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Basketball Coach Sees Brighter Future

By JOHN DOSER

When Tony Ferrara took over the head basketball coaching job at Aquinas, he knew up front he was the third varsity coach in as many years.

He figured he would find players who had developed different playing habits because of the difference in coaching styles among his three predecessors.

"Some of these kids had only played CYO or YMCA recreation ball and of course the biggest thing was getting used to me."

Aquinas lost four of its first seven games under Ferrara but in only one of them — Syracuse Bishop Ludden — were the Irish really not competitive.

"We lost a one point game to Hilton in the Hilton tournament and we lost a double overtime game to DeSales in the tournament consolation game.

"You're talking about three different points where we might have been the champion," Ferrara explains.

The Irish have also played unbeaten and City-Private League front running Jefferson — and even had the Hornets down by 10 points at one point in the game — before running out of gas.

Ferrara has five seniors, two juniors and three sophomores on the varsity — but still calls his club one of the most inexperienced teams in the league.

"Two of my starters, Lonnie Kazcka and Mark Magliocco, didn't play last year and only Gary Huether and Steve DiLaura saw much action last year at all.

"So, even though it's an old club in terms of years in school, they're still fairly inexperienced."

Ferrara's team is in second place to Jefferson without any of its personnel among the league's top five scorers.

In fact, Ferrara says he has only two players in the double figures: one with eleven points per game average and the other with ten.

Huether and Magliocco are Ferrara's most consistent scorers; Huether is 5-9, 160 pounds and a senior guard who is probably the club's most stable performer.

Magliocco is a 6-0, 185 pound senior guard who sat out last season because of a football injury. He made the All-Star team in the Hilton Christmas tournament.

DiLaura is perhaps the most experienced player at 6-2, 205. He's a senior who played last year and does well for the Irish on the boards and on defense.

Sophomore Bob Magee has been starting for the Irish; he played for last year's undefeated Aquinas JV team (14-0); he stands 5-10 and weighs 170 pounds.

Kazcka is a 6-1, 200 pound senior. He plays baseball and

football as do most of the other players except Huether, according to Ferrara.

Aquinas' bench strength needs further development, and the first to respond to the call of duty is Tom Crilly, a 5-10 180 pound junior who plays excellent defensive ball.

Bob Mulcahy, another 6-2, 200 pound sophomore, is vastly improving; John Loiacono came off the bench in the Hilton tournament and scored seven points which leads Ferrara to believe he's beginning to find some bench strength.

Mike Paris, a senior, and Charlie Schiano, a junior, fill out the Irish roster.

While the Irish are in the smaller City-Catholic division, two of their tougher opponents are Bishop Ludden, and McQuaid of the C-C League's large schools division.

Aquinas played Ludden for the second time this season



The Aquinas basketball team will play McQuaid, Jan. 13 at the Dome Arena. The game will precede Rochester Zenith play (Aquinas, 5 p.m.; Zeniths, 7:30 p.m.) when they battle Jersey City. Advance ticket sale will be at Aquinas: students, \$1.25; adults, \$2.75. Aquinas players kneeling from left to right; Tom Crilly, Gary Huether, Mike Paris, Mark Magliocco; standing; John Loiacono, Steve DiLaura, Richard Thomas, Charles Schiano, Bob Mulcahy, Lonnie Kazcka, Tony Ferrara (coach), Bobby Magee.

Sunday afternoon at the Dome Arena; they face at the Dome, in a preliminary McQuaid at 5 p.m., Saturday, to a Rochester Zenith's basketball game.

Sports Who's Who

Editor's Note — Readers may send brief news items for this column to Who's Who, 51 Boxwood Lane, Fairport, N. Y., 14450.

McQuaid's fifth place finish in the holiday wrestling tournament at Spencerport High was not unexpected. What was surprising was the fact that four Knights won individual championships at the annual Spencerport Lions-Bernabi Memorial mat test.

Those winners included Rob Starkweather (112), Lem Rogers (155), Vince Baiaomonte (167) and Phil Lanzatella (177).

McQuaid coach John Roselli says he was pleased beyond expectations; he points out it's not uncommon to put four boys into the finals but you never count on four winners, especially not in this tournament which is considered by many to be one of the toughest in New York State.

