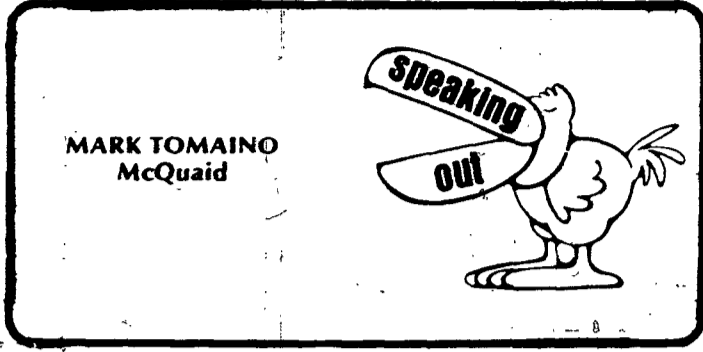


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McQuaid Swim Champs Ready for Sectionals

By JOHN DOSER

McQuaid Jesuit swimmers under coach John Tobin wrapped up their eighth consecutive City-Catholic League championship last week; ran their lengthy unbeaten streak to 84 dual meet victories in a row; and hiked their current C-C league mark to 9-0 - and overall, 16-0.

How much more successful Tobin's Knights would be if McQuaid owned and operated its own pool blows the mind.

McQuaid clinched No. 8 with an easy 56-25 win over Edison; a few days earlier the Knights topped Charlotte, 46-31, and Eastridge and Albion, respectively, 62-21, and 64-19, the latter two in a special triple-dual meet at Nazareth College.

To state McQuaid dominates C-C competition is an understatement; in 11 events the league swims, only diving lacks a McQuaid name at the top of the list.

Examples: The foursome of Marty Mahoney, Ned Nicosia, Henry Rohrer and Tim Holley own the top 200 medley relay time of 1:49.4; and teammates Jerry Schneider, Mahoney, Neil Brophy and Jeff Talbot top the league's 400 yard freestyle quarters with a 3:43.4.

Other McQuaid leaders include Mahoney in the 50 freestyle (:23.3), 100 freestyle (:51.6), 100 butterfly (1:01.4), and the 100 backstroke (1:00.8); Brophy in the 500 freestyle (5:13.3); Nicosia in the 100 breaststroke (1:06.8); and Talbot in the 200 freestyle (1:55).

In the 200 free, 200 IM, 100 fly, 100 free, 500 free and 100 breast, the second and third best league time also belong to McQuaid swimmers.

Tobin recalls the swim team's last league defeats; in 1972 to Jefferson and the year before to Charlotte — but the Knights won both league titles anyway.

Mahoney, a junior, is on the McQuaid foursomes which own the C-C League records in both relays. He also owns McQuaid school records in the 200 IM, 50 free, 100 back and 100 fly.

Last week he qualified first in the City-Catholic championships in the backstroke and the IM (the championship matches were held after this story was written).

Mahoney is definitely college swimming material and has plans to become a doctor according to Tobin.

Brophy, another junior, was third in the inter-sectional qualifier 500

free last year as a sophomore and last week qualified for the City-Catholic finals in the 500 (2nd) and the 200 (1st).

He's also part of the McQuaid quartet which owns the C-C record in the 400 freestyle relay. Tobin is sure Brophy is college swimming material, but uncertain where. Brophy is also one of the top six in the 500 free in the county Tobin adds.

Nicosia, a senior co-captain, is among the county's top six in the 100 breaststroke, and he's on the C-C record holding team from McQuaid in the medley relay.

Nicosia also holds the Knights' school mark in the 100 breaststroke.

Talbot, only a sophomore, swims second behind Mahoney in every stroke.

"He would be much more in the thick of things if he didn't swim the same events as Mahoney. The trouble is they both can swim every stroke," Tobin explains.

Talbot is a little quicker than Mahoney in the distance events — the 200 and 500.

Tobin plans to put Talbot, Mahoney and Brophy on the same relay team for the

upcoming sectionals; in order to get the best mileage out of his swimmers, they compete on different Knight relay teams during the regular season.

Tobin thinks they can be in the freestyle relay finals in the sectionals.

