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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.

John T. Sullivan, the first head football coach Aquinas Institute ever had, died Dec. 7, at the age of 82.

Sullivan coached the Little Irish from 1930 when he started the program until 1945; his teams won 67 games, lost 28 and tied 8.

Sullivan was graduated from the University of Rochester and later returned to his alma mater as freshman football coach, assistant varsity coach and scout from 1946 to 1968.

He is credited for laying the groundwork and

building the tradition of Aquinas' nationally known football powerhouses of the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Aquinas played only one game in its first year under Sullivan when it lost to the University of Rochester freshman team, 7-6.

The following year Aquinas won all six of its games.

He was a good athlete himself in his younger days — he was a 150-pound quarterback, a catcher on the baseball team and a member of the basketball team at the U of R.

Bishop Kearney has reinstated a varsity club at the Kings Highway school; its new president is Ray Cali; vice president is Gina Speckgoor;

secretary-treasurer is Jerry Carges.

Purpose of the club is to honor BK athletes; members receive a Varsity Club patch to wear on their lettermen's sweaters, have their name engraved on a plaque in the BK gym, and receive free admission to all Kings' home games.

Club members are also responsible for gate control and concessions at the home games.

Cardinal Mooney defeated Greece Olympia, its Maiden Lane neighbor, 66-43, in basketball, with Bob Keenehan (13), Jeff Johnson (12), Eric Simmons and Mike Goodberlet (10) finishing in double figures.

Goodberlet came back a few days later to score 23 points and Keenehan 22 as the Cardinals topped Franklin, 64-56.

Mike Sheehy, a McQuaid transfer, led East High to wins over McQuaid, 71-45, and Edison, 54-40; he hit 20 points for the Orientals in both games.

Gurnal Jones scored 20 to lead Kearney to a 59-51 win over crosstown rival Irondequoit and the Little Irish of Aquinas found out what it's like to tackle one of the state's small school powers when it lost to Bishop Ludden of Syracuse, 80-52 in Syracuse.

McQuaid won its third straight without a loss in Monroe County Hockey by nipping Brighton 3-2 on goals by Mike Post, Mark Howard and Tom Baglio; earlier the Knights stopped Pittsford Sutherland, 2-0, behind goals from Tim Keegan and Tony Salazzo.

McQuaid also won its fifth straight without a loss

in swimming with a 64-15 win over Edison — the win was the Knights' 89th straight City-Catholic League victory.

The Knights' 200-yard medley relay quartet of Marty Mahoney, Mike Tuite, Jeff Talbot and Neil Brophy set a pool record of 1:51; Dave Fitzgerald (200 and 500-yard freestyle events) and Paul Swift (IM and butterfly) were double winners.

NAME DROPPING — Paul Zaretsky, St. John Fisher grad, warmed up in the uniform of the Baltimore Metros the other night, but played a few minutes for the Rochester Zeniths; he was traded from the Metros to the Zs only moments before the game got underway.

Larry Lane, a Mooney grad, scored with one

second left to give Nazareth College a 69-67 win over Geneseo State. Lane finished with 13.

Kathy Frosolone scored 15 points to lead St. John Fisher to its fifth women's basketball win without a loss.

Jody Lavin, a DeSales Geneva grad, scored 25 points to lead the University of Rochester to a 65-56 win over Brockport State in women's basketball.

Jennifer Jensen of Nazareth qualified for the women's small college national swimming championships in Nazareth's 88-41 win over Utica College. The championships are scheduled for March 8-10 at Reno, Nev. She qualified in the 100-yard freestyle.

On The Go

AQUINAS
Thursday, Dec. 21 — Christmas relays, East High, 4:15 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 22 — Christmas holidays begin.

CARDINAL MOONEY
Wednesday, Dec. 20 — Christmas Mass.
Thursday, Dec. 21 — Girls Athletic Council meeting; carnation sale; staff Christmas party, 3 p.m.; Christmas Concert, 8 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 22 — Last day of classes.
Saturday, Dec. 23 — Christmas Formal.

DESALES
Friday, Dec. 22 — Christmas Concert, 8 p.m.; Christmas recess begins.

MCQUAID
Dec. 20-21 — exams.

NAZARETH
Thursday, Dec. 21 — Advent Penance Service; Chorale Rochester Products, 10-30-1:30 p.m.;

band rehearsal, 2:45-4:30 p.m.; Theology and Art Department meetings.
Friday, Dec. 22 — Homeroom parties; Christmas assembly; Christmas Formal, Holiday Inn Downtown, 8 p.m.; Christmas recess begins.

NOTRE DAME
Wednesday, Dec. 20 — French Liturgy, 1:15 p.m.; Set up for Golden Mass, 3-4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 21 — Golden Mass, 8:45 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 22 — Delivery of Christmas baskets, 9 a.m.; Christmas dance, Eastowne Mall, 9-1 a.m.

OUR LADY OF MERCY
Thursday, Dec. 21 — Golden Mass; Christmas recess begins.

