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McQuaid Icers Are Two Way Threat

By TERRANCE J. **BRENNAN**

Good ice hockey teams are generally proficient in one of two ways: either they assault their foes with a devastating offense or they employ a skintight defense and starve their opponents off the ice.

Rarely does a team come along that excels at both.

The McQuaid Jesuit High School Knights are in first place in the Monroe County Hockey League for just that reason. The Knights, under coach Bob Pedersen, boast the top defense by far in the league and the second most productive offense (behind Irondequoit). As a result, McQuaid is undefeated through its first 11 games this

The success of the team surprises many, but not Pedersen.

"I'm pleased, but not really surprised. After all, we had a lot of returning players this

Pedersen lost only two players from last year's team; 17 returned.

A glance at the league's top *scorers shows McQuaid with only one player in the top ten, junior Jim Post (10 goals, 19 assists, 29 points, tied for second place). Second place Irondequoit has five players in the top ten and fourth place Pittsford Mendon has three.

"We've developed a team approach to the game and it reflects in our scoring," Pedersen said. "The boys are unselfish out there; they'll give up a bad shot to give somebody else a good one.'

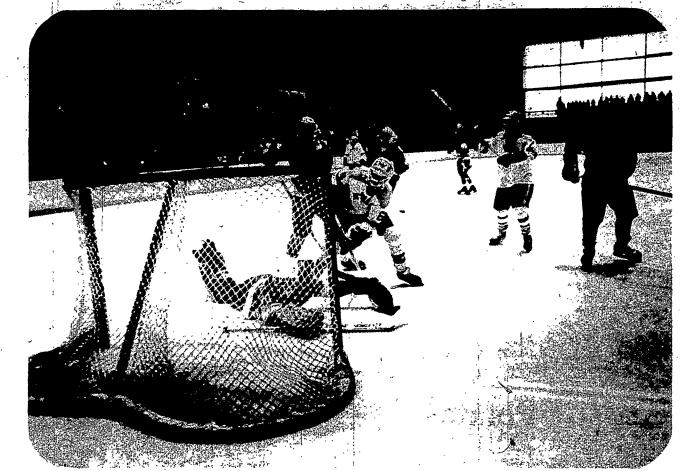


Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

McQuaid's Chip Kitchen (6) scores the winning goal during a scramble in front of the net in 4-3 victory over Pittsford Sutherland. The Knights are undefeated in their first 11 hockey games this year.

The best of the league's goaltenders is senior John Taille. Taille has given up only 11 goals in nine games for an average of 1.23 goals against per game.

"I'm really not facing many tough shots because of our defense. They make it simple," Taille said, "All I have to do is stop the first shot and then not worry any more."

Senior forward Tom Baglio agrees. "We've got a strong defense. We have really good

defensemen and forwards who are willing to backcheck. Everybody hustles," Baglio said.

"Tony Solazzo, Jim Kelliher (seniors), Mike Post and Craig Bower (juniors) give us a nice strong defense,' Pedersen said. "I think we're a well-balanced team; We skate very well. That, and I think we're well-conditioned."

For conditioning, the team goes back to the school after every practice and works out for 45 minutes to an hour. The program includes running a mile and a half to two miles outside regardless of the weather, lifting railroad ties, running the stairs and jumping rope.

Their conditioning and experience pays off on the ice late in the games when their opponents can't keep up with them. The most recent example of this was the

AQUINAS Saturday, Feb. 3 — Crystal Ball Dinner Dance,

Logan's Party House, 7

Wednesday, Jan. 31 —

Thursday, Feb. 1 -

Faculty meeting, noon

DESALES Thursday, Feb. 1 —

Parent-teacher interviews, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5

Faculty meeting.

Student Council assembly.

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Knights' game against Pittsford Sutherland two weeks ago. McQuaid lost a 3-1 lead early in the game and were tied going into the final period.

"Sutherland really out hustled us that game," Pedersen said, "But they had seven or eight kids who must have seen some 40 minutes of ice time. That has to make you tired, and I think it did them.

"The one move we made different in the Sutherland game was I took Tim Keegan off his line with Post and John Shane and replaced him with Chip Kitchen in the third period and he gets the winning goal. He makes you look good, doesn't he?"

Last year, McQuaid had a fine team with a 12-6-1 record. but the big difference between this year and last is the experience.

"I think last year's team would have lost that game with Sutherland," Baglio said. "This year we have the experience to hang on to the close game and not choke under the pressure."

With the season barely past the halfway mark, can McQuaid go undefeated the rest of the way?

"It's going to be very tough," Pedersen said. "I've told the kids it gets tougher every game. It's good for our players to have pressure put on them. So far they have held up very well under it."

"It's going to be hard because everybody is out looking for us now," Post said.

just say 'Hey, let's go un defeated'. If we do that, we're in trouble," Baglio said. "We have to take one team at a time; one game at a time."

Students Involved In Schools Week

Over at St. Agnes High School, Catholic Schools Week, Feb. 4-10 will be observed by school activities and guest speakers. An issues assembly, Feb. 2, sponsored by the Student Senate will be addressed by Mrs. Gina Ouweleen, president of the Rochester Federation of Catholic School Parents. She will speak to the students about the aims and support of Catholic schools, as an alternative means of education.

Also speaking will be Judge Anthony Bonadio who will

aiscuss the structure of Family Court and ways young adults can solve some of their problems and avoid going into

The school radio station, WTNT, will feature comments from different subject departments relative to the objectives of the school, as well as brief addresses fromthe alumnae. Students and their families are being urged to attend Mass commemorating Catholic Schools. Week at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Sunday, Feb. 4, 2:30 p.m.

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Sport News Wanted!

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MCQUAID Tuesday, Feb. 6 -Academic Council meeting, 1:50 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7

Faculty meetings, dismissal at 1:28 p.m.

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Thursday, Jan. 31 -Student exchange with Aquinas.

Thursday, Feb. 1 -PATON meeting, cafeteria, 7:45 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4 — Catholic Schools Week Liturgy, Sacred Heart— Cathedral 2/30 p.m

Monday, Feb. 5
Homeroom moderators
meeting, 2:45 p.m.;
Parents obtain report cards, 6:30-9 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 6 - FSC-JESC Recognition Day; Parents obtain report Wednesday Feb 7 - pm.

Faculty meeting, rm. 317, 2 p.m.

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Administrative board meeting.

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