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Sports

BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

This Week
Editor's Note - Check daily newspapers for games previously postponed because of weather.
Thursday, Jan. 26 - DeSales Geneva at Naples, 8 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 27 - Notre Dame Elmira at Corning East, 8 p.m.; East at McQuaid, 8 p.m.; Monroe at Mooney, 8:30 p.m.; Edison at Kearney, 8 p.m.; Jefferson at HAC, 8:30 p.m.; Marshall at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 31 - South Seneca at DeSales Geneva, 8 p.m.; Notre Dame Elmira at Elmira Southside, 8 p.m.; Kearney at Monroe, 3:30 p.m.; Franklin at McQuaid, 3:30 p.m.; Edison at East, 3:30 p.m.; Mooney at East Rochester, 8 p.m.; Jefferson at Aquinas; Canisteo at HAC, 7:30 p.m.

Previous Results

Jefferson 95, Charlotte 59; Gates-Chili 55, McQuaid 48; Kendall 53, Charlotte 40; East 60, Mooney 42; Jefferson 60, Marshall 51; Madison 56, Edison 55; Aquinas def. Charlotte by forfeit; Redjacket 70, DeSales Geneva 65.

GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

This Week
Wednesday, Jan. 25 - Romulus at DeSales Geneva, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 26 - Franklin at Madison, Marshall at Edison, Charlotte at Monroe, East at Mooney, all 3:15 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 30 - DeSales Geneva at Honeoye, 7 p.m.; East at Charlotte, Madison at Marshall, Edison at Franklin.

BOYS' VARSITY HOCKEY

This Week
Saturday, Jan. 28 - At Lakeshore: Webster vs. Fairport, 11 a.m.; Aquinas vs. Eastridge, 1 p.m.; Kearney vs. Irondequoit, 3 p.m. At RIT: McQuaid vs. Penfield, 11 a.m.; Brighton vs. Rush-Henrietta, 1 p.m.; Mendon vs. Sutherland, 3 p.m.
Previous Results
McQuaid 5, Mendon 1; Fairport 5, Aquinas 3; Brighton 6, Penfield 1; Sutherland 6, Rush-Henrietta 2; Irondequoit 18, Eastridge 0; Kearney 8, Webster 5.

BOYS' VARSITY SWIMMING

This Week
Thursday, Jan. 26 - McQuaid at Edison, East at Charlotte, Marshall at Madison, Aquinas at Monroe, all 3:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 27 - Aquinas vs. McQuaid at YWCA, 4:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 31 - McQuaid (H) at Marshall, Aquinas at Charlotte, Edison at HAC, Madison at Jefferson, all 3:30 p.m.
Previous Results
Marshall 48, Olympia 35; East 97, Eastridge 68; East 42, Edison 41; Marshall 61, Monroe 19; Charlotte 52, Madison 21; HAC 55, Arcadia 86.

BOYS' VARSITY WRESTLING

This Week
Thursday, Jan. 26 - Edison at East, 3:15 p.m.; McQuaid at Madison, 3:15 p.m.; Aquinas at Franklin, 3:15 p.m.; Charlotte at Jefferson, 3:15 p.m.; Mooney at Kearney, 3:45 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 27 - Kearney at Irondequoit, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28 - Franklin at Albion, 2 p.m.; East at Spencerport, 2 p.m.; Jefferson at Mooney, 1 p.m.; Kearney at Attica, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 31 - Notre Dame Elmira at Sayre, 8 p.m.
Previous Results
Aquinas 45, Elba 20; East 42, Victor 13; Mooney 29, Franklin 26; Aquinas 56, Honeoye Falls-Lima 12; Mooney 27, Edison 26; Madison 35, East 23.

BOYS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

This Week
Thursday, Jan. 26 - DeSales Geneva at Bloomfield, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 30 - DeSales Geneva at Canandaigua, 8 p.m.
Previous Results
Spencerport 15-15-15; HAC 3-5-12; Penfield 15-15-15; HAC 6-3-1

GIRLS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Section 5 Tournament
Class C Championship
Alexander 15-15, HAC 7-13
Class A Championship
Brockport 15-12-15; Batavia 9-15-2
Semifinals
Batavia 15-15; Brighton 11-1

Schedules provided by schools. Corrections, additions welcome - mail to Raparound Sports, 51 Boxwood Lane, Fairport, N.Y. 14450.



Mercy Theater

A few sequences from the Mercy Play, Jan. 27-28, include from upper left photo: Mike Brown (Archbishop) crowning Mark Schwartzberg as King Charles; Betsy Gleche (Cauchon) and St. Joan discuss her trial; Chris Phillips as the Inquisitor demanding St. Joan sign the confession; St. Joan at her trial with Patsy Esperon who plays Ladvenu.

