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VARSITY BASKETBALL
 Wednesday, Dec. 28 — Edison at Penfield Tournament; Madison at Penfield Tournament; Gates-Chili at McQuaid, 8 p.m.; Monroe at Brockport Tournament; Franklin at Elmira Tournament; Jefferson at Corning Tournament.

Thursday, Dec. 29 — East Rochester at Mooney, 8 p.m.; Monroe at Brockport Tournament; Irondequoit Tournament at Kearney; DeSales Geneva at Hilton Tournament; Notre Dame Elmira at Elmira Tournament; Marshall at Holley Tournament; HAC at Albion Tournament.

Friday, Dec. 30 — HAC at Albion Tournament.
 Tuesday, Jan. 3 — East vs. Arcadia at War Memorial, 5 p.m.; Monroe vs. Fairport at War Memorial, 7 p.m.; Brighton vs. Madison at War Memorial, 9 p.m.; Athena at Edison, 3:45 p.m.; Jefferson at Marcus Whitman, 8:15 p.m.; Corning East at Notre Dame Elmira, 8 p.m.

Previous Results
 Edison 62, McQuaid 51; Marshall 65, Charlotte 47; Jefferson 63, HAC 44; Madison 67, Arcadia 46; Monroe 66, Brighton 45; East 57, Fairport 51; DeSales 54, Naples 52; Alexander 62, Charlotte 55; Madison 80, Franklin 74; McQuaid 47, Kearney 41; Mooney 56, Edison 44; Aquinas 67, Marshall 47; HAC 53, Charlotte 34; Albion 45, Jefferson 42; East 62, Notre Dame Elmira 51; DeSales 63, Dundee 45.

VARSITY HOCKEY
 Wednesday, Dec. 28 — Rush-Henrietta vs. Webster, 5 p.m. at RIT; McQuaid vs. Irondequoit, 7 p.m. at RIT; Penfield vs. Aquinas, 9 p.m. at RIT.

Saturday, Dec. 31 — Eastridge vs. Brighton, 11 a.m. at Lakeshore; Kearney vs. McQuaid, 1 p.m. at Lakeshore; Webster vs. Mendon, 3 p.m. at Lakeshore; Rush-Henrietta vs. Aquinas, 11 a.m. at RIT; Penfield vs. Irondequoit, 1 p.m. at RIT; Sutherland vs. Fairport, 3 p.m. at RIT.

Previous Results
 Mendon 4, Rush-Henrietta 1; Sutherland 6, Penfield 2; Brighton 3, McQuaid 0; Kearney 17, Eastridge 0; Irondequoit 6, Fairport 1; Webster 7, Aquinas 1.

VARSITY SWIMMING
 Tuesday, Jan. 3 — McQuaid at Canandaigua, 7:30 p.m.

Previous Results
 East 60, Jefferson 17; Charlotte 49, HAC 33; Marshall 49, Aquinas 29; Edison 60, Madison 15; McQuaid 65, Aquinas 17; McQuaid 68, HAC 14; McQuaid 52, East 25; Athena 54, Marshall 28; McQuaid 65, Madison 14; Charlotte 46, Eastridge 37.

VARSITY WRESTLING
 Thursday, Dec. 29 — McQuaid at SweetHome (Buffalo) Tournament; Kearney at Spencerport Tournament; Madison at Spencerport Tournament

Previous Results
 Madison 39, Charlotte 20; Kearney 30, Olympia 24; Aquinas 37, Elba 33; Medina 45, Mooney 22; Madison 44, Franklin 17; East 37, Charlotte 9; McQuaid 36, Eastridge 16.

GIRLS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
 Tuesday, Jan. 3 — Monroe at Franklin, Jefferson at Marshall, East at Charlotte, Madison at Edison, all 3:30 p.m.

Previous Results
 Mercy 15-15, Kearney 6-13; Charlotte 15-7-16, Jefferson 13-15-14; Madison 15-6-15, East 9-15-11; Franklin 15-5-15, Edison 10-15-11; Mooney 15-15, HAC 12-8; Mooney 15-16, Mercy 3-14; Franklin 15-15, East 2-6; East 15-7-15, Jefferson 3-15-6; Mercy 15-7-15, Nazareth 1-15-7; Franklin 15-15, Madison 5-2; Monroe 15-15, Edison 9-4; East 6-15-15, Marshall 15-6-3; Charlotte 15-5-15, Edison 7-15-16.

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Winning on the Mats

By JOHN DOSER

Something is happening with Aquinas wrestling that's never happened before — the Little Irish are winning!

"We're coming along this year a little bit," Aquinas mat coach Moody Johnson says.

"I think we have a more realistic schedule and we have enough veterans mixed with a few rookies that we can fill most of the weight classes; so we're much more competitive this year."

Johnson and his wrestlers are in their third year of City-Catholic Division II competition; the Irish recorded their first win ever, recently over Rush-Henrietta Roth and followed it last week with another win over Elba Central.

Aquinas' only loss in its first three matches was to Cardinal Mooney.

The schedule also includes Barker, Honeoye Falls, Honeoye, Charlotte, Jefferson, Franklin and Greece Arcadia.

Johnson is certain Arcadia is head and shoulders above his club, but he had an open date when the Titans' invitational Christmas tournament came up and since he wanted some extra matches he took it.

