

Mooney volleys from two games down to defeat rival Kearney

By Kevin Myers

Battling back from a two-game deficit to the Fighting Kings, Friday, Nov. 22, at Bishop Kearney High School, the Cardinal Mooney girls volleyball team stretched its undefeated record in the City-Catholic league to four games.

"This game is always a rivalry," Mooney coach Joette Abbey said of the Catholic school pairing. "And we always seem to get off to a slow start."

This year's match was no exception to that rule. The Cardinals got off to an horrendous start, spiked by the Kings 15-11, 15-6 the first two games.

But Mooney emerged from the two-game clobbering to return Kearney the favor during the next three games, and clench the match. After the second game, Abbey sternly reminded the Cardinals the match was not over. "The match is not over until after three games (have been lost)," she said. "If you don't agree, then let's just pack up and leave right now."

The Mooney girls certainly did not pack up to leave, but they did pack up some great serves. "We just got all psyched-up for the third game," said Mary O'Reilly who served several aces on her way to earning 13 points in the final games.

O'Reilly served for six consecutive points in third game, putting the Cardinals ahead 8-1. Service was traded back and forth several times for the remainder of the game, but the Kings struggled for only four more points, as Mooney continued to find holes in its opponents' line, earning seven more to win. "We started getting our hits in and regaining our confidence," said O'Reilly.

Despite frequent time-outs by Kearney coach Paul Coppini, the momentum of the match continued in Mooney's favor, and the score of the fourth game was identical to the third. In a team effort by the Cardinals, service points were shared by O'Reilly, Julie Staub, Lisa Brunette, Wendy Georgakis, and Mary Beth Prognos, as Mooney nibbled away

at the Kings two points at a time. Prognos led the team with five service points.

Typical of the teams' past pairings, the winner of the match was not determined until the fifth game. "It's always a five-game match," Abbey noted. The fifth game was highlighted by blistering serves by Prognos and O'Reilly, and then Julie Staub strung together a final three points to claim the match.

On the following day, at the annual Cardinal Mooney Tournament at St. John Fisher College, Kearney vs. Mooney volleyball did not follow its the pattern. In a semifinal rematch, the Cardinals proved the momentum was still in their favor, as they eliminated the Kings in two consecutive games, 15-13, 15-2. Nine teams played in the tournament, representing schools in Buffalo, Syracuse, Batavia, as well as four Rochester Catholic schools.

Mooney lost to O'Hara in the finals of the tournament in three games: 12-15, 15-13, 1-15.



Mooney's Julie Staub powers a serve to Bishop Kearney in the final game of the Friday night match won by Mooney.

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rect. Primarily, he noted that evidence indicates many patients do not want the responsibility of making that decision. Giving the patient the opportunity to choose prevents him from using various psychological methods — denial, anger, etc. — to deal with death. "Placing that choice before the patient may not be a medically caring act," he said.

He said that physicians cannot assume that patients confronted with death will make

good decisions or ones that are in their best interest, and further noted that dying is not exclusively the business of the terminal patient but affects his loved ones as well.

Sider further asserted that the legality of an action does not indicate its moral or ethical value. "You can't cop out and obey the laws, obey hospital policy or obey patients' wishes," he said. "It's the doctor's responsibility to formulate specific, individual recommendations ... The doctor-patient relationship is a covental relationship, not one of vendor and consumer."

The last formal presentation was made by Dr. Milton Luria, professor of medicine at the U of R. Luria stressed the need for patients and physicians to jointly make decisions about resuscitation in terminal illness long before the situation arises. "Doctors shouldn't make decisions beside the death bed," he said.

Luria noted his practice of attending funerals or calling hours for deceased patients and emphasized the need for physicians to be present at the time of death if a DNR order is to be implemented. Ambulance personnel in Monroe County are instructed to administer cardio-pulmonary resuscitation whenever they are called to an arrest case, even if a DNR order has been issued by the physician of record. "If your really don't want CPR to be started, tell families to notify you at the time of death and make arrangements to be there," Luria advised.