Winner of the tournament was Huntington, L.I., which finished with 221 points. Spencerport took second with 202 points; Athens, Pa., was third with 176; Hilton was fourth with 183.

Aquinas dropped a pair of basketball games to Hilton's "Cardiac Cadets" and Geneva DeSales in the

holiday cage tournament at Hilton.

The Irish lost a 61-60 thriller to Hilton when Lon Kazcka missed a 15-foot jumper with three seconds left to play.

Kazcka led Aquinas with 17 points and teammate Mark Magliocco added 16.

Against DeSales the winning Saints had to go two overtimes before pinning a 56-52 loss on the Irish.

Mike Hessney led the winners with 19 points; Aquinas, with a hot first period, took a commanding 17-4 lead, but the Genevans moved to within five points at halftime, one point after three periods and pushed the game to the wire where it ended 43-43 after four periods.

Cardinal Mooney, which has lost to East, Madison, Monroe and R-H Sperry — all top teams — is ranked 12th in sportswriter Tom Batzold's personal Top 15 area high school basketball teams.

The Cards dropped a 69-42 nod to Sperry over the holidays with Bob Keenehan's 18 points the best effort for Mooney.

FOOTNOTES — McQuaid tied Greece Arcadia for third place in the ninth annual Sperry Swim Relays. Both teams finished with 66 points in

the meet won by Sperry with 76; Newark was second with 72.

Aquinas topped Rush-Henrietta Roth in Monroe County hockey with a 6-3 victory; six different players scored for the Irish who won their first game of the season after four losses.

Chip Kitchen scored the three goal hat-trick to lead unbeaten McQuaid to a 9-0 hockey win over Webster Thomas. The Knights scored five goals in the first period.

Other Knight scores came from Mike Post, Jim Post, Mark Howard, Stu MacKenzie, Craig Bower and Kim Keegan.

Aquinas fell to Fairport in an earlier hockey game, 7-5; Mike Nuccitelli scored two goals for the Irish.

St. John Fisher's women's basketball team will not compete in the annual Manufacturers-Hanover Tournament this season because of a heavy schedule according to school officials.

Meg Tuttle, a Cardinal Mooney grad, is back among the starters for Nazareth College women's basketball; she averaged 14 points per game as a freshman last year.

Jody Lavin, a Geneva DeSales grad, is averaging 23 points and eight rebounds per game for the University of Rochester women's basketball team.

Winners

Beth Bateman, a freshman at St. Agnes, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Dec. 13.

Nancy Petrone, a student at Geneva DeSales, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for week of Dec. 20.

Robert Manchester, a student at Notre Dame in Elmira, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Dec. 27.



Planners of the high school exchange day are from left: Nancy Siembor, moderator of Entity; Wanda Dansler, Cathy Reynolds, Debby Miller and Brother Raymond Powers, moderator of the Student Faculty Forum.

Mooney, Madison Students Exchange

On Tuesday, Dec. 5, 30 Madison High School students shared a school day with Cardinal Mooney students over at the Maiden Lane school. They attended classes, participated in gym and enjoyed lunch get-togethers.

"While I visited Mooney," described one student, "I was impressed with the actions of the students toward me. They were willing to accept me for the person I am. They made me feel comfortable and that made for a really relaxed atmosphere."

Two days later, 30 Mooney students returned the visit to Madison:

The idea for the student exchange between the two schools originated from the efforts of Wanda Dansler,

Debby Miller and Cathy Reynolds, members of Mooney's Entity Club. They discussed their idea with Brother Francis, principal, explaining that the exchange would promote mutual friendship, understanding and cooperation along with a practical knowledge of how things are done in another high school. They also emphasized that this

type of exchange would be more lasting than meeting in athletic competition.

Students from both schools admitted the experience to have been beneficial, especially Mooney junior Marica Maduski who declared, "The exchange program is a good idea and I hope it will continue in the future with Madison."

Spirit of Giving

The Christian Action Movement of Our Lady of Mercy helped spread the spirit of Christmas by contributing food baskets to Rochester needy families. Each homeroom had one family to supply and throughout the month of December brought in a variety of groceries. They

also provided fresh vegetables and meat for family Christmas dinners. On Dec. 21, the school community gathered to celebrate the Golden Mass and students brought in additional food items to fulfill last minute requests for other families.