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## Sports Who's Who

**(Editor's Note: Send brief news items for Who's Who to RapAround, 51 Boxwood Lane, Fairport, N.Y. 14450).**

McQuaid's double swimming victory over Oakfield-Alabama and Geneseo hiked its unbeaten dual meet victory string to 91; the Knights topped Geneseo 47-36, and downed O-A, 61-22 for their seventh straight win of the season.

**Marty Mahoney** set a school mark in the 200 meter IM with a 2:22.39 besides winning the 100 meter backstroke; the IM record was only two seconds off the Nazareth College men's team pool record.

**Neil Brophy** won the 50 meter freestyle and 100 meter butterfly and freshman **Dave Geen** took the 200 and 500 meter freestyles against O-A and was second in both against Geneseo.

**Dave Fitzgerald,** an eighth grader, took second in the 200 meter free and third in the 500 meter free against both opponents.

It was a frustrating season for coach **Kathy Cavalieri's** Bishop Kearney girls' gymnastics team — the Kings finished with a 4-2 record in their first season of competition against City-Catholic opponents, but the wins and losses did not count in the league standings.

**Lori Farrell** under normal circumstances would have made the league all-star team, but her performances didn't count toward all-star points either.

In the city qualifier for next spring's Section 5 test, Farrell won the balance beam with a 7.65 and did well on the uneven parallel bars, vaulting and floor exercise.

She finished with a total of 31.8 points which is still not her best output of the year — she had a 32.6 in U.S. Gymnastics Federation competition.

A junior, Farrell has one more year remaining at BK and hopes that next year the Kings will be a member of an organized league where her and her teammates' points will count.

She is also a member of **Duncan Ververs'** Deaconettes Gymnastics Club.

**FOOTNOTES** — McQuaid transfer **Mike Sheehey** finished with 22 points and 12 rebounds in East's 66-43 basketball win over Cardinal Mooney ... Sheehey, 6-3½, has a younger brother at McQuaid; eighth grade brother Tom is already 6-5 and a member of the Knights' JV team. **Bob Keenehan** led Mooney with 16.

**Mike Robertson** topped McQuaid with 15 as the Knights fell to Franklin, 47-45 ... Bishop Kearney led Madison, 29-23, at halftime, but saw the Wilson Parkers rally to win, 58-51 ... **Mike Eblacker** led the Kings with 16 points.

**Dave Masca, Chris Van Dyke, Tony Persica** turned in pins as Aquinas downed Rush-Henrietta Roth, 43-23, in wrestling ... **Jim Post** scored two goals in McQuaid's 4-1 hockey victory over Aquinas.

McQuaid gained its fourth hockey win against no losses by stopping previously undefeated Irondequoit, 4-0 before 1,200 at Lakeshore Rinks.

**Tim Kelliher** scored two goals for the winners with Post and **Mark Howard** adding singles.

**Jody Lavin** (DeSales, Geneva) is only a freshman at the University of Rochester, but she's averaging 23 points a game for the Yellowjackets' women's basketball team.

Nazareth won its fourth in a row without a loss in men's basketball with a 61-59 win over Houghton when **Stan Slade** dropped in a 25-foot jump shot with two seconds to play.

**Chuck Schott** (McQuaid), a defensive end for Army, was named to the Associated Press All-East college football team.

**Billy Nealon** (ex-Kearney) defeated Peru's Enrique Botto in a second round match of the International Junior Orange Bowl tennis singles championship in Miami Beach, 6-0, 6-2; he stopped **Dag Willoch** of Norway in a first round match, 6-0, 6-2.

**Nick Urzetta** (Kearney) scored a career high of 35 points to lead St. Bonaventure to a 119-103 win over St. Francis in basketball at Olean.

# Top Slot in Volleyball Reserved for Mercy Team

**By JOHN DOSER**

Our Lady of Mercy's girls' volleyball team seems to have carved its name in stone with regard to first place in the Private-Parochial Girls' Volleyball League.

Mercy owns a 7-1 record and leads Harley-Allendale-Columbia, its nearest rival, whose record is now 6-2.

Mercy coach Sister Cathy Pflegar says Mercy has never been out of first place in volleyball — for as long as she can remember.

Her memory is as good as the 12 years she's been coaching and teaching at Mercy.

"We haven't had a volleyball league for 12 years, but ever since we've had the league we've been in first place.

"We won our first trophy in 1972 from a league, but we (Catholic schools) were playing against one another before that — probably since 1968 — we've been in first place probably for 10 years," Sister Cathy says.

She admits Mercy has a couple of good things going for it in the persons of sophomore Lisa Brown and senior Michelle Miller.

"They are both excellent setters; Lisa is a more all-around player who plays good defense as well as being able to put the attack together with setting.

"Both of these gals have exceptionally strong serves — we are a very strong serving team."

Lisa and Michelle are also the two shortest players on the team.

"Michelle is about 5-4 and Lisa is 5-6½. Everybody else on our team is 5-9," Sister Cathy says.

Sister Cathy observes that despite that slight shortcoming on Mercy's side, most of Mercy's opponents are even shorter.

Mercy's most consistent hitters or spikers are junior Becky Kaltenhach and senior Clair McKay.

"These two have the highest percentage of good hits. Becky also has an excellent floater serve which is very hard to return; Claire's serve is also pretty good."

Girls' volleyball teams also have their specialists.

"One of our specialists is junior Erin Sheehey — the sister of the Sheehey basketball players (Mike at East and Tom at McQuaid).

"She enjoys playing attack; she just loves to get in there and play the net. She's 5-10 and has been doing very well in the hitting as well as on any free ball that comes over the net close enough for her to spike down at the opponent.

"She just does a great job and she is also a great blocker."

Senior Anna Lynch is Mercy's back row specialist.

"Anna is about 5-7 and plays in the back row for Erin; I substitute Anna for Erin — the backrow is another whole ball game.

"Anna just picked up the overhead serve this year; she had been serving the sidearm serve and worked on the overhead long enough to get it down pat and put it into her games.

"Vilia Dedinas, another senior, is 5-9 and very strong in both attack and serving; Katy Coyle, also a senior, is also a good back row player. She's 5-6."

Sister Cathy counts all eight girls as starters, depending on different situations.

"It depends on where we start in the serving rotation. We only have eight on the varsity and Wein isn't as strong in the back row as the others, so I substitute for her.

"It's great when you have people who can specialize in the back row and you can put them in when you want to."

Volleyball rules permit each player to enter a game three times, Sister Cathy explains, with all starting six players being considered one entry into the game.

Mercy has a JV team this year for the first time; the JVs, also coached by Sister Cathy, won four of their first six games.

Sister Cathy is optimistic about Mercy's chances in the sectional tournament which gets underway in a few weeks.

Two years ago Mercy finished runnerup in the Section 5 finals and the team has advanced beyond the first round several times.

Mercy's only loss of the season was to Harley-Allendale-Columbia which Mercy defeated handily the second time around.

## Winners Circle

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