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Six Years of Star Athlete Teamwork Ends With Cardinal Mooney Graduation

By Anne Rabideau

Every one of the 301 students in Cardinal Mooney's 1979 graduating class has contributed something special to the Mooney community over the years — but four young women stand out — Debra Berl, Kathy Boughton, Nancy Neary and Lori Pressley. They have been the catalysts of the girls sports program for the past four years at Mooney. They all started their athletic careers at Mother of Sorrows School and 1979 marks the sixth year the girls have participated on the same sport teams together.

Kathy is the only student now at Mooney who has been in all four girls varsity sports during her four years. She has earned three varsity letters in field hockey and two letters in volleyball, basketball and softball. She was a City-Catholic All Star selection in field hockey during her junior year and a Greece Athlete of the Year nominee for three years.

Kathy gives credit to her father for teaching her much of what she knows and also considers her friends an important part of life. Her most memorable moment in

sports came this past basketball season when Mooney played Mercy. Kathy made a last second shot which sent the game into overtime and the Cards went on to win. Kathy titles the occurrence as "The happiest three seconds of basketball I ever played."

This Fall she is off to Slippery Rock College in Pennsylvania in hopes of playing on the field hockey and basketball teams. She will major in Physical Education and Health.

Lori has lettered in field hockey twice, basketball once, and softball three times. The schedule of the high school athlete is a hectic one and Lori praises her parents for supporting her through the years. She also stated, "Just wanting to play and not giving up" has been her major motivation in sports.

Lori's memorable event was her famous "collision" two softball seasons ago when she and a teammate crashed in the outfield while chasing a fly ball.

Lori will attend Genesee Community College and will play field hockey, basketball and softball next year.

Nancy has been on the field

hockey team for three years and the basketball and softball teams for all four. On top of this, she has maintained a high academic average and is a member of the National Honor Society. She says basketball is her favorite sport because it is the one she enjoys the most.

"Wanting to get better" along with the support of her friends and coaches is what has kept her going during her four years in sports. Nancy will study nursing this September at Monroe Community College and will go out for the basketball team and perhaps the softball team.

Debbie, president of the Girls Athletic Association, has served as captain of the volleyball and softball teams, played basketball for three and field hockey all four of her Mooney years. She feels that the most important thing she has learned through sports is that it is essential to have a good relationship with your parents. In Debbie's case — "They were the ones who told me to keep at it."

She considers the volleyball sectionals, sophomore year, a memorable event. The team had been defeated and they were quite discouraged after



Photo by David Mallory

Nancy Neary, Debbie Berl, Lori Pressley and Kathy Boughton Neary, have been involved in sports since the sixth grade over at Mother of Sorrows. During the last four years they have been busy dividing their talents with all of Mooney's sport program.

the match. "That really made me stop and think and see how important sports are to me," she said.

"Sports has been something that has helped me and made me happy. Now I want to be

able to help others more."

She will be attending Rochester General Hospital for nursing courses.

Ed Nietopski, Mooney athletic director, said of the four girls, "I have witnessed

four years of loyalty, dedication and perseverance from Nancy, Debbie, Lori and Kathy as they represented Cardinal Mooney on the athletic fields and courts. They have been a credit to our program and to our school."

AQ Player Disproves Form Necessary for Wins

By Terrance J. Brennan

While waiting to meet Mike Paris, the City-Catholic Tennis League's top singles player, I caught myself stereotyping the Aquinas senior as looking typical of the professional players seen on television: six feet tall, lean, lithe. I expected your average Bjorn Borg or Jimmy Connors.

So when I was approached by a five foot, seven inch, stocky mass of muscle who claimed to be Paris, my jaw just about hit the floor. "This is the best tennis player in the league?" I asked myself.

Paris, told of my expectations, took it in stride as he does with everything he encounters. "Sometimes, I don't even play like a tennis player," Paris said. "If you watch me, the form isn't there. I'm sloppy."

Mike, the son of James and Catherine Paris of Villa Street, leads the City-Catholic League with a 10-1 record. He also leads the league in hustle and feels that his aggressiveness gets him by in matches against some of the tougher players in the league.

"If you watch from the sidelines," Paris said, "you'll

say 'Look at him. Short. Stubby. Slow. He's going to get killed'. But when the match starts, things change."

