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## The World of CYO Basketball

By JOHN DOSER

CYO high school basketball reminds one of Comedian Rodney Dangerfield — it doesn't get any respect — except from the nearly 700 high school age boys and girls who participate in it and a good number of volunteers who keep it going.

The caliber of basketball being played, observers say, isn't all that different from City-Catholic League Division II ball for the city's smaller high schools — except that you can usually count the fans on one hand after excluding the players' girlfriends.

Others feel the CYO leagues are natural feeders of talent into school varsity basketball programs, but Tom Cotterill, CYO executive director, says he doesn't have any statistics to support the claim one way or the other.

It is generally known, however, that part of Aquinas Institute's basketball success this season is due to a couple of former CYO cagers who in previous years chose to play CYO instead of City-Catholic ball.

You don't see Cardinal Mooney, Aquinas, Bishop Kearney and McQuaid written across players' uniforms; instead you see names like Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary, St. Margaret Mary, St. John the Evangelist, Nativity, Assumption, etc., representing a total of some 44 high school teams from nearly as many parishes in Monroe County (some parishes have two teams!).

Why does a youngster want to play CYO basketball? It centers around parish commitment and involvement, Cotterill explains.

"There are a number of reasons why a youngster would try out for a CYO parish team. There is general knowledge of CYO basketball — it's well-organized — and if they're at all familiar with their parish they would want to come out for the team.

"Most parishes have tryouts and teams are limited to 15 youngsters each. In some cases we have two teams from a parish — we have seven JV teams with younger high school kids on them."

Ages of players range from high school through 19 and players must be enrolled in high school and carrying academic courses, according to Cotterill.

The high school league is divided into four geographical divisions plus the junior varsity division.

Besides the 44 high school teams, there are also 42 elementary school teams, 14 girls' teams and 24 fifth-sixth grade teams — adding up to more than 1,850 youthful participants.

Who foots the bill for parish basketball? The parish does usually through some sort of fund-raising program.

"Sometimes the parish buys the whole program, and sometimes the kids go out and do car washes; others hold spaghetti suppers and things like that.

"It's interesting to see the ingenious ways they raise the funds."

Entry fee, incidentally, covers basketballs and uniforms, but not always sites and locations that must be rented.

Some coaches, all volunteers, Cotterill reminds, conduct practice sessions several times a week at McQuaid, Mooney or a City Recreation

gymnasium, for example. In all there are 22 sites for CYO basketball games.

Entry fee for the boy's high school program per team is \$235; girls' teams pay \$100.

Games are played on Sundays (mornings, afternoons, evenings) and CYO teams can be found at Arcadia, Gates-Chili, Penfield, Carter Recreation, Jewish Community Center and parish centers such as St. Anthony's, Most Precious Blood, Holy Cross, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Monica's, St. Theodore's, St. Ambrose, St. Stanislaus, St. Louis and others.

Each team plays as many as 10 games (once around) and the regular league season is followed by two tournaments.

The first tournament, the Monroe County Tournament, begins Feb. 25-26; it's followed by the Bishop's Tournament, where local CYO champions face championship squads from the rest of the diocese.

Joe Judge is the league director and he's been affiliated with CYO sports for many years, Cotterill says.

The league itself is in its 26th year.

### BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

#### This Week

Thursday, Feb. 16 — Marshall at HAC, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 17 — Notre Dame Elmira, at Waverly, 8 p.m.; Madison at Edison, 3:30 p.m.; Monroe at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.; East at Mooney, 8:30 p.m.; Aquinas at McQuaid, 8 p.m.; Jefferson at Charlotte, 3:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 18 — Aquinas at Kearney, 8 p.m.  
Tuesday, Feb. 21 — Syracuse Henninger at East, 3:30 p.m.; Notre Dame Elmira at Hornell, 8 p.m.

Editor's Note — Please check daily newspapers for games postponed earlier because of weather.

#### Previous Results

McQuaid 47, Kearney 45; Mooney 55, Edison 54; East 73, Franklin 57; Marshall 77, Charlotte 51; Aquinas 61, HAC 46; Romulus 78, DeSales Geneva 68.

### GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

#### This Week

Wednesday, Feb. 15 — St. Agnes at Mooney, 4 p.m.  
Thursday, Feb. 16 — Mercy at St. Agnes, 4 p.m.; Mooney at East, 4 p.m.; Franklin at Monroe, 3:15 p.m.; Charlotte at Madison, 3:15 p.m.; Marshall at Edison, 3:15 p.m.; South Seneca at DeSales, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 17 — Mooney at Mercy, 4 p.m.; HAC at Nazareth, 4 p.m.