Photos by Terrance J. Brennan

Problems in the Sporting Arena

By JOHN DOSER

Title IX funding is neither a boom nor a bust for Catholic high schools. It's non-existent.

"We don't get any federal funds," says Don Della Vella, Bishop Kearney High School athletic director.

Does lack of federal funding make Della Vella's observations - and those of his Catholic school peers - academic?

"No, absolutely not," Della Vella answers, "because it's a professional problem."

The heart of the problem is that schools - public schools for the most part - which receive federal funds must comply with the Title IX regulations or lose the funds.

The law went into effect in 1972, but five and six years later interpretation of the law by educators and courts is beginning to raise havoc with school programs, budgets, athletic directors, coaches, athletes and parents.

The New York State Board of Regents recently added to the controversy by approving boys' and girls' athletic competition against each other in soccer, lacrosse, baseball, softball, field hockey, volleyball, handball and speedball, leaving only football, wrestling, boxing, rugby, ice hockey and basketball untouched - for the time being.

Some other states, including Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, now say it's legal for high school girls to be allowed to compete with boys in all sports.

What happens if, for example, Della Vella had a girls' field hockey team which - up to now - included only girls?

Under Title IX other public schools on Kearney's would be girls' field hockey schedule may legally begin putting boys who want to play on their field hockey rosters, or face reverse discrimination suits by boys and their parents.

This is how Della Vella becomes affected by Title IX regulations even though his school is not the recipient of any funds.

What will he do? Will he continue to schedule his girls' field hockey team against other schools' girl-boy teams or in some cases, if Title IX is carried to its maximum potential, another school's boys' field hockey team?

"If that were the ultimate - if there were no place else to go for scheduling except where we would have our girls playing against a boys' field hockey team - based on the ability of our kids to handle that kind of competition which they would not be able to do - we'd probably be forced to discontinue the program and go into a stronger intramural program which of course would not satisfy the excellence of competition we're trying to get for the girls," Della Vella explains.

If administrators had studied all Title IX's statutes when it came out, the ultimate - boys on girls teams etc. - was predictable, Della Vella says.

"It became counterproductive, what it amounts to is that everybody is complaining about tight budget situations and now there's an out.

"You have two programs of soccer (boys and girls), but you can only afford one. Everybody can now try out for one team. The result is that by and large the boys will become the starting members and the girls the substitute members of the team."

The New York State rule apparently does make schools vulnerable to reverse discrimination charges by boys.

A girl, for example, may join any boys' team if she's classified as "exceptional."

based on a decision by a panel comprised of the school doctor and a school physical education teacher who knows the girl.

A boy, however, may join a girls' team only if the school has just one team in that sport - as is the case with most school field hockey teams.

The bottom line is that a girl could try out for boys' soccer, but a boy couldn't try out for girls' soccer at the same school, but he would have a clear shot at girls' field hockey.

Hilton wrestling coach Al Krotz says the situation will simply eliminate girls' sports unless it is changed.

He predicts Title IX will lead to one school team in each sport because schools won't have enough money to support two teams in each. Some sports will be dropped completely and the girls won't make the teams that are coed.

The boys would wipe the girls right out, Krotz says.

Marshall High girls' volleyball and softball coach Linda Pero says flatly she wants to win every game and she would play boys because they are the better players.

Kearney and other Catholic high schools did get involved in the recent out-of-court decision which resulted in equal pay for woman officials.

Della Vella says the awareness of inequalities in women's officiating and girls' sports over the past 10 years has resulted in good changes - more participants in high school girls' sports programs, for example.

When Della Vella was a high school student he says there were only a handful of girls who were interested in competing on an interscholastic basis. There

just wasn't the need, he adds.

Now Kearney, like most other Catholic high schools, has girls' volleyball, soccer, tennis, basketball and softball programs; gymnastics and girls' indoor and outdoor track are under consideration, Della Vella says.

Catholic schools in the Rochester area, don't have extra gymnasiums and swimming pools like the city and suburban counterparts; Kearney has 18 different programs it offers to its student athletes - all within one building!

From November to March it's a logistics problem finding room for both the boys' and girls' teams but that's not particularly a Catholic school exclusive anymore.

Most Catholic school athletic programs depend greatly on income generated by varsity football, basketball and possibly wrestling; the rest of the athletic budget does come from the school, but pennies are pinched and the entire program generally floats on a week-to-week basis, and remarkably so, Della Vella adds.

There is an end in sight to Title IX problems, Della Vella believes.

"There's a cause, there's an effect, there's a reaction, then all of a sudden there becomes an awareness and an intelligent approach to the problem.

"We may have an over-reaction to the problem, but I don't think it will occur with those who are professionally concerned.

"I do think there's going to be a temperament reached among all parties, it has to. Girls' sports are necessary, but they have to be developed in terms of the needs that have to be rendered.