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## Mooney Cardinals Boast Home Field

By JOHN DOSER

The first varsity home football game at Cardinal Mooney in the school's 15 years existence became history a week ago Sunday when the Cardinals hosted McQuaid and lost, 21-7.

It was exciting for both head coach Al Cretney and his players; he says they really looked forward to it — having never played on Mooney turf before a home crowd; previously the big deal was driving down Mt. Read Blvd. to play at Holleder Stadium.

With Holleder rent somewhere in the clouds, Mooney gridders, coaches, fathers, boosters decided to take matters into their own hands and put together a home park for the grid Cardinals.

Some 2,300 turned out for the first home opener and except for the outcome, Cretney says it was nice playing on a real home field.

The field is located behind the school on the site which was formerly the practice field.

Cretney isn't sure, but he felt the original idea for a home field came from Ed Nietopski, athletic director, who's seen the rent jump year after year at Holleder to around its present \$1,400 per game — too much for a small school like Mooney to try and meet and then pray to make a few dollars besides.

Much of the funding for the 350 seat bleacher was raised by the student council; the money for the fencing came from a football program headed by WBBF's Jack Palvino, one of the Mooney fathers; and the rest came from a school fund drive.

The bleachers and fencing were put together by Mooney fathers and many of the players, some of it going right down to the wire — Mooney alumnus Doug Walker was putting the finishing touches on the press box just before the McQuaid kickoff.

Cretney agrees the Cardinals may have the toughest schedule of any high school team in Monroe County, certainly the toughest slate Mooney has ever had.

The Cardinals opened with a loss to Medina, honorably mentioned among the state's top small schools and followed with the loss to McQuaid, ranked 16th among the state's large schools and third locally.

Last Friday night the Cards took on Monroe County East defending champion Fairport, last year's No. 2 team in the state and No. 1 locally, and follow with games against Kearney, Franklin and Madison, all City-Catholic toughies.

The Cards' final three tussles of the season are

against Aquinas, ranked 4th in the state and No. 2 locally; East Rochester, ranked No. 1 in the state and locally; and Monroe.

"Anybody who comes up with this kind of schedule should be fired," Cretney laughs.

Cretney's big hope going into the Fairport game was that the Cardinals would be competitive.

That might have been expecting a lot after losing starting fullback Glen Goodburlet, an outstanding senior performer, in the McQuaid game.

Goodburlet, who gained 102 yards against McQuaid, hurt his foot against the Knights and was wearing a leg cast when the Cards took the field against the Red Raiders.

Filling in for Goodburlet are back-ups John Palvino and Greg Egan, both seniors.

Len Rizzotti is the left halfback; he gained 147 yards against Medina. Co-captain Mike Duell is at the other halfback post.

Mike West is the quarterback — he was expected to put the ball in the air with ease — but has instead been battling shin splints which has hampered his running and passing ability.

Rizzotti, Duell and West are all seniors.



Cardinal Mooney varsity football team pose in front of their new stadium in back of the Maiden Lane school. Over 2,000 people turned out for the Cardinal's first homegame against McQuaid.

Joe Cavallaro, another senior, holds down the center spot; junior Tom Giglia is at left guard, senior Mike Johnston at right guard, sophomore Todd Funk at left tackle, and senior co-captain Chris Brescia at right tackle.

Johnston is Mr. Everything for the Cards — he's an excellent kicker with great depth and height on his kickoffs — and he is also the Cards' defensive signal caller, linebacker and offensive guard.

Mike Goodburlet, a junior and Glen's younger brother, is at the tight end and John Carbone and Bob Hewes, both seniors, alternate at split end.

Defensively Cretney banks on Palvino at defensive tackle, Funk at defensive end and these specialists: senior Jay Clifford, defensive end; sophomore Tom White, linebacker; senior Glen Jones, strong safety; junior Steve Barleben, safety; senior Frank Rivera,

defensive tackle; and junior Steve Cappizzi, defensive tackle.

Mike Roncone, a senior defensive end, was in line for a starting slot until he injured a shoulder in a pre-season scrimmage and re-injured it against McQuaid.

If hard work and dedication to football pays off, Cretney believes this year's Cardinals will experience a winning season.

## 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.**

Cardinal Mooney's **Dominico Coco** scored two goals to help the Cardinals stop Edison, 5-1, for their 21st City-Catholic League victory in a row.

Mooney, tied by East High earlier, and East, figure to battle it out for league honors, says East High coach **Vic Carlsen**. The Cards are coached by **Ralph Clapp**.

**Joe O'Donnell** scored three goals to lead Aquinas to a 4-3 overtime win over Edison which scored with nine seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime.

