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Roycraft Spearheads Nazareth Sports Program

By JOHN DOSER

There are no coaching changes this Fall, Winter or Spring at Nazareth Academy, according to Karen Roycraft, athletic director.

If there were, she would be the first to know because in addition to being the AD, she is also the head coach of all the varsity teams which sport the school's blue and gold throughout the school year.

"I'm it," she says flatly.

And that's exactly what it says in the New York Coaching Directory Annual for 1978-79 — it lists Karen Roycraft as athletic director as well as girl's head basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball coach.

Obviously, she's the whole ball of wax.

Nazareth fields one varsity sport per season — volleyball, basketball and softball, respectively.

There are no JV teams in any sport as is usually found in other schools — whether or not there are enough bodies isn't the problem — for sure

there aren't enough Karen Roycrafts to go around.

She didn't have any assistant coaches last year and she isn't overly optimistic about this year. She says there is a slight possibility she might get some help in at least one area.

The big three sports at Nazareth are the only sports the blue and gold compete in interscholastically as members of the Private-Parochial League.

The school intends to initiate soccer — on an extramural basis only — this Fall. Extramural means limited competition with other schools.

She says before Nazareth can go full varsity in soccer, she has to make sure she can put together a full squad.

Soccer is it in the Fall, Roycraft explains. "That is because I'm doing everything and I can only handle so much."

Roycraft has been teaching and coaching at Nazareth for 15 years and she's not a complainer — despite the

obvious differences in athletic programs between Nazareth and other private schools in the Rochester area.

She did her undergraduate work at Dayton University after graduating from Nazareth. After college she returned to her Alma Mater to teach and coach.

Ironically, she explains, the Catholic schools in Rochester enjoyed organized athletic competition among themselves for many years before the city and suburban public schools got into the act.

The girls' league has been innovative, she says; for example, interscholastic volleyball is a relatively recent expansion of the league and she adds that slow pitch softball may replace regular softball this Spring.

Nazareth has never won a championship in any league sport but Roycraft says Nazareth's caliber of competition is always improving.

"We always give everybody a battle. There's no such thing as an opponent walking in and saying, 'We won.'"

On The Go

AQUINAS

Thursday, Sept. 21 — Sport Booster Dinner, cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23 — Dinner & Theater, 6 p.m.; theater only, 8:30 p.m.

BISHOP KEARNEY

Sept. 21-24 — Kearney Karnival.

Thursday, Sept. 21 — Band concert and opening day ceremonies, athletic field, 6:15 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 22 — Sky diving demonstration, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 24 — Army tank display, 1-4 p.m.; hot air balloon display, 6 p.m.

CARDINAL MOONEY

Monday, Sept. 25 — Women's Guild Dinner Meeting.

Wednesday, Sept. 27 — Catholic College Night at Nazareth College.

DESALES

Thursday, Sept. 21 — Class Mass.

Friday, Sept. 22 — Class Mass.

Wednesday, Sept. 27 — College Night at Nazareth College.

MCQUAID

Wednesday, Sept. 20 — Dismissal, 1:28 p.m.; department meetings.

Sunday, Sept. 24 — Mass for all new students and parents, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 27 — Catholic College Night at Nazareth College.

NAZARETH

Thursday, Sept. 21 — Assembly, 8:30 a.m.; faculty pictures for yearbook; Theology and Art department meetings, 2:40 p.m.; alumnae meeting, rm. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 22 — Faculty yearbook pictures; Chocolate Drive kickoff assembly, 1:40 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 25 — New faculty orientation, 2:45 p.m.; Finance Committee meeting, 4-5:30

p.m.; Perosian Choir, rm. 402, 2:40-3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 26 — Sports physicals.

OUR LADY OF MERCY

Thursday, Sept. 21 — Pep rally.

Friday, Sept. 22 — Field Day.

Saturday, Sept. 23 — CAM Dance.

Monday, Sept. 25 — Administrative Board meeting.

Tuesday, Sept. 26 — Freshmen and parents information night.

Wednesday, Sept. 27 — Catholic College Night at Nazareth College.

ST. AGNES

Thursday, Sept. 21 — Mime Workshop featuring Michael Henry.

Tuesday, Sept. 26 — Activity period; Junior Achievement Program.

Wednesday, Sept. 27 — Catholic College Night at Nazareth College.

Sports Who's Who

Editors note — Readers are invited to mail brief news items for this column to Who's Who, 51 Boxwood Lane, Fairport, N.Y. 14450.

Tom Frew, former head soccer coach at Cardinal Mooney High School, has been named assistant soccer coach at RIT.

Frew joins RIT after a year as assistant soccer coach at Indiana University which finished 12-2-1 with a No. 2 national last Fall. He gained his master's degree at Indiana.

