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Optimism Prevails on BK Courts

By JOHN DOSER

Bishop Kearney's Section 5 basketball loss to defending Class AAA tournament champion Madison was tough for Coach Doug Farrell's kids to take, but still this season definitely marks a turnaround in BK varsity basketball.

While the Kings thought they were earning a win over Madison (they led most of the way before succumbing, 52-47), they did manage a win over arch-rival Cardinal Mooney for the first time since Farrell became coach and possibly the first time ever.

"Possibly," because Farrell says nobody is around at BK who can remember ever beating Mooney.

He knows the Kings didn't do the job when he played for Mooney back in the 1960s before he went on to bigger and better things at Niagara.

BK and its Catholic rivals now take sectional competition for granted, indicating how quickly the problems and animosities almost disappear among city, Catholic and county school brethren.

In fact Farrell says that's one reason Kearney didn't drop out of Class AAA basketball along with Aquinas this year — because the Catholic schools as a whole fought so hard to get into the sectionals.

"I know how hard Ed (Nietopski, Mooney athletic director and Farrell's former basketball coach) worked to get us in, back when we had that good team and played East — and we never made it," Farrell explains.

Kearney stayed AAA this year and Farrell's glad. He thinks his kids prefer to play the better competition and

he wasn't the least embarrassed over his club's showing against the Wilson Parkers.

Farrell's Troops finished 7-13 this season; 4-15 the year before; and 3-16 the previous year. There's no question in Farrell's mind the Kings are on the rebound and agrees the basketball program at BK might have turned around a little bit this season, but it's not without some Irish luck.

He credits the transfer from Edison Tech of senior Randy Lockhart as the main ingredient of Kearney's "turnaround."

"We really didn't have that good of a shooting team before he came over and when he did the whole atmosphere changed."

At one time Lockhart was among the top three scorers in the City-Catholic League; he finished sixth with about 17 points per game average.

Lockhart, a senior, is hearing from several colleges, but Farrell says he's concentrating on the books right now without any particular school in mind.

He stands 6-3 and is a pure shooter according to Farrell. He has a mixture of shots and last year made All-City-Catholic as a junior.

This year he'll be relegated to the City-Catholic League's second team because Farrell claims all city coaches voted for city players on the first team — one of the little animosities which still smolders.

"In fact there's not a single player from a Catholic school on the City-Catholic League's first team," Farrell says.

"If you saw Lockhart play against Madison, you have to wonder who did the voting. He shot 10-for-15

from the floor and scored 21 points."

Kearney's other top starters include senior Chris Woloson, a 6-5 rebounder; senior Mike Beebe, a 5-11 guard whom Farrell describes as the team's back court backbone for the past two seasons; junior Scott Speranza, a 5-9 guard and quickest member of the squad; senior Mike Bonachowski, a 6-4½ rugged football player whom Farrell recruited and converted into a rebounder; senior Mike Morris, a 6-1 aggressive forward; and sophomore Jerry Gooden, a 5-11 guard with speed to spare.

Others who saw limited action this season for BK include seniors Pat Haggarty, Bill Loftus and

Greg Smith; juniors Rick Piacentine, Jim Ozminkowski, Bob Hayflinger and Mike Eblacker; and sophomore Clinton Briggs, (who transferred from Aquinas and broke his wrist on his first day of eligibility).

The BK JVs were sailing along OK this season until Farrell called Gooden and Briggs up to the varsity.

There are three potential heroes from among this year's JVs on the way up, Farrell says — Bill Mueller, a 6-3 sophomore who's still growing; Scott Healy, a 6-2 soph jumper; and Bob Rainey, an excellent soph ball handler.

Farrell is banking on them and next year's returnees to continue Kearney's turnaround in City-Catholic basketball.

This Is Radio

A first at Cardinal Mooney will be a broadcasting day scheduled March 17 over the Greece community radio station, WGMC. Programming will originate from the school's auditorium with the students handling all details.

The event evolved from senior Ann Spurling's affiliation with the station as a basketball announcer. She is spearheading the student participation while co-moderators Mrs. Virginia Probst (librarian) and Brother James Martin coordinate the effort.