Up until Roth, Aquinas never won a varsity match; Johnson figures the Irish dropped about 16 in a row; the closest they came to winning, previously was a one point loss to Franklin.

More than 25 boys turned out for initial mat drills this season, a slight increase over a year ago. When Johnson first started three years ago the sport had about 15.

Actually a few more kids have come out for wrestling since Johnson settled on his 25-member roster.

Of the 25 original wrestlers, 16 are first year wrestlers and another six have had only one year's experience.

"We're really still a very young team; the most experience anyone has is two years," Johnson says.

There are two rivals at 91 pounds — freshman San Scherzi — J freshman Pat Kane — although Kane often goes at 98 depending upon whether he can make 91 pounds or not.

A first year sophomore named David Bone is also at 98, sometimes 105, but the latter weight is often forfeited because the Irish don't have a week-to-week 105 pounder.

At 112, David Spoleta, another sophomore, is a first year wrestler and Johnson enjoys the luxury of a second year veteran, at 119, in Bob Rendsland.

Aquinas' best wrestler, record-wise, turns up at 126 — he's sophomore Chris Van Dyke, who's 3-0 in varsity competition, 4-0 including one JV decision.

The only veteran senior on the team checks in at 132 — that's team captain Marty Iafrati; at 138 is freshman newcomer George Lynd; and at 145 is junior Brian Mulcahy, a veteran of half a season last year.

Mulcahy is the brother of another Aquinas wrestler, Mike Mulcahy, who graduated last year.

Junior Steve Lynch has two years experience at 155 and sophomore Jim Bonner, with one year under his belt, is at 167.

There is another sophomore with one year's experience — John Veltre, at 177.

Aquinas lacks an entry in the heavyweight class, but the Irish do have a wrestler at the unlimited level in senior newcomer Mark Licatta.

Johnson expects this season to be Aquinas' best by far. He goes so far as to say the Irish will win more than they lose, at least turn in a .500 year.

Johnson also finds recruiting of Aquinas talent easier this year.

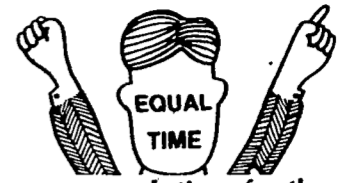
"We're getting a lot of freshmen, we have quite a few sophomores, and we're looking forward to the future."

There's definitely more interest in wrestling now that the Irish are winning and Johnson feels it's definitely on the upswing.

There are some undesirable factors; the team used to practice in the school cafeteria which at least allowed it to spread out and use all the mats; now they're relegated to the school's football locker room which is much smaller and obviously closer.

Most of Aquinas' matches are away from home and the few that are scheduled at home are held in the cafeteria.

But Johnson knows there are better days ahead; and so do his wrestlers; the team's attitude and winning season so far, proves it.



What are your resolutions for the new year? AQUINAS

Dean Holland, senior, baseball ...

"Since I'm a senior my resolution will be to study hard and get the highest rank so I can get into the college of my choice. Also to improve my Christian morality. I've made resolutions other years and have kept them but they've been concerned with my playing sports."

Jim Brown, senior, baseball

"I think my resolutions will be to study harder and drop five pounds and get into good shape to play great baseball so Aquinas will make Section 5 championship. I'm looking forward to graduation and going to college and especially to passing my Physics exam. The new year looks good for the world because I think President Carter is doing real well."

Paul Harkin, sophomore, karate

"My resolutions are to work harder in school and get my grades up, try to please my parents more and be more friendly with people. I just intend to improve myself totally. I look forward to summer coming and finally to becoming an upperclassman and maybe I'll try out for the baseball team. There are a lot of problems which will be solved especially in the Middle East because of the peace meetings. I'm praying that the trouble in Northern Ireland will be solved and that we come out of the recession."

Chuck Porcari, sophomore, track

"My resolutions will be to concentrate on my studies and try to make the honor roll and also to get a summer job. I'm looking forward to getting my driver's license in 1978 and to becoming an upperclassman. I think the world's in better shape than it was — no major wars."

Chris VanDyke, sophomore, wrestling

"My resolutions are to learn to cooperate more, try to excel in my studies and get to know my teachers better. So far 1977 has been a good year especially my freshman half. I'm looking forward in 1978 to a better economy and a more stable local government. I hope the Middle East situation will be resolved and we'll have world peace."

John Moriello, sophomore, winter track

"I want to improve my rank in class and do my best on the track team and carry my share of the work. I'm looking forward to becoming an upperclassman and hope the junior year is easier than my sophomore one. I think 1978 looks better for the world. A lot of problems may get cleaned up and maybe it'll be a time of peace. I'll be with my relatives on New Year's Eve."

Chuck Sawyer, junior

"Start buckling down in school and get good marks, keep my good relations with my parents and have a good outlook on life. I'm looking forward to the summer. 1978 looks okay if the countries will help others and not be concerned only with themselves. It's the only way we'll get world peace. On New Year's Eve I usually go to a party at my uncle's."

John Luciw, junior, auto mechanics

"I'm going to try and limit my sarcasm toward other people, do better in school and to be more outward going. I'm looking forward to the summer and my senior year to do good in school so that the University of San Diego will accept me. Every year I try to keep my sense of humor up. I like to be optimistic and seem to be successful at it."



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 Mercy High during lunch. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by Tuesday, Jan. 3 to receive \$5.