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Cardinals Destroy Aguinas Record

By JOHN DOSER

They're calling it Mooney's Miracle, but Mooney head football coach Al Cretney knows better than that.

Mooney's 21.7 upset grid win over previously unbeaten and once tied Aquinas — only the second Cardinal victory over the Irish in 15 years — handed the Dewey Avenue gridders their first loss of the season and knocked the Irish right out of the state rankings.

The loss also dropped Aquinas from No. 2 in the local rating down to No. 5, while Mooney made its first appearance of the season in the list at No. 9.

A month ago Mooney was 0-3; prior to Saturday's scrap against unbeaten East. Rochester — the No. 1 team in the East, the State, and Monroe County, Cretney's Cardinals were 4-3.

Cretney acknowledges that East Rochester is a good football team, but he says his Cardinals are a good football team too.

"In the beginning of the season we had a good senior nucleus, mixed with a couple of sophomores who've come along, and the rest are juniors.

"I think we've gotten to the point where we removed the doubt aspect that's always going to be there, and we're now playing with confidence, especially in one another, which I think is a real credit to our co-captains, who — during the time we were losing — kept that pride and dignity about themselves."

Cretney credits co-captains Mike West, Mike Duell and Chris Brescia with being the squad's guiding light.

Mooney also has an offense capable of producing some fireworks; there's halfback Len Rizzotti who's gained about 557 yards and scored six touchdowns; fullback Glen Goodburlet has 400 yards and five TDs; his backup, John Palvino, has 180 yards and two TDs; and Mike Duell, the other halfback, has 420 yards and one TD.

"These are kids who've gotten to understand the team idea of what we're doing this year. Any one of them I'm sure, could carry the ball twice as much as they have been and have outstanding stats; but they've contributed in the team aspect — and that's why I'm positive about this week." (prior to ER game, Saturday, Nov. 4)

"We don't have any real super stars, per se, but we have a lot of kids who've really dedicated themselves to a fine season which we're now beginning to move into," Cretney explains.

The rosary was credited to some extent as the basis for Mooney's upset win over Aquinas, but Cretney says his gridders were saying the rosary when they were 0-3 too.

Did he think the Mooney-ER battle would really be between Mooney's beads and ER Coach Don Quinn's -Masses? (Quinn encourages his entire public school team to go to Mass and Holy Communion each Saturday before a game.) Cretney laughs and points out that many media people fail to appreciate that Mooney is a Catholic institution.

"We don't say the beads to bring down the Holy Spirit to spook the other team out; the reason we say it — is that both teams do well — and we offer our works too, what we think is one of the essences of why we are an institution.

"Our prayers go to the Virgin Mary and we offer our works and our deeds for that particular time to her. This is something we've done at school for years and years and years.

"There's nothing outstandingly mystical about it. In the total concept of things, the rosary is part of a preparation for the game, yes, but it's not one of doing a psych job on ourselves ..."

Cretney says.

Mooney was prepared to block Aquinas' offense and to stop its defense, according to Cretney.

"I think we executed (it) very well," he adds.

New Parents Club

For the first time in its 66 year history Geneva DeSales has a parents' club. Elections were held in late September and the officers elected were: Elaine Rice, president; Joanne Boncaro, vice president; Carol McGuigan, secretary; Anthony Priano, treasurer.

The club is social in nature and will also assist the school in any way that it can. A Parents Disco Dance is scheduled for Nov. 4 and a Christmas cookie sale for the holidays.

Sports Who's Who

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

Kearney snapped Cardinal Mooney's 29 game winning streak in City-Catholic League soccer by pinning a 4-1 loss on the Cardinals at BK with help from Scott Sperazza's three goals. Jerry Carges scored the Kings' first goal; Custy Panetta connected for Mooney.

The Cards went on to lose to Webster Thomas, 2-0, in a Section 5, Class AAA first round contest. McQuaid survived first round playoff action by defeating Kearney, 2-0, on goals from Jim Napadana and Tim Keegan. Earlier in the week McQuaid nipped Edison, 3-2, with Tony Salazzo heading in Bernie Foy's direct kick for the winning goal. Salazzo scored one more and the Knights' third goal came from Keegan.