ST. AGNES
Friday, Dec. 22 — Christmas assembly; Christmas recess begins, 2:30 p.m.

Christmas Portrait

I have sensed the fresh-cool scent of Christmas,
Where the snow path spreads my way.
And icy wind embraces me with joy,
While naked trees grab and touch the heart,
And their twigs artistically tangling-flex
As the flakes of snow silently fall.

I have sensed the sweet-pure scent of Christmas,
Where the peaceful path spreads my way.
And my heart is embraced by joy.
Much love thought covers my long naked soul,
And an old history awakes me with hope
As my songs of salutation silently sing.

By ELIZABETH TRUONG
Nazareth Academy.

Wishes for a Blessed Christmas
From McQuaid

Where It All Starts — Grade School Basketball

By JOHN DOSER

Mark Kaseman, who coaches two St. Boniface elementary school basketball teams in the Rochester CYO League, is a trader by nature.

He is president of the Rochester Trade Exchange, a business based upon some 150 members who trade or barter their services and products with each other.

Kaseman trades his coaching time too — for the pure enjoyment and pleasure which results from teaching and watching youngsters grow up.

His players are fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders at St. Boniface School, ranging in age from 10 through 13. One team is made up of seventh and eighth graders — that's the varsity — and the other of fifth and sixth graders — that's the junior varsity.

The teams are called the St. Boniface Bullets and they perform weekly before crowds as high as 50 for varsity games and 60 for JV games — all St. Boniface parish parents, brothers, sisters and other fans.

Kaseman started coaching in 1970 when he was in the Army in Europe; he coached basketball and football overseas and when he got back home the following year he learned his new parish hadn't fielded a basketball team in three years because it could not find a coach.

"I went over and talked with the pastor and the men's club and I told them that if they would let me coach I would run a good team, a well-disciplined team, and

represent St. Boniface in the proper manner," Kaseman explains.

"So they decided they would give me a shot and I've been coaching ever since. In 1976 I started coaching the second team — up until then it was only the one team."

Kaseman's first team attracted only 11 boys and all but three were in the seventh grade; the Bullets won only once in 11 games that season.

The situation reversed the following year, now that he had eight veterans on the club and the Bullets finished 7-4.

"Then it was 2-8, 9-2, 9-2, 6-2, 6-5, 5-5, and 6-5; this year we're 3-1 on the varsity and 4-0 on the JVs," he says.

The varsity is in the southwest division of the Eighth Grade CYO League and the JVs are in the eastern division. The varsity plays 10 games and the JVs play 13 games.

The varsity games are played Sunday afternoons at area high schools including Cardinal Mooney and McQuaid.

This year Kaseman carries 15 youngsters on the varsity — although he only dresses 12 for the games — and all the kids come from St. Boniface School although league rules allow for up to five boys from the parish area at large.

"I've never taken anybody except the kids in the school — not in the parish, but in the school."

He has at least one prospect who might make some noise when he gets to the high school level.

"We keep statistics for all our games and one boy, John Chatt, recently broke our all-time one-game scoring record with 20 points. He also had 27 rebounds. He's about 5-8, 150 pounds, an eighth grader, and destined for high school stardom."

To be honest, Kaseman says, he'd rather not single out his players because it's his philosophy that if the Bullets win, they win as a team; and if they lose, they lose as a team.

Kaseman uses other "incentives" to motivate his players however.

"Each week, as a goal for the kids, I nominate the most valuable player of the week, the offensive player of the week, and the defensive player of the week for both teams.

"We have a chart in the school hallway where I put their names each week."

This is organized basketball at the grass roots level, Kaseman says. He knows he's

deeply involved at the ground floor level and he loves it.

"I've had 14 kids go on to play some sort of high school basketball although none have ended up as the so-called stars. I coach because I love these kids. It gives me something to do and I enjoy helping them formulate Christian ideals and attitudes."

Kaseman may also feel he's paying back an old debt, although he doesn't look at it that way, at least not out front.

He grew up on CYO basketball courts himself and knows first hand what it's like. It isn't big-time high school and newspaper headlines ball but there's little difference in the amount of sweat his kids work up in order to score points and win games.

"They work just as hard as high school kids," Kaseman adds, "and we all love every minute of it!"

DeSales Voices

The DeSales vocal group will present a Christmas concert, Dec. 22, 8 p.m. In the days preceding this performance, they will entertain at the Pyramid Mall, The Town and Country Plaza and the Retarded Adult Center at the American Legion in Geneva. Before the Friday night concert, students will also carol through the neighborhood surrounding DeSales High School. Soloists will include: Freshmen Laura Sullivan, Felicia Farr, Sheila McWilliams and Carter Cortelyou — seniors Holly Cortelyou and Tina Lorsong.

This concert will be followed by a performance at radio station WGA, Dec. 24.

Holiday Formal

The senior class at Notre Dame High School will present the "Evergreen" Christmas dance, Dec. 22, 9-1 a.m. at the Eastowne Mall. Music will be by "Clockwork" and tickets are on sale in the homerooms for \$7.