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Elmira — Notre Dame doesn't have any tennis courts, but that hasn't stopped the school's tennis team from winning championships.

On May 23, Notre Dame defeated Corning East High School 4-1, to complete a 10-1 season, winning its fourth Bi-State League championship in the last six years, and the third consecutively.

The team, which plays its home meets at Broadway School, entered sectional play the last week of May, with junior Jim Frisk defending his sectional Class B singles championship. Also competing were John Burns in singles, and doubles teams of T.J. Stapleton and Sang Pak, and Beth Ayotte and Tom Wheeland.

The team has two other distinctions in local tennis circles: it is one of the few co-ed teams in the league, with most other schools fielding a girl's team in the fall, and it also is one of the few boy's teams coached by a woman.

Coach throughout the team's 10 years of existence has been Sister Beatrice Curran. She became involved that first year, she said, on the insistence of two Notre Dame students who wanted to field a team, Mike Rutzke and Ed MacGuire. They had been told by the athletic director they could start a team if they found a coach and a place to play, sister recalled.

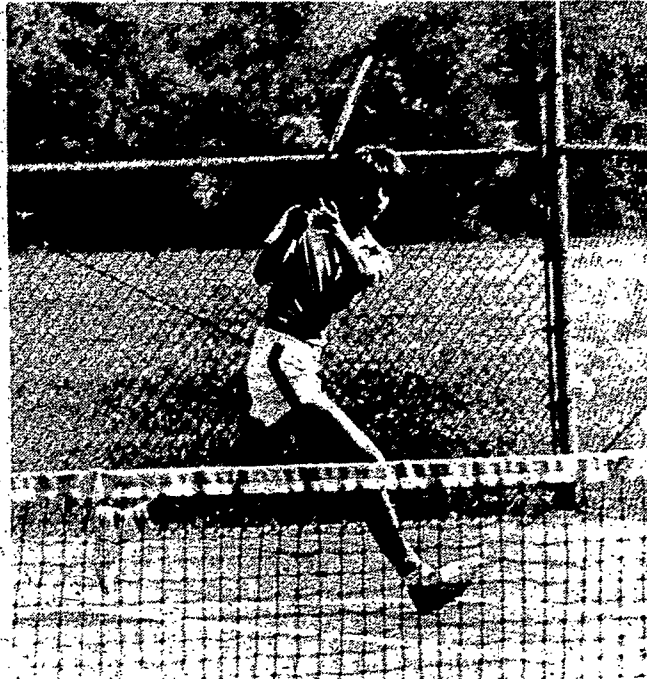


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Notre Dame's Jim Frisk in his win over Jeff Drake of Elmira Heights.

In 1975, leaders on the team's first league championship were John Ryan and Mike Burns, and they initiated a fund to construct courts at Notre Dame. The fund, Sister Beatrice noted, has continued to receive donations, but is still less than half the projected cost of building three courts at the school.

Notre Dame's co-ed status in a league of primarily boys teams has been a benefit to the team, as the female members have contributed to meet points. Senior Beth Ayotte played on winning doubles teams in both of Notre Dame's last two meets of the season, against Elmira Heights paired with her sister Chris, and against Corning East paired with Tom Wheeland.

Notre Dame also fielded a team with a girl as first singles player. And it was no substitute, as Kathy MacGuire, who since has gone to Ithaca College on a tennis scholarship, was one of the best high school tennis players in the area, male or female.

Sister Beatrice noted that

the public schools have been cooperative in scheduling courts for the team. Before this year, both Notre Dame and Southside High School played their home meets at Broadway, and Notre Dame practiced in several locations, she noted. But this year, with the construction of courts at the new Southside High School, Notre Dame has been able to practice and play at Broadway.

Sister doesn't really know when Notre Dame may have its own courts. But based on past experience, that shouldn't prevent the team from continuing its winning ways.

Hospital Seminar

Roger Warner, technical associate in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Rochester Medical Center, explains ultrasound testing to Mericians Ann Gehan, Martha Clement, and Mary McEvoy. More than 60 students from eight area high schools attended this day-long session, sponsored by the Friends of Strong Memorial Hospital. They heard talks given by an instructor in nursing, a medical student, and a hospital administrator, and toured hospital service areas.