Other presentations were made by Vincent Barone, vice president of the St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers' Guild and assistant attorney general of New York state, and Marvin Mich, assistant professor of moral theology at St. Bernard's. Following the presentations, a panel discussion addressed the moral and ethical decisions in two specific medical cases.

Extraordinary synod too short to address all problems since Vatican II, official claims

By Agostino Bono

Vatican City (NC) — The extraordinary Synod of Bishops will be too short to solve all the problems the church has faced since the Second Vatican Council, Archbishop Jan Schotte, synod general secretary, said Nov. 14.

The Nov. 24-Dec. 8 event also is not intended as a mini-Vatican II, he said at a Vatican press conference.

At the press conference, the Vatican also announced 51 non-voting participants of the synod. They include Mother Teresa of Calcutta, winner of the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize; Cardinal John Dearden, retired archbishop of Detroit, and Virgil Dechant, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus.

Cardinal Dearden and Dechant were the only U.S. Catholics named.

Mother Teresa and Dechant were chosen because they belong to Catholic organizations active in promoting church life, the Vatican said. Cardinal Dearden, 79, was named as a special invited guest because he was an active participant at Vatican II.

Archbishop Schotte said the extraordinary synod was not called to examine a wide range of specific issues.

The synod "is not, nor can it be, a mini-council," he said.

With only 12 working days, "the synod can't resolve all the problems which have occurred in the church over 20 years," he added.

Archbishop Schotte said the synod's aim was outlined by Pope John Paul II last January when he made the surprise announcement convoke the synod.

The pope said the aim is to relive the atmosphere of Vatican II, exchange experiences about the application of council teachings and deepen understanding of those teachings in the light of contemporary needs.

Archbishop Schotte said that as of Nov. 14, his office had received answers to a

presynod questionnaire from more than 90 of the 136 national bishops' conferences to which it was sent.

The responses show that application of Vatican II teachings have produced "positive and negative phenomena," he said.

One complaint is that the council's teachings have often "been received through superficial or partial representations," he said.

Another is that "the texts are not studied enough in their totality," he added.

Responses show that "much remains to be done to discover and rediscover the complete richness of the council," the archbishop said.

Archbishop Schotte did not speak specifically on the reports. He said synod rules prohibit publication of those reports.

Archbishop Schotte said the synod will have 164 voting members, of which 103 are from the Third World. He added that 11 are from communist-ruled Eastern European countries.

Canadian Archbishop James Martin Hayes of Halifax, Nova Scotia, was named a papally appointed voting delegate, the Vatican said. The appointment raised to 21 the number of such delegates.

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Catholic Church," Sce said, "but we can't because Michele can't get her annulment."

He cited such questions on the annulment application form as "Did you have sex when you were a teenager?" as the reason she cannot obtain the annulment and called the questions an infringement on privacy.

A number of baptisms have been deferred or delayed throughout the diocese in the past, but no one has ever chosen to make the matter a public issue before, Statt said. He noted that he has been supported in this deferral by diocesan officials, priests and other people in ministry.

Since Sce's first demonstration and subsequent press reports, he claims to have been contacted by hundreds of supporters, whom he has turned away till now. The incident has also prompted a barrage of phone calls on both sides of the issue to Mother of Sorrows Church.

Statt said his overall reaction is one of sadness because what should have been a private matter has gone "all out of whack."

"I'm surprised at the priority the media has given to this issue and the lack of straight facts," Father Statt added.

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most of her life and never married. Her income is less than \$400 per month. Any assistance would be helpful.

12 Mr. & Mrs. D. are an elderly couple. Mrs. D. is chairbound. She even sleeps in a chair. They have a very low income and could use financial help.

