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Swimmers Hard to Beat

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Every year McQuaid swim coach John Tobin is asked what he possibly can do the following year for an encore.

Every year he says he doesn't know.

After four years of the same questions, performance speaks louder than words — Tobin and McQuaid just keep on doing what they do best — winning.

There is a new twist to this year's McQuaid swim schedule, but the results, so far, haven't changed McQuaid victories.

Tobin says many schools which formerly appeared on the Knights' swim schedule, especially Class B schools, this year chose to remain in their own classifications.

McQuaid compensated, however, by adding a number of Class C schools to its schedule — schools which don't mind swimming against the "city powerhouse" in the new Nazareth College pool.

Class C schools, Tobin explains, like to swim against quality teams and traditionally McQuaid provides fair competition — although the Knights obviously don't give anything away.

"We normally match competitiors with what we have, so it gives us a big chance to swim boys we normally don't swim in a varsity meet.

"So, it's good for us because those kids improve a whole lot and it's good for the opponents because they swim in the new metered pool at Nazareth.

Some of the Class C opponents this season include Geneseo, Attica, Albion, Medina, Oakfield-Alabama and Avon.

McQuaid currently is a Class A school and when sectional tournament time rolls around, the Knights compete in Class A against Monroe County League swimmers.

McQuaid swims in the City-Catholic League's Division I this season which includes Harley-Allendale-Columbia, Marshall, East, Charlotte, Edison and Aquinas.

The Knights own a 92-dual meet winning streak (as of last Tuesday), which includes both City-Catholic and non-league meets dating back to 1972 when the Elmwood Avenue crew last lost to Jefferson High.

McQuaid has also won four C-C championships in a row, including the title back in 1972, despite the loss to Jefferson.

Tobin doesn't back off, necessarily, from taking on tougher opponents, so long as they are more or less experiencing similar training conditions.

"Since we train in four lanes, we normally produce two or three superb swimmers, county champions, almost. On the other hand, we don't produce the second and the third swimmers that are necessary for a meet.

"Now if we were to go against any school which trains in six lanes, then we might squeeze out every other first place. We would even get two or three first places out at Sutherland, which is not an exaggeration.

"But then, five places score in six lanes. So, we'd get a first and maybe fifth. Consequently, for three or four swimmers on the team, that would be superb competition.

"But for the remaining 44 boys on the team it would be completely demoralizing. So, of course kids who develop and really go all the way as far as they can with all the assistance they can get, they would like to be swimming against some really tough opponents.

"That would be good for them, and if the majority of my team were made up like that, that's where we'd be. But the majority of my kids are just learning to swim, or just learning a new stroke."

Team captains this season are Henry Rohrer and Mike Tuite, both seniors. Rohrer holds the City-Catholic record in the medley relay (butterfly) and Tuite is a breaststroker who probably will be part of the foursome which could break the aforementiond medley relay City-Catholic record.

The Knights' two powerhouses, as Tobin likes to call them, are seniors Neil Brophy and Marty Mahoney.

Brophy won the intersectional qualifier last year in the 500 freestyle and finished second in the sectionals. He also finished sixth in the state meet.

"He can swim anything; he's good for first or second place in anything against anybody," Tobin says. Brophy also holds the C-C mark in the 400 free relay.

Mahoney owns the C-C record in the 100 free, the 400 free relay and the backstroke; he owns the McQuaid school record in the 50 free: and he owns part of the C-C record in the medley relay.

Three other seniors contribute their share of the victories: Tom Byrne (IM, backstroke), Marty Naber (freestyle), and Mike Amalfi (sprinter).

There is also one junior and one sophomore on the team with excellent McQuaid careers ahead of them: Jeff Talbot, a junior, is also on the C-C record 400 relay team and swims behind Mahoney by only one second in just about every stroke, Tobin says.

Matt Bower, a sophomore, is a diver who recently broke a McQuaid diving record set six years ago. He dives 202 points, Tobin says.

These are the Knights' best swimmers; behind them is is a variety of juniors, sophomores and freshmen, all waiting for their share of the limelight.

