud in Auburn was not a fair assessment of the 1977 edition of the Little Irish at Aquinas Institute.

At the same time, rival Bishop Kearney was out in its opener pounding its neighborhood buddy Irondequoit, 33-14; the following weekend the Irish met the Kings and the Dewey Avenue gridders ruled the evening at Hollender Stadium with a solid 21-7 victory over the Kearney eleven.

Now — as before the season — Aquinas remains the choice as the successor to the City-Catholic League throne held for the past three years by arch-rival McQuaid.

The Knights themselves are having problems getting started, dropping their first two ballgames to Monroe and Cardinal Mooney.

But, back to the Little Irish for now.

Coach Nick Teta's youngsters evened their record at 1-1 overall with the win over BK in a game thought by many to be an early season scrap for the City-Catholic League Division I championship.

Teta, however, plays his games one at a time and when interviewed, was more concerned about Saturday's scrap with C-C contender Madison which went into battle with shutout victories over Edison and Franklin.

(Aquinas defeated Madison, 19-0, for its second win in three games).

Auburn was out-distanced by the Irish in every department but scoring, and as Teta explains, the home team's only TD came at a time when his youngsters were caught making a huge defensive mistake up front on the line.

"We played real well, they are a good football team, we probably played as well there as we did against Kearney," Teta says.

One major difference in the BK contest was the weather — no rain or mud — and the Irish made the most of it with good passing from junior quarterback Mark Magliocco, and good running from senior fullback Larry Finucane and junior halfback Bob Paternico.

Magliocco for example, was unable to complete a single pass in eight tries in the rain against Auburn; he completed four of nine for 86 yards against the Kings, setting up two Irish TDs in the process.

Finucane carried 18 times for 61 yards; Paternico logged 53 yards in 15 tries against Kearney.

If Teta had any misgivings about his defense, he can go on to other things; the Irish defense held BK to 130 yards total offense (after BK piled up 465 a week earlier against Irondequoit) and the Kings' fleet-footed Alvin English was limited to but eight yards in seven carries (after hitting 101 yards the week before against the Indians).

One advantage the Irish had over the Kings was the fact that most of the starting team watched the BK-Irondequoit game and checked out their specific opponents in advance.

BK players did not enjoy that luxury, although BK Coach Don Della Vella scouted the Aquinas at Auburn contest.

"We tell them to go out and watch the other teams play; to watch their positions and things like that," Teta says. "They go watch the teams we're worried about," he adds.

Teta has a handle on Monroe County League teams; the Irish scrimmage preseason at East Rochester and went up against ER, Brighton, Webster Thomas and Hornell.

He also thinks, at least for public consumption, that R-H Sperry, Fairport and Webster Schroeder belong ahead of his gridders in the local coaches poll.

The Little Irish meet R-H

Sperry in the season's finale, Saturday, Nov. 12, at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium.

Aquinas has the manpower to plug in separate offensive and defensive units with the exception of three "both-way" performers in Finucane and linemen Dick Loundsbury and Dave Lester.

Besides Magliocco (QB), Finucane (FB) and Paternico (HB) in the backfield, the Irish bank on Phil Casale, another senior, at the other halfback post.

Of the foursome, only Finucane started on last year's Aquinas team which finished 3-5-1 overall.

Jerry Gallipeau, a senior who did start a year ago, is first man in when Teta needs to rotate his backs.

Up front, from left to right, are senior end Tom Mona, junior tackle Steve DiLaura, senior guard Jim Philbin, junior center Dom DelVecchio, senior guard Mike Spoletta, senior tackle Loundsbury, and senior end Lester.

Mona, Lester, Philbin and DiLaura all started last year.

The defensive secondary includes Mike Schrader, Vince Battaglia, and Gallipeau, all seniors.

The linebackers include juniors Frank Angelone, John Cocilova and Finucane; the five linemen are senior Mike Mancarella, Neil Bambra, Jim Heil, Loundsbury and Lester.

Only Heil and Mona earned All-City-Catholic honors last year, both were second team choices.

Behind the Irish varsity's prospective success this season are respectable junior varsity and freshmen teams.

The JVs, comprised of only sophomores, beat Kearney 33-16; the frosh tied Irondequoit 0-0.



### Bring on the Papers

Saturday, Oct. 15 is the date for Cardinal Mooney's paper drive. Papers will be collected in the school's parking lot from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Action for People Association represented above by the officers: Kathy Kuhn, secretary; Carol Burke, vice president and chairman of the drive; Terese Connor, president and co-chairman; and Paulette Gaudino, treasurer. Below are the individual class coordinators: Michael Mirabella, senior; Ann Marie Pawlowski, sophomore; Toby Eichas and Steven Johnston, freshmen; Robert Lohwater, junior. Profits from this year's drive will be donated to Mother Teresa's Missionary in India. If it is necessary to have papers picked up in the Rochester area, call Cardinal Mooney High School at 865-1000 on Oct. 15.



## Vocalist to Perform

Paul Alexander, a Cardinal Mooney senior, has been selected as a member of the New York State, All-State Chorus. He was chosen from among the 1,263 young songsters who auditioned.

He will attend the All-State conference, Dec. 4-7 at the Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake and also perform in the concert scheduled for Dec. 7 under the direction of Dr. Weston Noble, director of choral activities at Luther College in Iowa.

Besides singing for the St. Lawrence folk group, being a member of the Mooney Concert Chorus and playing in the school's musicals (South Pacific), he is on the Mooney varsity football and wrestling teams. He hopes to pursue his musical interests along with a science program in college.



PAUL ALEXANDER

### Winner!

Patricia Norton, a student from Notre Dame, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Sept. 21.



### Semifinalists Named

Bishop Kearney seniors who will be competing to achieve National Merit Finalist status are: Steven Conolly, Patty Robinson, Steve Salerno, Eileen Wirley, Tony Alaimo, Tim Hope and Randy Bouchard.

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