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McQuaid Swimmers, Matmen Star

By JOHN DOSER

While Catholic high school athletes failed to place a single player on the City-Catholic Basketball League's first team, one Catholic high school in particular — McQuaid Jesuit — dominates this year's City-Catholic swimming and wrestling teams.

The Knights from Elmwood Avenue placed eight swimmers and five wrestlers on their respective league all-star squads.

The swimmers are seniors Ned Nicosia, Henry Rohr, Tim Holley, Jeff Talbot, and Jerry Schneider; juniors Marty Mahoney and Neil Brophy; and sophomore Bill Schneider.

The wrestlers are seniors Steve Nally and Paul Nesser; and juniors Rob Starkweather, Vince Biamonte and Phil Lanzatella.

The only other Catholic high school swimmer to make the City-Catholic all-star swim team was Aquinas' Gret Tuttle; the only other Catholic high school wrestler on the C-C mat team were Bishop Kearney's John Bellomo, a sophomore, and Gred Liffert, a senior.

It's often been speculated how much tougher Coach John Tobin's McQuaid swimming Knights would be if the school had its own pool.

The Knights haven't lost in C-C swim action since 1972 and own an 84-league meet winning streak. And the swimmers must manage to get downtown to the YMCA by hook or crook to put in their practice time.

And, except for a few swim meets at Nazareth College, the closest the Knights have ever been able to get to having their own pool, better than 95 per cent of the current winning streak has been logged away from home.

Two juniors, Marty

Mahoney and Neil Brophy, top McQuaid's eight man contribution to this year's all-star swim team.

Mahoney, who does as well with the books as he does in the pool, was also selected as the City-Catholic League's Most Outstanding Swimmer, after winning the 200 individual medley, the 100 backstroke, plus swimming a leg on the winning 200 medley relay team.

Mahoney finished sixth in the sectional backstroke event.

Brophy, who spent part of the season in the books instead of the pool, won C-C titles in the 200 and 500 freestyles and shared a leg of the winning McQuaid 400 freestyle relay.

Brophy placed second in the sectionals in the 500 freestyle, won the intersectional qualifier, and then finished fourth in the intersectionals. He took seventh in the state 200 freestyle.

Mahoney and Brophy are expected to form the nucleus of next year's team.

Nicosia and Holley also contributed to the Knights' winning effort. Nicosia, a McQuaid co-captain, won the C-C 100 yard backstroke; and Holley, who's headed for St. Bonaventure, tied for first in the 50 freestyle.

Sophomore Jeff Talbot produced a glimpse of what to expect from him for the next two years by winning the C-C 100 and 200 freestyle crowns.

When the foursome of Mahoney, Nicosia, Holley and junior Henry Rohr teamed up to enter the 200 medley relay, it was no surprise this outstanding quartet came back home with a City-Catholic record of 1:47.3.

Brophy, Talbot, senior Jerry Schneider and sophomore Bill Schneider (they're brothers) turned in another C-C league mark in

the 400 freestyle relay with a 3:29.3.

Aquinas' Tuttle owns several Little Irish swim records and was a member of Aquinas' championship football team last fall.

It's almost the same story in City-Catholic wrestling.

The Knights' Rob Starkweather made it all the way to the state tournament after helping Coach John Roselli's grapplers to the City-Catholic tournament title.

Starkweather, a real scrapper at 105 pounds, won every match this season until he hit the state tournament semifinals. He finished 32-2 for the year and will be back next season.

Steve Nally fell down a notch for the Knights this season by finishing second in the City-Catholic Tournament at 98 pounds which he won as a sophomore. He still won 21 of 24 matches and is headed for Plattsburgh State.

Teammate Paul Nesser won 29 of 34 matches at 126 pounds and has narrowed his choices to either St. John Fisher or Monroe Community College.

Biamonte, who went to Japan last summer on an AAU wrestling tour, credits the experience to earning a 23-5 record at 167. He hopes to attend Louisiana State University after he finishes up at McQuaid next year.

