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Sport Recruitment Time for Colleges

By JOHN DOSER

Joe Gigliotti, head basketball coach at Nazareth College, has a lot of catching up to do — after all, Nazareth is only entering its second year of organized basketball and all its competitors have been around for many, many years.

Gigliotti started recruiting for next year's team back in January — he sent out a Nazareth brochure to every high school coach in the state, including naturally, schools in the Diocese of Rochester.

He received what he describes as a lot of responses, made up a list of players he thought he'd need for next season, and then made contact with them.

From approximately 60 responses, he's touched base with all but ten, and after the state tournament, which he thought was excellent, he reduced his want list down to five players.

One of the five decided to play football somewhere else instead, so now he's down to four players whom he admits he's recruited "very hard." None of them, however, have committed to Nazareth.

The player he'd like to see most in a Nazareth uniform next year is Cardinal Mooney's Tom Beatty, whom Gigliotti says is not signed, sealed and delivered to Colgate even despite published reports to the contrary.

"He's the big 6-9 kid who played at Mooney this year. He's been heavily recruited by Ivy League schools — Penn State, Colgate, Fordham, Stetson University in Florida and then there's little ol' Nazareth.

"I guess it's between us and Colgate, and I really don't know what's going to happen."

Gigliotti says he talked with the youngster's parents once and he's been over to Mooney quite a few times, including whenever possible, Cardinal ballgames.

He's also talked with Randy Benjamin of Aquinas, Bob Newton of Gates-Chili and Bart Shuler of Monroe.

He hasn't heard from Benjamin; Newton is also being recruited by St. John Fisher, LeMoynes and Fredonia; Shuler is also being recruited by Howard and by Hamilton.

Newton would be a great catch — he was All-Greater Rochester and All-State, but Shuler would be Gigliotti's "sleeper."

"I'm very high on him. He played forward his whole career at Monroe; he's 6-2 and extremely good on defense, an excellent rebounder, good jumper, very good hands, handles the ball extremely well, and passes well," Gigliotti says.

He also has excellent grades and he won some civic awards at school.

Next year's Nazareth roster includes former Junior College All-American and Greater Rochester star Larry Lane from Cardinal Mooney who will be the only senior on the team.

Juniors include Stan Slade of Fairport, Ed Toppi of Edison, and John Dansler of Madison; sophomores make up the rest of the team: Buddy Mark of Fairport, Rick Harris of Madison, Tony Hicks of Buffalo Bishop Turner, Tom Vetter of Elmira Notre Dame, and Jim Bower and Chris Devins of Utica.

Vetter was a very popular performer for Coach Mike Johnston's Elmira Irish and was a fifth team All-State choice in his senior year.

Nazareth won't have a freshman team next year, so all incoming freshmen have the opportunity of breaking into varsity competition on the first try.

Nazareth will play a 24-game varsity schedule next year; they are members of the Private College Athletic Conference (Fisher, Houghton, Eisenhower, Roberts, Wesleyan, Elmira, and Medaille of Buffalo) and play each member twice; they'll compete in the Brockport State Christmas Tournament; and as of last week, they'll compete for the first time in the Lincoln First Tournament at the War Memorial along with RIT, Fisher, Roberts, Hobart, Alfred, Brockport and Genesee.

Gigliotti is optimistic in trying to build a basketball program at the former all-women's campus in a logical, step-by-step approach.

He says he and the administration believe the school is moving in the right direction.

Special Programs

"How are we doing?" was the theme of Nazareth Academy's celebration of National Library Week, April 2-8. One special event was the "Bounty Day" when no fines were levied on books returned that day and existing fines were cut in half. A library bulletin was distributed to the faculty which included information regarding statistics on increased circulation; the number of new volumes added to the library since September and the interaction of faculty and library staff regarding library skills and instruction classes.

For the past several months, several classes of science students have been participating in a Unified Science Education program, developed by the Rochester City School District under Title IV funding. The program is designed to interest students who ordinarily do not elect any further science beyond the ninth grade required course.



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 Geneva DeSales during class. The person circled above should bring the clipping to the school office to be forwarded to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon May 2, to receive \$5.

Sports Who's Who

Items for this column should be sent to RAPAROUND SPORTS WHO'S WHO, 51 Boxwood Lane, Fairport, N.Y. 14450.

Kurt Niederpruem, a forward on the Cardinal Mooney varsity basketball team, won a Regents Scholarship. Aquinas right-hander Mike Pedesco fired a one-hitter and struck out 14 batters as the Little Irish ripped Honeye Falls-Lima, 5-0, in baseball. Pedesco, a junior, walked four.

Bishop Kearney lost a non-league inter-town baseball game to neighboring Eastridge, 4-1. Bishop Grimes of Syracuse lost two in a row to defending Section 5 baseball champion Class AAA Fairport, 7-6 and 7-3.

Two-time All-Greater Rochester guard Mike Lenyk of McQuaid is headed for Cornell. Cardinal Mooney opened the baseball season with a 3-0 win over Greece Arcadia thanks to a combined one-hitter from Dick Booth and Joe

Mazzeo. Booth whiffed nine and Mazzeo fanned a pair.

Aquinas gave up three runs in the sixth and lost to neighborhood rival Marshall, 4-3. Mercy fell to Rush-Henrietta in girls' track and Webster Thomas and Greece Athena finished ahead of Cardinal Mooney in a three-way track meet.

Bishop Kearney, the favorite in this year's Section 5, Class AA track picture, may be challenged by both McQuaid and Aquinas. The Kings lost Bob Hanss and Rick Bodenstener via graduation, but still have a formidable squad in hurdler Dan Callan, sprinters Dave Savine and Mike Carafos, long jumper Bob Politi, distance runners Bill Badura and John Sullivan, discus throwers Arnold Otis and Roland Osterwinter and shot putter Rick Marchese.

McQuaid is expected to be strong in the relays, bolstered by milers Rich Price, Chris Cantabene and Vaun Grattet. Randy Benjamin is a

worthy contender for Aquinas' 100-yard dash, while teammates Gerry Gallipeau and Tom Centron should hold their own in the pole vault.

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Dick Buerkle (ex-Aquinas), apparently has motivated the New York State Legislature to appropriate \$5,000 for the City of Buffalo to purchase and install an indoor track. Buerkle is not scheduled to compete in the Fairport Village Mayfair 10-mile race against Frank Shorter on May 20 — Shorter can't compete because of a previous conflict he didn't know about — but his agent did.

Rich Salamone (ex-McQuaid) took third in the 105.5 pound division in the National AAU wrestling championships at Ames, Iowa. Salamone lost, 13-2, to defending champion Bill Rosado of Sunkist Kids in the finals. Salamone won four matches to reach the finals.

Mary Jo Mitchell (ex-Cardinal Mooney) of

Monroe Community College, has been named to the Penn-York Women's Basketball Conference All-Star Team. She averaged nearly 11 points per game for the Tribunes who finished 19-7.

Scott Delgatti (ex-Mooney), who fired a few innings last year for the Syracuse Chiefs against the Red Wings, is now pitching for Class AA West Haven in the Eastern League. He's a member of the New York Yankee farm system.

Jeff Weston (ex-Mooney), co-starting defensive tackle at Notre Dame, is back home recovering from a second knee operation.

Weston has been lifting weights with his injured left knee, but hasn't started running on it yet.

He'll be well enough to attend an upcoming banquet in South Bend in two weeks where he'll receive a ring for last year's national championship. In the summer Weston works with the Greece Recreation Department.

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