"My serve is my best weapon, so I try to win points right off it. Then I charge the net to keep my opponent as deep as possible to try and force him into the error. I may not look as good as my opponent, but I'll get to any ball he hits me."

I asked Paris if he felt he touched every inch of the court during a match because of his hustling technique. "Yes," he chuckled, "in all kinds of positions. I've gotten cut-

in a few matches diving for a ball, but I've got to play that way."

Paris has played varsity tennis for three years now, as the number two man his sophomore and junior years and this year as his team's top seed. Not bad for a guy who has never had a lesson in his life.

Bob D'Ettore, Aquinas tennis coach, feels that Paris' attitude has overcome any problems with his game because of his size. "He keeps a level head and plays a point at a time," D'Ettore said. "That's what you have to do to win."

Paris relies on Coach D'Ettore, but always has an old friend at every match to lend him special support.

"Joe Castronova. Just him being there helps," Paris said. "I'm really very grateful for his help."

"He was my baseball coach in pony league. He talks to me and helps me immensely with my mental attitude. He'll get off work early just to come to a match. He goes out of his way to help me."

Paris also was a member of the Little Irish basketball team

("I sat the bench just for something to do.") and played linebacker on the football team. His college plans include Hobart where he'll major in a social science field and go out for the tennis team.

Throughout the interview, I tried to think of a way to describe Paris for this story. The best I came up with was 'aggressive scrounger' but Paris did me one better as he's been doing to opponents all year.

"I'm a hacker," Paris said, "It's as simple as that."

Sports Who's Who

Cardinal Mooney's Mike Goodberlet won the high jump, triple jump and long jump to highlight the competition last week in the City-Catholic track Section Five qualifying meet at East High. Other winners included: Craig Rice (McQuaid) in the 220-yard dash; Vana Grattet (McQuaid) in the 330 intermediate hurdles; Rich Price (McQuaid) in the 440-yard dash; Paul Callens (Aquinas) in the mile; Chris Koller (McQuaid) in the two-mile; McQuaid's mile relay team (George Peacock, Andrew Higgins, Jed Hagan, Rich Price); the

Aquinas two-mile relay team (Tom Crilly, Daryl Mercader, Jeff Huber, Steve Macaluso); Dan Geen (McQuaid) in the shot put; John Jenkins (McQuaid) in the discus.

BASEBALL UPDATE: Bishop Kearney clinched the Carter Division in the City-Catholic League, scoring five runs in the fourth inning en route to a 11-9 win over McQuaid at Kearney.

In the battle for overall supremacy in the City-Catholic League, Kearney

junior Mark Henry pitched a one-hitter and struck out eight as the Kings beat East High, 3-1, to snap the Orientals' 13-game winning streak.

Greg Egan drove in three runs and Mike Roach and John Carbone each drove in two as Cardinal Mooney routed Madison, 10-2.

Len Rizzotti drove in six runs, three on a home run as Mooney rolled over Franklin, 17-4.

Tom Shannon pitched a no-hitter for McQuaid through 5 and 1/3 inn-

ings but the scoreless game against Marshall was called in the bottom of the sixth because of rain.

Tom Schott hit a grand slam home run and a two-run triple and made 10 putouts from his shortstop position to lead McQuaid over Edison, 10-3.

At the Section Five girls' swimming qualifying meet last week, Mercy made a fine showing. Included among the top finishers were: Erin Sheehy, second in the 100-yard breaststroke;

Lisa Kenny, third in the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle events; Mary McVey, fourth in the 100-yard backstroke; and Mercy's relay teams that finished third in the 200-yard medley and fifth in the 400-yard freestyle.

Henry Rohrer, a senior at McQuaid, won the New York State Laser Championship at the Ithaca Yacht Club.

McQuaid wrestlers Vince Balamonte (178 pounds) and Phil Lanzatella (191) were among the local area

qualifiers for the National Freestyle Wrestling Championships this summer in Johnson City, Iowa.

McQuaid's John Ryan carded a 74 to win medalist honors in the Catholic League sectional golf qualifier at Durand Eastman Park. Also qualifying for the sectional team were Brian Maloney (Cardinal Mooney) 76, Kevin Mills (Aquinas) 77, and Mike Geitner (Bishop Kearney) 78. Alternates are Ron Howarth (Cardinal Mooney) and Tom Frisina (McQuaid).