Aquinas topped Newark, 2-1, in a Section 5, Class AA playoff test, with Honore Fallone and Joe O'Donnell scoring for the Irish. AQ goalie Mike Trabhold made 18 stops. Earlier Aquinas upset East, 3-0, with Tom Trabold, O'Donnell and John Daley scoring for the Irish.

In girls' soccer Mercy lost to Pittsford Mendon, 2-1, in a Section 5 girls' soccer playoff test at Harley. Mercy led, 1-0, early in the game on Jo

Horvath's goal at three minutes into the opening period of play.

Aquinas linebacker John Cocilova was named Athlete of the Week by the Times Union for his excellent performance in Aquinas' 90 win over McQuaid.

Aquinas' win streak of 13 games plus one tie was snapped by Cardinal Mooney, 21-7, which, combined with other upsets, left two Section 5 teams with the longest and next-longest unbeaten streaks in the state: Caledonia-Mumford with 21 and Fairport with 15 wins and one tie.

McQuaid's 32-8 win over Madison resulted in the Knights scoring just two points less than the losing Wilson Parkers had allowed in all six previous games.

A late TD by John Malarz from the two yard line gave Bishop Kearney its 21-14 win over Franklin; the Kings played without starters Paul Guadagnino and Ed Sands, but got two TDs and 104 yards on the ground from John Gaskin instead.

Aquinas' loss to Mooney dropped the Irish from No. 2 to No. 5 in the local coaches' grid rating and right out of the state poll completely! Mooney moved into the 9th spot locally.

CROSS COUNTRY — McQuaid, ranked 17th in state cross country, took 2nd place in the 23-school field Oswego Palladium Times Invitations. The Knights finished with 53 points to Onondaga Central's 47.

Chris Koller topped McQuaid runners with 4th place; Teammate Pete Gavin was 10th, Mike Testa of Cardinal Mooney was 13th, and Ed Bazari of Bishop Kearney was 22nd.

Glavin won the City-Catholic individual cross country title with a 15:19 time for the 2.89 mile course at Cobbs Hill; Mooney's Testa was second.

Cardinal Mooney won its Section 5 first round playoff match over Dundee, 3-0, behind the scoring of Debbie Berl, Lori Pressley and Michelle McGuire; Kathy Boughton had two assists. Maureen Kretchmer added another, and Cardinal goalic Donna Mykins turned in the shutout.

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The Cards were eliminated by Webster Thomas, 1-0, in a second round contest.

HOCKEY — Bob Case of Aquinas scored four goals and one assist to lead the Rochester Monarchs over the Niagara Falls Sharks, 13-6.

SWIMMING
Mercy's varsity swim
team, coached by Bruce
Smith, will compete in the
girls' state swimming test
Nov. 10-11 at Monroe
Community College.
Sophmore Lisa Kenny and
junior Erin Sheehey will
compete in the freestyle
and breaststroke events,
respectively, for Mercy.

French Culture Portrayed in Dance

Recently, the French III, and IV classes of Geneval DeSales, under the supervision of Miss Doreen DeSain, attended a French concert given by Les Sortilege at Henniger High Shcool, Syracuse.

According to Allie D'Amico, RapAround coordinator for DeSales, this folk group, since its formation in 1966, has earned an enviable reputation in Quebec and throughout Canada as a promoter of Quebec culture. The group originated in St. Stanislaus High School and at first contributed to education and the spread of cultural activities. In 1969, on a tour of France, Les Sortileges took on a new objective without losing sight of its original goals. The group's new purpose is to spread traditional popular art, especially dancing throughout Quebec and beyond.

The show consisted of solo and group dances. A female member of the company narrated and offered a brief background of each dance,

speaking in French as well as in English. At one point, in the show, random members of the audience were invited to come on stage and learn a simple tap dance step.

Field trips such as these are encouraged at DeSales to enrich the student's awareness of the cultural aspects of the French language.

Senior Day

What started out some years back as seniors planning entertainment for the sisters at Nazareth Academy convent for Founder's Day, Oct. 15, which commemorates the origins of the Sisters of St. Joseph, is now traditional.
Only it has been turned around - now the sisters invite the seniors to be their guests at the convent. So, on Oct. 15, students and faculty joined the sisters in a special Eucharist in the convent chapel After Mass, they all shared cider, donuts and some lively conversation.