"To make it as varied as possible," explained Mrs. Probst the programming will include music, short one-act plays, poetry readings and spot time for facts about Mooney's tradition.

According to those behind the project, the aim of the venture is to secure a regular Mooney spot on WGMC's air waves.

Boxing Bouts

The Aquinas Championship Boxing bouts will be held in the school gym, March 17, 7:30 p.m. The event is under the direction of Phil Ricci, a 1973 Aquinas graduate. Assisting him are Nick Teta, Judge John Mastrella, Alex Brocutto, Frank Ciacca, Karl Schmidt, Dan Kavanaugh, Bob Kleisley and John Streber. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

BK Sweep

Bishop Kearney took the forensic Sweepstakes Award in the competition held Feb. 25-26 at Canisius High School in Buffalo. Team member John Miller took first place honors in oral interpretation; Jim Tausch placed third in dramatic interpretation and Jeanne Adams was third in original oratory.



Mission Crusaders

Our Lady of Mercy High School will hold a Mission Day Bazaar on Friday, March 10, 6-11 p.m. and Saturday, March 11, 6-8 p.m. The festivities will include a spaghetti dinner on Friday at 6 p.m. and a children's show featuring Coco the Clown and his Magic Act on March 11, 2-4 p.m. Many helping hands are involved in the project. Shown here are Kelly Enright, food coordinator, and Ellen Sweetland, publicity chairman, in front; Theresa Sweeney, publicity, and Emily Hudon, coordinator.



AQUINAS
March 10-11 — Regional Debate Tournament.
Tuesday, March 14 — Junior, senior Math achievement tests.

BISHOP KEARNEY
Saturday, March 11 — St. Patrick's Party.

CARDINAL MOONEY
Friday, March 10 — End of Women's Guild Candy Drive.
Saturday, March 11 — Spring Concert.
March 13-14 — Freshmen registration.
Friday, March 17 — Senior Carnation Sale; WGMC broadcasting day.

DESALES
Monday, March 13 — Board of Trustees meeting.

MCQUAID
Saturday, March 11 — Registration for ninth graders, 9-12 and 1-4 p.m.
Sunday, March 12 — Parents Club Lenten reflections, 2-5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 15 — Dismissal, 1:28 p.m.; department meetings, 1:30 p.m.

NAZARETH
March 6-12 — Music in the Schools Week.
Thursday, March 9 — Awards assembly, 8:30 a.m.; band rehearsal, 3-4:30 p.m.; Student Council officers' meeting, 2:40 p.m.
Friday, March 10 — Exams due to department heads.
Saturday, March 11 — Father-Daughter Dinner Dance, 5-10 p.m.
Sunday, March 12 — Freshman registration, 7-9:30 p.m.
March 13-17 — Softball practice, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, March 14 — Science assembly; freshman registration 7-9:30 p.m.

OUR LADY OF MERCY
Thursday, March 9 — Marks due in office; Parents' Board meeting, 8 p.m.
March 10-11 — Mission Bazaar.
Sunday, March 12 — Children's Easter Party.
Monday, March 13 — Third trimester begins. Administrative Board meeting, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, March 14 — Faculty meeting, 3:15 p.m.

ST. AGNES
Friday, March 10 — Seventh grade recruitment day; assembly for Music in the Schools Week.
Saturday, March 11 — Parents' Club St. Patrick's Dance.
Wednesday, March 15 — Department heads' meeting.
March 15-22 — Careers Week.

Kearney in Action!

The Bishop Kearney Fighting Kings had a rough time this past week in sports action against rival teams. Right, Kings' Pat Haggerty drives in for the layup under the outstretched arm of Madison's Thomas Harvey. Madison won the Sectional quarterfinal game, 52-47, despite a strong effort by the Kings. In hockey action last Saturday, the Kings lost a real heartbreaker to archrival Irondequoit, 5-4, on a goal with just five seconds remaining in the game by Terry MacAdam, son of Kings' coach Steve MacAdam. Below, Freshman David Fess is stopped by Indians goalkeeper Glen Campbell on a penalty shot in the first period.

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