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Sports

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
This Week
Section 5 Tournament

Class AAA. Aquinas, East, Edison, Franklin, Madison, McQuaid, Monroe, Mooney, Kearney
Class AA Marshall
Class A Charlotte, Jefferson
Class C Harley-Allendale-Columbia, Geneva DeSales

This Week

Class AAA — 1st Round, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 24-25, 2nd Round, Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 27-28; Thursday - March 2; 3rd Round, Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, Semifinal Round, Wednesday-Thursday, March 8-9, Championship, Saturday, March 11.

Check daily newspapers for teams, sites and times

Class AA — 1st Round, Friday, Feb. 24; 2nd Round, Tuesday, Feb 28, Wednesday, March 1; 3rd Round, Friday-Saturday, March 3-4; Semifinal Round, Monday-Tuesday, March 6-7; Championship, Friday, March 10.

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Class A — 1st Round, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 24-25, 2nd Round, Tuesday, Feb 28; Wednesday, March 1, 3rd Round, Friday-Saturday, March 3-4; Semifinal Round, Monday, Tuesday, March 6-7; Championship, Friday, March 10.

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Class C — 1st Round, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 24-25; 2nd Round, Tuesday, Feb. 28; Wednesday, March 1; 3rd Round, Friday-Saturday, March 3-4; Semifinal Round, Tuesday-Wednesday, March 7-8; Saturday, March 11.

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Previous Results

Naples 66, DeSales 65; Canisteo 52, HAC 49; East 54, Kearney 36; Jefferson 50, Marshall 44; Bath 78, DeSales 55; Monroe 61, Edison 54; Mooney 59, McQuaid 49; Jefferson 64, Aquinas 63; HAC 57, Charlotte 44; Madison 66, East 55; Kearney 48, Mooney 45; McQuaid 51, Aquinas 50; Madison 75, Monroe 65; Aquinas 66, Marshall 52; Madison 49, Kearney 36; East 54, Franklin 53; Aquinas 71, Charlotte 48; Jefferson 70, HAC 39; DeSales 58, Dundee 37; North Rose-Wolcott 66, Marshall 56; Monroe 101, McQuaid 54; Franklin 69, Edison 49

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
This Week

Thursday, Feb. 23 — Kearney at HAC, 4 p.m.; Horseheads at Notre Dame, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 24 — Kearney at Mooney, 7 p.m.; Honeoye at DeSales, 7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 27 — Mercy at Madison, 3:30 p.m.; Marshall at East, 3:30 p.m.; Charlotte at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.; DeSales at Red Jacket, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. f28 — St. Agnes at Kearney, 4 p.m.; HAC at Mercy, 4 p.m.; Sayre at Notre Dame, 6:30 p.m

Previous Results

Franklin 54, Madison 50; Edison 68, Marshall 36, DeSales 77, Dundee 46, Monroe 43, Charlotte 30, HAC 58, Marshall 49; Mooney 76, Franklin 54; East 45, Monroe 43; Edison 62, Madison 58; HAC 30, Nazareth 20; Monroe 71, Marshall 61.

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY
This Week

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

Saturday, Feb 25 — At Lakeshore: Eastridge vs Fairport, 11 a.m.; Irondequoit vs. Webster, 1 p.m.; Aquinas vs Kearney, 3 p.m.; At RIT: Rush-Henrietta vs. Penfield, 11 am.; Sutherland vs. McQuaid, 1 p.m.; Brighton vs. Mendon, 3 p.m.

Previous Results

Brighton 2, Fairport 0; Mendon 5, Aquinas 3; Brighton 3, Sutherland 1; McQuaid 6, Rush-Henrietta 2; Penfield 5, Mendon 3; Kearney 6, Fairport 3; Webster 15, Eastridge 1; Irondequoit 10, Aquinas 1; Irondequoit 5, Rush-Henrietta 2; Kearney 8, Penfield 1.

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING
This Week

Friday-Saturday, Feb 24-25 — Class A/B Section 5 Tournaments

Previous Results

McQuaid 67, Monroe 16; Charlotte 45, East 38; Aquinas 50, Jefferson 28; McQuaid 62, Eastridge 21; McQuaid 64, Albion 19; East 52, Aquinas 31; Edison 61, Jefferson 13; Marshall 51, Madison 21; McQuaid 56, Edison 25.

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING
This Week

Friday-Saturday, Feb. 24-25 — Section 5 Tournament.

Previous Results

Charlotte 39, Aquinas 21; Madison 43, Mooney 18; Mooney 32, Roth 30; Arcadia 31, Franklin 22; McQuaid 42, Kearney 17, Edison 42; Roth 21; Schroeder 40, Jefferson 19; Jefferson 26, Franklin 25; McQuaid 49, Mooney 12; Kearney 42, Edison 19.

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL
Previous Results

Spencerport 15-13-15, HAC 12-15-1; Penfield 15-15-15, HAC 1-6-5; Penfield 15-15-15, Spencerport 10-12-1; East 15-15-15, Marshall 6-8-7; East 15-15-15, HAC 9-9-2; HAC 17-13-15, Marshall 15-15-10; East 15-15-15, Marshall 4-3-5; Spencerport 15-15-18, East 13-14-16; East 15-6-15, Edison 5-15-12; Spencerport 15-11-15, Edison 15-15-15, HAC 9-12-10; Edison 15-15-15, HAC 8-9-7; Kearney 15-8-15, Marshall 3-15-8; Spencerport 15-15-15, Marshall 8-12-3, Spencerport 15-15-15, Kearney 12-7-8.

