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VARSITY BASKETBALL This Week

Wednesday, Jan. 4 — Kendall at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 6 — Edison at Monroe, 8 p.m.; East vs. Madison at MCC, 8 p.m.; Mooney at McQuaid, 8 p.m.; Kearney at Aquinas, 8 p.m.; Marshall at HAC, 8:30 p.m.; Jefferson at Charlotte, 3:30 p.m.; Romulus at DeSales, 8 p.m.; Sayre at Notre Dame, 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 10 — East at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.; Monroe at McQuaid, 3:30 p.m.; Madison at Kearney, 3:30 p.m.; North Rose-Wolcott at Marshall, 5:30 p.m.; Honeoye at HAC, 8 p.m.; DeSales at Bath, 8 p.m.

Previous Results

Madison 61, Penfield 50; Webster Thomas 79, Edison 66; Corning East 67, Jefferson 56; Henninger-Syracuse 69, Monroe 65; Franklin 68, Elmira Free Academy 49; Gates-Chili 68, McQuaid 55; Madison 71, Webster Thomas 75; Penfield 67, Edison 66; DeSales 37, Oakfield-Alabama 36; Hilton 74, Aquinas 59; Eastridge 59, Kearney 44; Marshall 44, Byron-Bergen 40; Corning West, 64, Jefferson 53; Sperry 51, Mooney 35; East 74, Kearney 34; Mooney 52, Franklin 45; Madison 82, Monroe 63; Aquinas 83, Jefferson 68; South Seneca 63, DeSales 56.

VARSITY HOCKEY This Week

Saturday, Jan. 7 — At Lakeshore: Kearney vs. Fairport, 11 a.m.; Eastridge vs. Webster, 1 p.m.; Irondequoit vs. Aquinas, 3 p.m.; At RIT: Mendon vs. Penfield, 11 a.m.; Rush-Henrietta vs. McQuaid, 1 p.m.; Sutherland vs. Brighton, 3 p.m.

Previous Results

McQuaid 4, Irondequoit 1; Webster 7, Rush-Henrietta 3; Penfield 6, Aquinas 1; Sutherland 11, Eastridge 1; Fairport 2, Mendon 2.

VARSITY SWIMMING This Week

Thursday, Jan. 5 — McQuaid at Jefferson, HAC at Monroe, Aquinas at Madison, East at Marshall, Charlotte at Edison.

Previous Results

East High Relays: East 70, Charlotte 58, Edison 40, Aquinas 30, Marshall 26, Charlotte 57, Monroe 19.

VARSITY WRESTLING This Week

Wednesday, Jan. 4 — Mooney at Albion, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 5 — Notre Dame at Hornell, 8 p.m.; McQuaid at Brighton, 4 p.m.; Madison at Penfield, 6:30 p.m.; Charlotte at Athena, 4 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 6 — Franklin at Sutherland, 4 p.m.; Madison at Genesee Valley Tournament; Churchville-Chili at Mooney, 6:30 p.m.; Spencerport at Kearney, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7 — McQuaid at Spencerport, 3 p.m.; Madison at Genesee Valley Tournament.
Tuesday, Jan. 10 — Franklin at Churchville-Chili, 4 p.m.; East at Jefferson, 3:15 p.m.

Previous Results

Madison 56, Jefferson 9; Edison 36, Franklin 27; Hilton 36, East 14; Gates-Chili 37, Kearney 22; East Rochester 29, McQuaid 19.

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL This Week

Thursday, Jan. 5 — Charlotte at Monroe, Marshall at Edison, Franklin at East, Jefferson at Madison, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 10 — Mooney at Mercy, St. Agnes at Kearney, 4 p.m.

Previous Results

East 15-15, Edison 3-8; Jefferson 15-15, Monroe 9-10; Madison 15-11-15; Charlotte 4-15-4.



Changing Schools

Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

In December a student exchange day, coordinated by the United Student Council Association was held by the Rochester Catholic High Schools. Aquinas and St. Agnes exchanged students while Mercians traded with McQuaid. In upper left hand corner photo, Rosemary Scherzi, Bernard Blocchi, Mike Zimmer, Lizz Sameja, Cathy Crowley and Sue Doran have a friendly chat about Aquinas' visit to St. Agnes. Over at McQuaid, Gerald Denniger takes a moment to explain some things to Mercians Laura Roman and Mary Anderson while there is a group discussion between Martha O'Connor, Tricia Kelly, Bob Burke, Henry Rohrer, Tom Dolan, Moira MacKenzie and John McGuire. At St. Agnes it is senior Liz Ou Yang who takes a moment to explain her school's system to Aquinas' Vincent Pettrone and Louis Tomasetti.