**Jim Napadano** scored three to give McQuaid a 3-1 win over Franklin.

East Rochester ranks first in the first state high school (large) football poll, but Aquinas is fourth and McQuaid 16th.

Locally ER is No. 1, Aquinas No. 2, and McQuaid No. 3. In the Philadelphia Journal's 33 East Beasts, East Rochester is 9th and Aquinas 19th.

Region 6, comprised of Rochester and Buffalo athletes, won 207 medals, good for first place, in the recent four day Empire State Games competition at Syracuse University.

Region 6 men won 92 open medals and women took home 44, highest in their classifications. In the scholastic division Region 6 boys won 43 (second place) and girls won 28 (tied for first).

Overall Rochester area athletes accounted for 19 gold, 16 silver and 22 bronze medals.

Turning point of McQuaid's 21-7 grid win over Cardinal Mooney was a 96-yard pass interception TD runback by the Knights' **Paul Zimmer** in the second quarter.

McQuaid coach **Tom Seymour** said the runback made the difference

because had Mooney scored it would have been a 7-7 anybody's ballgame.

**Zimmer**, who received an excellent block from teammate **Dave Roberson**, also scored another TD and passed to teammate **Vince Baiamonte** for another.

Mooney head coach **Al Cretney**, incidentally, is on the Times-Union coaches' panel which votes for the T-U's Top Ten each week.

Our Lady of Mercy won its first two tennis matches of the season with wins over Rush-Henrietta Roth and Irondequoit.

**Lisa Brown**, **Chris O'Grady** and **Dana Vukalic** won singles matches and **Kristin VandenBrul** and **Eileen Quirk** won doubles matches against Roth; O'Grady and **Kay Fantaci** won singles matches against Irondequoit.

McQuaid won the 8th annual Lake Shore Cross Country Invitational in Hamburg with 30 points to

runnerup East Aurora's 44 points.

McQuaid's **Chris Koller** finished second to EA's **Mark Holmes** by 16 seconds.

**Graduate notes — Terry Diehl** (Aquinas) won the third Brook-Lea Invitational golf tournament with a 1-under-par final round 71 for a total 146. It was Diehl's first tournament win since the 1976 Lake George Open.

**Mike Parker** (Aquinas) is being touted as the first potential professional hockey player from Rochester. He's currently trying to make the Buffalo Sabres' hockey roster as a goalie.

**Gene Goodlow** (McQuaid) caught a 68 yard TD pass for Kansas State against Auburn. In two games Goodlow, a sophomore, caught five aeriels for 128 yards and returned six kickoffs for 121 yards. He also completed a 19 yard pass.

**Vince Battaglia** (Aquinas) caught the two

point conversion which gave Princeton its 14-14 tie at Cornell.

**Virgil Cotton** (Mooney) is starting his third year at cornerback for Cornell and **Paul Goodberlut** (Mooney) is a second team tight end.

**Mike Mandrino** (Victor) rushed for 129 yards to lead St. John Fisher to a 52-0 win over N.Y. Maritime for its third straight club football win without a loss.

On the current Fisher varsity soccer roster are these diocesan graduates: fullback **Jim Beauchamp** (McQuaid); fullback **Tom Bezek** (Kearney); midfielder **John Brunette** (Aquinas); midfielder **Jim Bus** (Mooney); midfielder **Giorgio DeRosa** (Aquinas); forward **Charles Lawless** (McQuaid) and forward **Chris Leonardi** (Mooney).

**John Kelley** (Elmira Notre Dame) is playing golf this fall for RIT; **Jim Papagni** (Mooney) is on the RIT fall tennis team; **Ed Schuler** (McQuaid) is on the freshman soccer team at Geneseo State; and **Rejeeve John** (Aquinas) is on the RIT varsity soccer team.

## Parents Group Active

At their September meeting, the Parents and Teachers of Nazareth (PATON), headed by Joe Burnett, president, began the wheels turning for a busy year. Mrs. Mary Uebelacker volunteered to head a transportation committee to obtain drivers for school field trips. Mrs. Dolores Cringoli will coordinate a telephone committee and providing publicity for the organization's events will be Mr. and Mrs. William Erb and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Holbig. Mrs. Jane Austin will head the refreshment committee.

## Mooney Parents Night

Cardinal Mooney faculty and administration will greet parents, Oct. 11 at 7:15 p.m. The evening will include a mini-schedule of classes which will provide an opportunity for the parents to learn course content and to meet every teacher. They will also meet with the administrators during study halls or at the end of the evening during a social hour sponsored by the Mothers' Club.

Members of the National Honor Society will act as guides while members of the various sport teams park cars.