Notre Dame Wrestlers Determined

By MARTIN TOOMBS

Elmira—The Notre Dame wrestling team's current season is a rags-to-riches story that could bring hope to struggling athletes in any sport.

Last season, the Crusaders' season record was one win, 13 losses, and one tie. Currently the matmen sport a 13-1 mark.

Michael Watson, in his third season as Notre Dame's wrestling coach, summarized the difference between the two teams as "maturity."

Noting that eight sophomores were the heart of the lineup last year, Watson explained that they were only in their second year of competition, and often competed against wrestlers with five or six years experience. Now juniors, through hard work and a busy summer program, they have caught up with the competition, Watson said.

The team is still young; among the starters, there are six juniors and two freshmen. Watson's first sectional champion, Scott Sheehan, is one of the juniors, and freshman Pat Hughes, competing at 91 pounds, has a 17 and 2 record.

Watson noted that four wrestlers have a chance to reach state competition this year, Hughes, Sheehan at the 105 pound class, senior Tim Hitchcock at 138 pounds and senior Jerry Cordier at 155.

The program also has benefited from transfers, Watson noted; the Hitchcock brothers, Mark and Tim, were at Trumansburg last year. Students going out for wrestling for the first time also have helped. Senior heavyweight Al Ripley is new to the team, Watson said, and "is an important factor" in the team's turnaround.

Other regulars in the lineup are Mike Carey, 98 pounds; Mike Carpenter, 112; Kevin Sullivan, 119; Mark Hitchcock, 126; Ed Weingart, 132; Mike Hamilton, 145; Mike Chaffee, 167; and Chris Smith, 177. Freshman John VonHagn is available for duty in the unlimited weight class.

The program was difficult to get started, Watson explained, as most of Notre Dame's freshmen have no wrestling experience. As freshmen, they meet wrestlers with two and three years of competition experience. The results can be very discouraging, Watson noted.

A summer program based on AAU tournaments has been a major factor in giving the wrestlers added experience, Watson pointed out. He reported that Scott Sheehan was second place finisher in a state freestyle championship last summer.

Wrestling is not simply a matter of strength, Watson noted; a good wrestler is quick, strong, has mat intelligence, balance and is aggressive, he explained.

Photo by Martin Toombs

Referee gets right into the action as Notre Dame's Kevin Sullivan tries to pin Waverly's Mack Sullivan during a recent match.

"Put all these together," he noted, and you have the makings of a winner.

Wrestlers also have to have "slick," Watson said.

"Slick," he noted, means that a wrestler has "moves from all situations" and "a variety of moves," and knows which to use for each situation. To develop those moves, the team drills for an hour each day, he noted.

Watson wonders if it is possible to maintain the effort that has been necessary for Notre Dame, the smallest school in the league, to reach its current level of competition. Noting that in 15 years of competition, Notre Dame had only one win each over Southside and Horseheads and had never defeated EFA he said that he is "worried about consistently competing with these teams."

Notre Dame thought they had their first win ever over Elmira Free Academy when a disqualification decision, regarding the Feb. 13 heavyweight match, was reversed — ND came out the loser.

One aspect of wrestling that is generally misunderstood is weight reduction, Watson noted. He said that he doesn't ask wrestlers to take off more weight than they feel they can, and noted that many wrestlers start the season above their best wrestling weight. He noted that Jerry Cordier, undefeated at 155 pounds, had to lose 18 pounds at the start of the season, but his weight has stabilized at about 154 pounds now.

Watson also noted that he doesn't ask junior varsity wrestlers to drop weight, letting them wrestle at the weight they happen to be.

Mooney Skiers Beat Winter Blahs

According to Cardinal Mooney sources, one way the students fight the rigors and boredom of winter is by joining the ski club. Every Thursday evening in January and February four buses journey to Swain with 176 skiers and eight moderators; Sister Virginia Taylor, Betty Puleo, Terri Spurling, Joan Tierney, Richard Hans, Gert Hart, Kathy and Mike Holowka. The club's goal is to provide instruction and recreation in a non-competitive sport at a minimum cost.

The biggest accomplishment this year says Mike Holowka, "We could accommodate every student that wished to ski this season. In past years, it was a case of first-come, first-served and many students were disappointed. This is no longer the case thanks to the many staff members who were willing to donate their time this year."

The club is an experienced group, witnessed by the fact that out of the 176 skiers, only 60 rent equipment on a weekly basis. The club, now in its seventh year, is one of the most popular clubs on campus and for these students winters are something special. As any member will remind you, "Think snow."

Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

Watch Out!

Bishop Kearney forward Eric Kolb (18) sets to shoot at Eastridge goaltender Steve Frate in Monroe County Hockey League action Feb. 4. The Kings trounced the winless Lancers, 14-1, behind high-scoring center Mike Geitner's four goals.