Phil Lanzatella, who with Biamonte also played football last fall for the Knights, finished 28.5 at 177 pounds and likes Ohio State.

Aquinas, which dropped into Division II for basketball, placed two on the City-Private League all-star cage squad: Chris James and Randy Benjamin; and teammate Mike Mancarella made honorable mention.

Kearney's Randy Lockhart, Mooney's Tom Beattie and McQuaid's Mike Sheehy made the City-Catholic League's second team; honorable mention honors went to Mooney's Bob Keenehan and Kearney's Mike Beebe and Mike Banachowski.

In Monroe County hockey, Kearney placed defenseman Bob Hagen and forward Mike Geitner on the Northern Division's first team and goalie Dave Paskell and forward Rich Vercurryse on the second team.

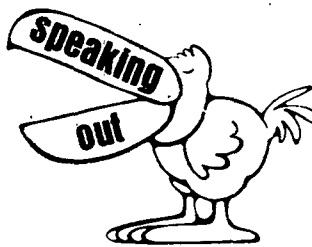
McQuaid placed forward Tony Solazzo and Tim Kelliher on the Southern Division's second team.

Cultural Exchange

The Youth for Understanding International Student Exchange Program offers high school students the opportunity of living and learning with a family overseas and this year Catholic high school students will participate.

The program is conducted by a non-profit international education organization. It stresses family living as the heart of the learning experience; a student will share in the daily life of another culture and will become personally involved in its homes, schools, institutions and communities.

Gary Maybee, regional director for the upstate association has announced there is still room for students to participate in this summer's program. Interested students and parents requesting information regarding countries available and financial arrangements can contact his office, 248-2686.



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The dictionary defines a sport as: a game or competition requiring bodily exertion. Nowhere in this definition does the word "violence" occur and yet this past year has seen many violent acts in professional sports.

In baseball, a disgruntled player broke his manager's cheek bone. A well known football player threatened a referee with bodily harm. Basketball had the dubious distinction of having one player pummel an opponent who was trying to break up a fight.

In the first incident, second baseman Lenny Randle of the Texas Rangers felt that manager Frank Lucchesi was not giving him a fair shot at the second base position. Randle and Lucchesi were near the clubhouse when Randle started punching the 50-year old manager about the face. After the incident, the Rangers traded Randle to the New York Mets where he played well and became a folk hero to Met fans. Meanwhile, manager Lucchesi was fired in the middle of the season for not disciplining his players.

During the football season, Joe Green of the Pittsburgh Steelers, upset that more penalties were not being called where he thought they should, indicated he would "get" the officials.

Perhaps the most violent of all incidents in professional sports occurred in a basketball game at Los Angeles between the LA Lakers and the Houston Rockets. A fight erupted

between Kermit Washington of the Lakers and the Rocket's Kevin Kunnert. Rudy Tomjanovich of Houston apparently tried to break it up and was hit in the jaw by Washington. NBA commissioner Larry O'Brien fined Washington \$10,000 and suspended him 60 days without pay. Washington estimated that the suspension cost him an additional \$50,000. He was later traded from Los Angeles to Boston.

These three incidents are only a sample of what is going on in professional sports. Not so long ago a hockey player was looked at for his puck-handling ability or his skating. Now the coaches are looking for players that can fight. If the hockey honchos don't watch out their sport will become legalized violence.

The causes for this evolution of violence in sports are often questionable. One reason could be the fact that the suspensions and fines are not tough enough on the offenders. Only in the Kermit Washington case did the punishment fit the offense. Another cause could be that the American public as a whole is becoming more violence orientated.

How then will we be able to distinguish between sports and the path of violence that is arising in the United States? The only way is to make penalties stiffer on the offenders and the offender's team. Maybe then, sports will become what the dictionary defines it as.



Winners 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 the Rochester War Memorial during the Sectional basketball tournaments involving Notre Dame. The person circled above should bring the clipping to school office, by noon, April 11 to receive \$5.

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