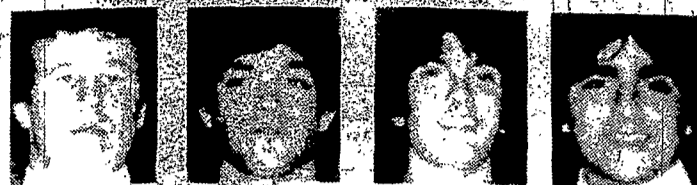


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O'Donnell Mancarella Macaluso Iafrati

Athletes Honored

More than 100 varsity athletes were feted recently at the annual Aquinas Winter Sports Banquet. Parents of the athletes filled the cafeteria for the dinner and the awarding of trophies and letters to the athletes.

Special recognition was made for outstanding performances in five sports. In basketball, Stephen DiLaura received the most improved player award while Chris James was named the most outstanding and Mike Mancarella most valuable.

Dave Zapf was named the most improved swimmer and Greg Tuttle outstanding swimmer.

The most improved runner in winter track is Michael

Dikovitsky. Tom Centron was named outstanding track member and Steven Macaluso most valuable.

Tom O'Donnell was named the most improved hockey player and Michael Nuccitelli, most outstanding. Joe O'Donnell most valuable, and Gerald Gallipeau received the sportmanship award.

John Veltre was declared most improved wrestler and Chris Van Dyke most outstanding. Marty Iafrati was voted most valuable.

In boxing, Mike Zimmer was most outstanding, Frank Eichas and Tom Early for the best fight, and John DiNardo best freshman boxer.



Essay Winner

Brother Thomas Ferrick (far right), BK principal, looks on as Mrs. Vera Calnan, president of the Monroe County Ladies Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, presents award to senior Steven Connally. He won second place in the state essay contest sponsored by the organization.

Kearney Ahead of the Field

By JOHN DOSER

In case you've been out to lunch, Bishop Kearney has quietly succeeded McQuaid as King of City-Catholic school track and field.

"Fred has been doing this for the past two, three years," says BK Athletic Director Don Della Vella.

"I say that with pride because it's been difficult for us... McQuaid has been the perennial power like Aquinas used to be with football... but Fred has put together a pretty good program and the kids are really working hard for him."

Fred is Fred Kaufmann — and the difficulty is the fact that he doesn't teach at Kearney — he's over at BOCES (Board of Educational Cooperative Services) in Fairport.

Kaufmann is a well-organized person, Della Vella explains, who calls the school each day to check on his personnel and has been given a great deal of "latitude" considering his long-distance situation.

Now in his third year, Kaufmann's Kings won both the City-Catholic championship and the Section 5 championship last spring — the first time a Catholic school captured the latter distinction.

Kaufmann enjoyed a brief period of optimism as the Kings nipped McQuaid, 73-72, because he usually figures if he can get by Coach Bob Bradley's Knights the rest of the season is easy.

It hasn't been, and may well not be.

Kearney also defeated Aquinas 76-69 in its very next start, but Kaufmann says it wasn't too convincing.

He's worried about the lack of depth in the field events, especially compared with last year's outstanding team.

For example, BK led the Irish by 20 points at the end of the running events, but Kaufmann saw his kids trailing at the end of the field events.

The Kings' 880-yard relayers pulled the meet out for Kearney against Aquinas as they did the week before against McQuaid.

And Kaufmann isn't only worried about how Aquinas will fare the rest of the way — he also is concerned about Monroe High — best public school entry in the C-C circuit, and he admits here's one time he's pulling for McQuaid when the two teams collide next week.

Kearney led McQuaid, 68-67 going into the last two relays, and the Knights took the lead by winning the mile with a 3:36.1.

In the final event of the meet, however, the quartet of Mike Carafos, Kevin Cobb, Al Oliver and Dave Savine put together a 1:36 to win the meet by a point.

Against Aquinas BK led, 72-69, going into the 880 relay, and again it took the fearless foursome of Carafos, Cobb, Oliver, Savine to put it away.

Track meets are always full of surprises as coaches often run boys other than those expected in certain events.

In the 440 against Aquinas, for example, Kaufmann ran his 220 man, Dave Savine, who took first with a 52.6. Savine also anchors the Kings' 440 and 880 relays, and Kearney won them both.

Savine or Carafos are Kaufmann's top choices in the 100 — their times average 10.4, not spectacular, he says, but respectable.

Savine is the key runner in the 220, and there are some other youngsters coming up including sophomore Kevin Cobb and a freshman, Frank Panzetta.

Kaufmann has another surprise in store for the 440 in Dan Callan, whom he considers one of the best quarter-milers in the area. Up to now he's been running Callan in the hurdles, particularly in the 120 highs which immediately precedes the quarter-mile.

"You can't double him back-to-back unless he has a little more rest in between," Kaufmann explains.

Callan has a chance to break Kearney's school mark in the quarter mile (49.8) and Savine and junior Mark Floegel offer some push a few steps behind in the same event.

Brian Mongeau and Bill Badura hold down the 880 with Mongeau having yet to lose with a best time of 2:02. Badura's best is 2:03.5, giving the Kings a solid 1-2 punch in the 880.