He thinks they'll get there with something under a 3:30 clocking, a time which so far this season even county swimmers haven't beaten.

Three other Knights whom Tobin touts are juniors Henry Rohrer, and Mike Tuite, and senior Tim Holley.

Rohrer qualified first in the C-C butterfly with a 1:00.8 and it's just a matter of time before he goes under the one minute mark.

Tuite swims the IM, backstroke and breaststroke and qualified second in the IM.

McQuaid qualified first in every event in the C-C qualifier but one — the 50 free — and Holley took second.

Jerry Schneider, a senior, is the other team co-captain and one of two Schneiders on the team; the other is brother Billy, a sophomore.

Jerry, who, hopes to swim for Notre Dame one day, swims the 500 and 200 free with Brophy and Billy swims the 50 and 100.

If high school seniors were asked their reasons for going to college, I would imagine most would immediately say, "I'm going to college because it will enable me to get a good job that pays well."

This particular answer is a result of what high school has drilled into us throughout the four years. We all came to high school immature and were then slowly conditioned to become efficient and productive individuals. Every day we followed a time schedule and learned that we were rewarded for the quality and amount of work which we completed. Above all, we learned what competition was. High school was training us for the real world, as we knew it. This reflects the idea that most people entering college are doing so to acquire a good job in today's highly competitive world. It might be wise for us to question our main motive for going to college.

Why should we go to college? There are basically two philosophies of living which must be balanced in order to obtain advantages from both. The first offers success and comfort while the second strives for freedom of spirit, involvement and aliveness and says that there must be more to life than a 9-5 job.

Throughout our four high school years, we worked five out of seven days and relaxed and had fun on the other two. I, myself, know that I do not want to settle for this absurd split of work and play. It would be impossible, however, to live our lives purely according to one of the mentioned philosophies. Each individual must find a way to balance both of these ways of life. Is it possible to fill a work week with fun and aliveness? I certainly think so and when it happens, people will find what joyful work and schooling is all about.

This article, however, is directed at Christianity because Christianity is that very balancing point which offers advantages of both philosophies. We must take our Christianity to college with us but very personally, for the basic truth of real Christianity and real education is exactly the same; our human purpose is growth and both Christianity and education are directed towards it. If we concentrate on all our work, activities and relationships, extracting from them every new experience, then we will always in some way be joyful.

If we think deeply for a moment, we can see that our true role as Christians is to love and to learn.

Party For Elderly

The Cardinal Mooney Red Cross Club, under the direction of Mrs. Florence Selmeyer, hosted a Hearts and Flowers party on Valentine's Day for the residents of the Grandville Home for adults. The students provided games and prizes for the senior citizens.

Students who participated were: Zoe Fackelman, Carolyn Fico, Karen Kuhn, Kathy Stout, Anne Flugel, Lynanne Shults, Michele McGuire.

Special Mass

The Aquinas Sports Boosters Club will hold the Steven Centron Memorial Scholarship Dinner, Thursday, Feb. 23. The evening will include a memorial Mass in the auditorium, 6 p.m., followed by the dinner. Proceeds from the evening will be used to establish an academic scholarship to assist worthy Aquinas students.

Centron was a former student at Aquinas and a member of the Aquinas faculty and coaching staff.

BK Contest Meets

The Bishop Kearney Forensic team's schedule includes competition at Canisius in Buffalo, Feb. 25; Webster Schroeder High School, March 3-4; New York State Regionals at Aquinas, March 15; District finals, March 17-18; National Catholic Forensic League Regionals at Port Byron, April 1; NYS finals in Albany, April 14-15; NCFL Nationals in Washington, May 25-29; National Forensic League Nationals in Chicago, June 19-23.

Team members John Miller, Jeanne Adams and Pamela Melroy have qualified for state and national competitions.

Oratory Honor

Mary Beth Rignholz, Nazareth Academy senior and member of Holy Family Parish, was named runner-up in the recent oratorical competition sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. She was awarded a \$25 savings bond and is an alternate should the first place winner be unable to go on to the next level of competition.



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 Nazareth Academy during an assembly. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, Feb. 28 to receive the \$5.