#### Previous Results

Franklin 62, East 59; HAC 37, St. Agnes 21; DeSales 50, Redjacket 21; Marshall 60, Charlotte 48; Thomas 66, Madison 55; Edison 56, Charlotte 24; Mooney 57, Kearney 28.

### BOYS' VARSITY HOCKEY

#### This Week

Saturday, Feb. 18 — At Lakeshore: Eastridge vs. Irondequoit, 11 a.m.; Kearney vs. Webster, 1 p.m.; Fairport vs. Aquinas, 3 p.m.; At RIT: Rush-Henrietta vs. Sutherland, 11 a.m.; Mendon vs. McQuaid, 1 p.m.; Penfield vs. Brighton, 3 p.m.  
Tuesday, Feb. 21 — At Lakeshore: Eastridge vs. Penfield, 5 p.m.; Webster vs. Brighton, 7 p.m.; Aquinas vs. Sutherland, 9 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 22 — At RIT: Rush-Henrietta vs. Kearney, 6 p.m.; McQuaid vs. Fairport, 8 p.m.; Mendon vs. Irondequoit, 10 p.m.

#### Previous Results

Kearney 14, Eastridge 1; Irondequoit 4, Fairport 1; Webster 6, Aquinas 1; Penfield 4, Sutherland 4; Brighton 4, McQuaid 3; Mendon 4, Rush-Henrietta 2; Brighton 3, Mendon 1; Rush-Henrietta 1, Penfield 1.

### BOYS' VARSITY SWIMMING

#### This Week

Wednesday-Friday, Feb. 15-17 — City-Catholic Championships at East High.  
Friday-Saturday, Feb. 24-25 — Section 5 Championships.

#### Previous Results

Edison 44, Aquinas 38; Monroe 48, Jefferson 33; Charlotte 52, Marshall 31; East 58, HAC 24.

### BOYS' VARSITY WRESTLING

#### This Week

Wednesday, Feb. 15 — Hilton at McQuaid, 4:15 p.m.  
Thursday, Feb. 16 — Edison at Kearney, 3:30 p.m.; Brighton at East, 4 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 18 — City-Catholic Tournament at Mooney.  
Friday-Saturday, Feb. 24-25 — Section 5 Tournament.  
Friday-Saturday, March 3-4 — Section 5 Championships.  
Friday-Saturday, March 10-11 — State Championships at Syracuse.

### BOYS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

#### This Week

Tuesday, Feb. 21 — DeSales vs. Geneva and Midlakes at Midlakes, 10 a.m.  
Previous Results  
Penfield 15-15-15, Edison 1-2-2.

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At right is Tony Bellucco from Cardinal Mooney who is a member of the Sacred Heart parish high school CYO basketball team. Below, are fellow teammates from Aquinas, Jim Cutaia, Tom Centron, and Jamie Rolwing. The team is coached by Ronald Colletti. There are hundreds of high school girls and boys from public as well as Catholic high schools who give their time and athletic expertise to the CYO parish programs. There are also teams involved in the CYO on the elementary school level.

Photo by Terrance J. Brennan



## Art Honors Announced

On the evening of Thursday, Feb. 9 a preview of the Sibley's Scholastic Art Exhibition was held for teachers, parents, students and the media at the downtown store's fifth floor Ward Gallery. Over 1300 entries, catalogued and hung by Loretta Neuharth, director of the exhibit, and her colleagues, had been judged that afternoon. Top winners were announced and honors presented during the evening program.

Lynn Zicari, Nazareth Academy, besides having two blue ribbon winners, took top senior honors (\$25 savings bond) in the Lake Country Craftsman Awards.

Other Catholic school blue ribbon winners in the various categories were: Watercolors — Dan Schmidt and Teri Casey from Bishop Kearney; Pencil drawings — Brian Manning, John Palmeri from BK and Charlene Smith, St. Agnes; Mixed media — Mary Anne Brugnoli, Patricia Robinson and Beverly Spalma, BK; Pottery — Valerie Russo, Lynn Zicari, Nazareth Academy and Elizabeth Stubler, Cardinal Mooney.

Red ribbon winners (honorable mention): Photography — Joseph Stephany, Joseph Ruis, BK; Acrylics — Michael Campanella, Cardinal

Mooney and Carolyn Pierce, Nazareth Academy; Ink drawing — Ann Marie Spurling, Cardinal Mooney; Printmaking — Deborah Brown and Joanne Buckley, Our Lady of Mercy.

Blue ribbon entries will be sent to New York for the National Scholastic Art Show, June 6-28 at the Union Carbide Exhibition Hall. National honors will include tuition scholarships to art colleges, gold medals, certificates, and special awards contributed by industry patrons.

The exhibition at Sibley's Ward Gallery will be open to public viewing until March 4.

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