Kearney's miler and two-

miler is John Sullivan who's turned in a 4:33 mile in the former and a 9:55 in the latter. He won both events against Aquinas.

Sullivan has also been used in the half-mile and he ran the quarter in the Penn Relays.

"He's the kind of kid I can get in a lot of different places," Kaufmann says.

Callan owns the hurdles and both school marks in the 120 highs and 330 intermediates with 15 flat and 41.3 respectively.

Looking ahead to another surprise, Kaufmann says he's sure he has one of the better two-mile relay teams although it hasn't run yet.

Mongeau, Badura, Rob Cronin and Floegel have turned in an 8:33, but he figures he can get an 8:18 from Mongeau, Badura, Sullivan and either Floegel or Callan.

Kearney's mile relayers of Callan, Savine, Sullivan and Badura turned in a respectable 3:36 at the Penn Relays and currently are second in the C-C circuit to Monroe in the 880.

BK's premier field event artist is Bob Politi who hit 21 feet in the long jump last year and has a 5-8 in the high jump.

Rick Marchese is around 45 feet in the shot put and the trio of Dan Cordaro, Arnold Olic and Roland Osterwinter are in the 120-130 foot range in the discus.

Simon Zmuidzinskas holds down the triple jump and Tom Oltorik tops the pole vaulters.

Sports Who's Who

Editor's Note — Have an item about a current high school sports star? How about an idea for a Raparound sports feature? Or perhaps something of sports interest about your college boy or girl who graduated from your neighborhood Catholic high school — if so, drop a line to Raparound Sports, 51 Boxwood Lane, Fairport, N.Y. 14450

McQuaid, which has won the City-Catholic tennis championships for the last three years, fell to Franklin, 3-2, for its first loss since 1974. The unbeaten Quakers won the match when Steve Goodman and Steve Melnyk topped the Knights' John Scatterday and Chris Tuttle, 6-3, 6-4, in second doubles.

Aquinas stayed right in there with Franklin by stopping Jefferson, 5-0, for its third win without a loss. No. 1 singles, Joe Magoffin, topped John Kawslyzski, 6-1, 6-3, for Aquinas.

A three-hitter from Mike Beebe and a two-run single from Paul Wolke led Kearney over Edison in baseball, 10-0

Seventeen McQuaid batters fell victim to the knockout hurling of Franklin's Juan Vasquez in the Knights' 9-6 loss.

Gary Sciaratta singled twice and doubled twice in Aquinas's 9-1 win over Kearney in baseball. John Ryan fired a 40 in McQuaid's 7-2-1-2 golf win over BK.

Dan Callan's 40.8 tops all 330 yard intermediate hurdles for Kearney in Section 5. McQuaid's Rich Prince, Nathan Peck, Chris Cantabene and Vaun Grattt own the section's best in the mile relay with a 3:31.3. Kearney's quartet of Bill Badura, Brian Mongeau, Mark Floegel and Rob Cronin top the section's two-mile relayers with an 8:33.6.

Cardinal Mooney won three more baseball games with winning pitcher Mike Roncone smashing two doubles and scoring twice and Rick DiPonzi's 3-run double helping to bomb Greece Arcadia, 12-0. Then Rick Booth whiffed 14 in Mooney's 9-1 decision over Madison with Jim Verdiknocking in five runs... and Mooney belted Mendon, 13-2.

Bill Cooper slammed a grand slammer in McQuaid's 12-6 win over Marshall. Mike Beebe blanked Jett, 5-0, on a four-hitter, and knocked in two runs with a double for Kearney.

Tim Driscoll shot a 9-hole 40 in DeSales's 220-233 golf loss to Canandaigua. Joe Emmi added a 41 for the Saints. McQuaid's 1,600 meter relayers had the best time of the Rochester entries in the Penn Relays.

Mike Mancarella and Tom Monna are heading for Alfred University for football after Aquinas graduation. BK's defending champion Private-Parochial girls' softball team hope to repeat last year's performance with many veterans back for another tour including Linda Evans, Megan Farrell, Gina Specksgoor, Susan Hoffman, Debbie Buddeck and Megan MacKenzie.

Buffalo area Catholic high schools face a dilemma in basketball; they are not part of Section 6 and can not presently compete in the

state basketball tournament in Rochester. There is the possibility State Tournament Chairman Bill Farrell of Rush-Henrietta may put the Section 6 public school champs against the Buffalo area Catholic champs to determine the Western New York regional entry in to the states, or he may choose to run the Buffalo Catholic champs against New York City schools — in which case, Buffalo writers suggest, it's better to join Section 6 or face instant extermination.

There won't be any state inter-sectional baseball playoffs this year, but there may well be next year and they're most likely to be held in Rochester says Section 6 baseball chairman Gene Masters of Grand Island.

Ex-Mooney and Niagara star Doug Farrell homered three times in the Rochester Zeniths' double-header exhibition softball victories over two foes at Canandaigua.

Mike McGuire (Kearney) and Mike Ross (McQuaid) are members of the St. John Fisher College golf team.

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