Aquinas Basketball: Going Up!

By JOHN DOSER

Several weeks ago Father John Menner said his goal as new principal at Aquinas was to get the Little Irish back where they belong — No. 1!

No doubt the good reverend made the statement slightly tongue-in-cheek, but we don't think he banked on new Coach Jim Baron turing Aquinas basketball fortunes around so quickly.

Last year Aquinas finished 2-17 overall and winless in 16 City-Catholic League Division I starts. The Irish only won two league games in the past two years.

Then Ed Mancuso, Baron's predecessor, resigned to take a teaching job at Greece Arcadia and Father Menner went hunting for a high quality coach on the way up.

He grabbed Baron partly because he didn't have enough time left to look around, partly because his credentials and recommendations were above reproach, and partly because he was there.

Baron, only 23 and one of the youngest varsity high school coaches in the business, played his basketball for St. Bonaventure and knows his way to the basket — a goal which he hopes to continue instilling in the Little Irish who reeled off three straight wins before running into Hilton in the first round of the latter's holiday basketball tournament last week.

Aquinas' administration, B.M. (Before Menner)

decided to drop its cagers out of the C-C's Division I for the big schools and move into Division II against the smaller likes of Jefferson, Marshall, Charlotte and Harley.

On paper the move looked good because it was believed Baron would slowly bring the team back to some degree of winning style and in a year or two the Irish could move back into competition with the bigs.

Baron's enthusiasm is contagious, however, because Aquinas whipped Charlotte, 84-50; downed Marshall, 67-47; and routed division favorite and defending champion Jefferson, 83-68, before losing to Hilton, 74-59.

There was some talk prior to the Hilton tournament that possibly the move to Division II was not as smart as previously thought because now the question of formidable Division II opposition was popped up — i.e., with its returning veterans and some outstanding newcomers, perhaps Aquinas is "loaded" for Division II and really should still be playing in Division I.

Aquinas' resounding win over defending champion Jefferson certainly added more wind to the sails because the neighboring Statesmen have had a lock on the league's championship hardware for the past three seasons.

Two immediate reasons for Aquinas' early success are a pair of veteran seniors in 5-11 Chris James and 5-6 Randy Benjamin. James' turned torrid in Aquinas'

last 10 games last year with a 20-points-per game average.

He and Benjamin were averaging 22 and 18 points, respectively, after the first three games of the season.

Baron persuaded 6-3 Tom Monna to move right into basketball from football and 6-2 teammate Mike Mancarella took his dad's advice and joined the club too.

The other starter is 6-1 junior Rich Thomas; others who get to play include 6-1 senior Steve DiLaura, 5-9 junior Mike Bailey, 6-7 senior Tim Woods, and Mike Schrader.

If Jefferson is to repeat as champ for a fourth time, there's no question the Statesmen have their work cut out for them. They'll find it tough stopping Baron's New Little Irish.

The "newness" starts inside the players' minds — their attitude is excellent

Fund Raiser

The Nazareth College Alumni Association has arranged an on-campus luncheon for Jan. 12 as a scholarship fund benefit. Alexander H. Bradshaw, a former subject of Queen Elizabeth II, will review a current biography of her, Robert Lacey's "Majesty." Festivities will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a sherry reception in the Arts Center lobby. Lunch will be served in the formal dining room in Medaille Hall. Mrs. Richard Lewis is chairman.

and already Baron has made believers out of losers.

James, for example, won't allow anyone to compare the current edition to last year's team. How can they, he asks; the Irish have a new coach, new players and a new attitude.

This year's crop of Aquinas basketball players bears out the old chestnut that when you're down and out for so long — there's only one way to go — straight up.

Mercians In Albany

Mercy senior, Susan Vergo and juniors Mary Beth Hagen and Patricia Fox were in Albany, Dec. 9-11, studying the State's political system as well as actively participating in it. Their visit was through the Youth in Government Program sponsored by the YMCA.

According to the girls, though interested in politics they didn't know much about the working of government before they went but were surprised at how much they learned in such a short time. Everyday brought a new adventure: a visit to the governor's chambers, the committee rooms, learning about bills and veto power, writing and amending their own bills, listening to speeches by the organization's candidates for office and finally the elections.

During the event, Sue was a member of the Assembly while Mary Beth and Patty were in the Senate.