Winners Circle

RapAround weekly will run a photo of a group of students taken somewhere in the diocese. One person will be circled and if that person brings the clipping to the Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following our publication date, he or she will receive $5. This week's photo was taken at Bishop Kearney during class. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, Jan. 9 to receive $5.

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.

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HOCKEY — **John Burke** scored the game-winner late in the third period to give Aquinas its first victory of the season, over Penfield, 2-1. **Tom O'Donnell** scored the other Little Irish goal.

Craig Bower scored four goals and **Mark Howard** added three more as McQuaid topped Rush-Henrietta Sperry, 10-0. McQuaid goalies **John Taillie** and **Jim Herzog** combined to make only four saves on Sperry shots.

Eric Kolb scored the only goal of the game for Bishop Kearney which lost to Pittsford Sutherland, 4-1; earlier, **Dave Fess** scored four goals and **Ray Higgins** added five assists in the Kings' 9-0 win over Rush-Henrietta Roth. **Bill Stephan** scored one goal and assisted on four others for BK and Kings' goalie **Brett Costello** stopped 30 shots.

Joe Viscardi and **Tom O'Donnell** scored a goal each as Aquinas tied Pittsford Mendon, 2-2.

BASKETBALL — **Bob Keenahan** scored 18 points for Cardinal Mooney but the Cardinals dropped a 51-49 decision to Madison.

Mark Magliocco scored 12 for Aquinas which lost to Jefferson, 56-45.

Edison's 66-51 win over Kearney was a busy one for game officials who called enough fouls to result in a total of 74 free throws for both teams.

SWIMMING — McQuaid won its 92nd consecutive dual meet victory in a row with a 51-32 decision over Harley-Allendale-Columbia. **Marty Mahoney** set a City-Catholic League record in the backstroke (:59.8) as well as a Knights' school and pool mark in the individual medley (2:09.9).

Dave Freese won the 100 and 200 yard freestyles, but Aquinas dropped a 54-29 nod to Charlotte.

WRESTLING — **Tony Rotoli** pinned his opponent at 177 and **Brian Mulcahy** won a major decision at 167 to lead Aquinas to a 41-23 non-league win over Honeoye.

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NAME DROPPING — **Father William Burns,** retired pastor at St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, scored the first hole-in-one of his golfing career last month at the Mark Twain golf course. Father Burns aced the 160-yard 15th hole with a five wood.

Nick Urzetta, St. Bonaventure cager from Bishop Kearney, shared co-player of the week honors in Division I, ECAC.

John Schmitz, ex-Kearney, is one of five St. John Fisher gridders to win All-American Club Football recognition; Schmitz made first team as a linebacker; teammate **Tom Gibbs** (Avon) made 2nd team offensive center; **Terry Principe** (Kearney), **John Palmisano** (Kearney) and **Mike Mandrino** (Victor) made honorable mention at defensive tackle, safety, and running back, respectively.

Dick Buerkle, ex-Aquinas, recently addressed students at Harvard and after the talk went out and won an AAU-sanctioned mile race in 4:00.0.

Jim Panaggio, ex-Mooney, is averaging 10 points per game for Dartmouth which competed in the Rochester Basketball Classic last weekend at the War Memorial.

Kris Accieri, ex-Mercy, is a member of the RIT women's hockey team; she's a senior, stands 5-3, and plays left wing.

Bill Nealon, ex-Kearney, lost in the quarterfinals of the International Junior Orange Bowl tennis tournament to **Fritz Buehning** of Short Hills, N. J.; Nealon is a freshman at USC; Buehning attends crosstown rival UCLA.

The **Rochester Press Radio Club** will honor three women at the first Greater Rochester Sports Women of the Year Awards luncheon, noon, Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the Genesee Plaza Holiday Inn.

Guests scheduled to appear at the annual PR Club's Pro Athlete of the Year Dinner the same evening at the Americana include: **Terry Miller, Phil Woosnam, Ron Jaworski, Lou Piniella, Joe Altobelli, Dave Bing, Gordie Howe** and **Jack Kemp.**