CAM Officers Elected

Elections for the Christian Action Movement (CAM) of Our Lady of Mercy High School were held recently and the following girls were selected as officers for the '80-'81 school year: Margaret Hammele, president; Mary Duffy, vice president; and Karen Brankacz, secretary-treasurer.

CAM is one of the major organizations in the school and coordinates such school events as the Golden Mass and May Day.

By Parents Efforts

Frank Riedman presents a check for \$16,000 to Sister Mary Bonaventure, principal of Our Lady of Mercy High School, while Don VerHoeven looks on. The check represents money raised by the Mercedes Club, a parents' fund raising organization for the school.

Sports Who's Who

BASEBALL — Bishop Kearney senior Mark Henry threw his second no-hitter of the year to lead the dark-horse Kings over Penfield, 9-0, in the first round of the sectional tournament. Bishop Kearney beat McQuaid, Jefferson and Aquinas in the last week of the regular season just to clinch a playoff spot. Henry fanned 14 batters and got offensive support from Pat Rodenbeck (2-for-3, three RBI's) and Joe Markiewicz (double and a triple in three at bats).

McQuaid snapped Cardinal Mooney's 18-game winning streak, defeating the Cardinals, 9-4, at McQuaid in the regular season finale for both clubs. It marked the first time Cardinal Mooney (18-2) had lost since their season opener against Greece Olympia. McQuaid (16-6) scored six runs in the first inning on just three hits, including a two-run single by Jim Quinisk.

Mark Henry pitched a two-hitter and struck out 13 men as Bishop Kearney completed their regular season with a 3-1 win over Aquinas.

Cardinal Mooney centerfielder Tim Barone was honored last week as the Rochester Times-Union's athlete of the week. So far this season, Barone is batting an incredible .500 (30-for-60) and has an 18-game hitting streak. He has 17 extra base hits (seven doubles, seven triples and three home runs) and has driven in a phenomenal 49 runs in just 19 games.

Eastridge (9-8) stunned defending Class A champion Bishop Kearney (10-3) in girls' softball sectional action, 17-16, at Iron-dequoit. The Lancers battled back from a 14-6 deficit to defeat the Kings.

Members of the City-Catholic golf league that have qualified for the Section 5 tournament are: John Ryan and Tom Frisina from McQuaid; Dave Hoerth from Cardinal Mooney; Kevin Mills from Aquinas.

Chris Tuite of McQuaid defeated John Zimmerman of Bishop Kearney, 6-3, 6-3, in the finals of the City-Catholic Tennis League Division 1 qualifier for the Section 5 tournament. Paul Merkel and Tom Dornall of

Kearney beat Al Kusak and Carl Gebhardt of Aquinas, 6-4, 6-2, in the doubles final.

McQuaid's 46 total points placed them second behind Monroe's 48 in the 17th annual Aquinas Relays last weekend. First place finishes for the Knights were: the shot put relay (Brian Dermody, Larry Broomfield, Greg Klein, Dan Geen); the discus relay (Dave Klein, Greg Klein, Broomfield, Geen); and the 3,200-meter relay (Mike Chittaro, Peter Glavin, Tom Warth, Jed Hanna).

Dan Geen won the shot put and the discus for McQuaid (7-1) but it proved to be in vain as the Knights were dethroned as City-Catholic Track League champions by Monroe (8-0), 79-57, in action at East High.

Paul Callens won the 1,600-meters in 4:30.1 to lead Aquinas over Madison, 89-57, in other City-Catholic Track League action.

GRAD NOTE — Notre Dame's Tom Hartzell (ex-McQuaid) upset the top two seeds to win the Class B singles title in the Eastern Intercollegiate Tennis Championships at the Mid-

Town Tennis Club. Hartzell defeated his top-seeded teammate, Herb Hopwood, in the semifinals, 6-2, 5-7, 7-5, and then won the final in straight sets over Colgate's Gregg Finn, the tourney's No. 2 seed.

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