At Mooney, Frew's teams were 35-15-3 over a three year period and his 1975 team won the City-Catholic title and he was named Coach of the Year. His 1976 Cardinals posted a 14-3 record.

McQuaid head football coach Tom Seymour begins his 17th year at the helm of the grid Knights this season.

He's high on running back Chris Heier, a newcomer, and has a sprinkling of veterans around which to build a contender for the City-Catholic title.

Returning lettermen include backs Chuck Graham and Vince Biamonte, ends Vaun Grattet and Dave Roberson, and linemen Phil Lanzatella, Welling Lifka, and defensive backs

Mike Rogers and Tom Schott.

Bishop Kearney head football coach Don Della Vella is optimistic the Kings will do some scoring because John Gaskin, one of the C-C league's strongest fullbacks, is back again.

BK has a pair of quarterbacks in Paul Guadagno and Chris Kausch and veterans Mike Ryan (wide receiver), Brian Haas (tight end), and Kevin Clancy, Eric Kolb and Rich Giannetti (all linemen) help shore up his optimism.

Della Vella is also high on newcomers Eddie Sands and Joe Washington, both running backs, and Fred Knauft and Terry Brown, both defensive backs.

Cardinal Mooney coach Al Cretney, in his second year, hopes the Cards will be competitive when they collide with Fairport, No. 2 in the state last year, under the lights at Holleder Stadium on Friday, Sept. 29.

Former Mooney coach Tony Merola is an assistant coach at Fairport now, so Cretney admits there shouldn't be any trouble motivating his troops for that contest.

The Cards are smaller than a year ago, he says, but he sports a fully grown, experienced backfield in backs Mike West, Mike

Duell, Len Rizzotti, Glen Goodberlet and John Palvino.

Mooney also plays East Rochester, generally accepted as the best in Monroe County East (picked over defending champion Fairport) besides the usual array of City-Catholic heavyweights like Aquinas and McQuaid.

The ER clash is set for Mooney, Saturday, Nov. 4.

Three Bishop Kearney graduates from Irondequoit played in a Wegman's all-star softball game against Wegman's Buffalo All-Star team.

They were shortstop-captain Camille Zogby, first baseman Lynn Kellman, and centerfielder Ginger Neary.

Mychal Sheehy, an outstanding basketball prospect at McQuaid, has transferred to East High. He's 6-4 and no doubt will be a welcome addition to the Orientals' basketball squad which is traditionally one of the toughest in Section 5.

Cardinal Mooney soccer coach Ralph Clapp, whose team finished 17-2 last year, lost three dynamite performers in Bill Begy, Chris Leonardi and Rich Eichas via graduation but he has a handful of tough lettermen coming back for another tour of duty.

Returning veterans include Ron Howart, Aldo Faga, Larry Messmer, Jim O'Reilly, Custy Panetta, Dave Proud, Dom Coco, Mike Koster and Morrie Dzwigal.

The Cards also added Dave Begy, an Athena transfer.

Carmen Urzetta, head baseball coach at Bishop Kearney, was a member of the Prince Georges slow pitch team which dropped a 3-2 nod to the Rochester Zeniths.

FOOTNOTES — Craig Cotroneo, and Mike Lins, both Kearney graduates, are playing football this Fall for Ithaca College. Both are halfbacks and both played under BK Coach Della Vella, an Ithaca College alumnus himself.

Mooney grad Jeff Weston is a starter at defensive tackle again this season at Notre Dame. He says he has fully recovered from two knee operations. Last year he was injured in the Notre Dame opener.

Mike Fornarola, an Aquinas grad, is a starting halfback for coach Pat Stark's University of Rochester gridders.

St. John Fisher has added a ninth game to its Fall football slate; the new opponent is District of Columbia College which Fisher will face at home on Saturday, Oct. 21.

French Lions Club Honors Area Students

Two St. John Fisher College students spent a unique educational summer in France. Through scholarship awards from the Lions Club of France, Thomas Rosica, 1977 graduate of Aquinas and former charter RapAround coordinator, along with John Zicari, 1977 Bishop Kearney graduate, participated in a study and cultural program centered in LaBaule, France.

The Lions Club of France, each year hosts such programs, one for young men, one for young women and one for advanced university students over 22 years of age. The two Fisher students shared the experience with 39 other students from throughout the world.

Each morning during the four week sessions, representatives from each country gave an hour presentation on the history, political situation and the problems faced by youth, in their country. Afternoons consisted of language laboratories and audio-visual presentations for more proficiency in the French language. Both Tom and John are French majors at Fisher, members of the French club and Pi Delta Phi, the National Honor Society of French Students.

Next year, John plans to study at the Sorbonne in Paris. Tom, who serves as youth representative on the Diocesan Pastoral Council, will continue at Fisher but will be back in France next summer. He, along with a

student from England, were selected to return to the program next year as representatives of their countries. According to Tom, this is the first time an American has received this honor.



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