13 J. & C. were living in a furnished apartment until a few months ago. Due to very high rent and poor living conditions, they have now moved into an unfurnished apartment. They are both living on Social Security and have little money to buy furniture. J. is blind but is adjusting well to the new environment. C. has a serious heart problem and the stress of moving has taken its toll on her. J. & C. need a rug, bookcase, one or two lamps. They would appreciate any help given to them.

14 Mr. & Mrs. G. are 87 and 92, respectively. Their 69-year-old son, E., lives with them. E. is a double amputee and only has one arm. Mrs. G. has emotional problems and Mr. G. has an ulcer. They spent a great deal of money on home health aides. They would appreciate any help given to them.

15 Ms. A. is a 24-year-old single parent of five children ranging in age from four

months to six years. These children always need clothing and toys, but Christmas is an especially difficult time. Ms. A. is on public assistance and cannot afford to give the children many gifts. A donation of clothing and toys would be appreciated by this young mother and it would make for an extra special Christmas for the children.

16 Mrs. F. is 76 years old and receives very limited Social Security Insurance because she owns a small piece of property on which she does not reside. Affordable housing, food and clothing are a problem because of his inadequate income. Financial help and such other donations as clothing will be greatly appreciated.

17 Mrs. D. is the mother of twin sons who have just started kindergarten this year. Both boys enjoy school, despite learning disabilities. The children's handicaps increase the pressures of raising twin five-year-olds alone, but Mrs. D. is attempting to complete her own schooling in a computer training program. She would like the future to be brighter for herself and her sons. This year's Christmas will be meager, though, with what they can buy on their public assistance grant alone. Please contribute toys, clothing or money to help this family have a Merry Christmas this year.

18 Mrs. T., age 64, lives frugally on her small disability income. Very little is left after paying the rent and utilities, and buying food. She is looking for a cheaper apartment, but not many places will take her two cats, which are her sole companions. Her

only daughter lives out of state. Mrs. T. is recuperating from two emergency heart operations. She really needs a warm bathrobe to wear on those days when she doesn't feel like getting dressed and doing much.

19 Mrs. B. is a 63-year-old lady living independently in subsidized housing. Her small income has been used for rent and medical expenses with little left for food. She recently had eye surgery and is now able to see somewhat. She needs a warm sweater, size 40, and a coat, size 16, for winter.

20 Mrs. C. is a 64-year-old woman who is crippled with arthritis. Mrs. C. is living on a fixed income and supports her teenage son who is in school and trying to locate a part-time job.

21 Mr. A. and Mrs. E. are a disabled couple living on a fixed income with their five children. They budget wisely, but their fixed income does not leave money to provide for Christmas dinner and small gifts for their children.

22 Miss B. and her son, who is 14, are again living together after being separated for three years. Miss B. struggled to raise her son as a single mother but when she found she could no longer control his behavior, she requested help from Catholic Family Center. Placement in foster care provided a family structure and a male role model for Michael, while the mother, through counseling, learned new parenting skills and developed a better self image. Catholic Family Center is still providing

counseling and support to this re-established family.

23 Mr. M. is a Haitian refugee who resettled in Rochester about a year ago. He and his family had been living in Florida, where there were no jobs. Catholic Family Center helped this family of six relocate in Rochester where Mr. M. was able to find a minimum-wage job. He hopes that as he gains experience, his income will improve. There has recently been an addition to this family — a beautiful baby girl.

24 Mrs. H. and her adopted 16-year-old Amerasian son, Linh, arrived in Rochester nine months ago from Vietnam. Mrs. H., a friend of Linh's mother, had agreed to care for Linh when he was a few years old. He had been rejected and mistreated by the mother's new Vietnamese husband. Since he was fathered by an American soldier, Linh and his adoptive mother were eligible for resettlement in the United States, where he would have a better future. They came to this country under the sponsorship of Catholic Family Center and are slowly but steadily adjusting to a new culture and learning a new language. CFC volunteers are also providing assistance and friendship to these newcomers.

25 A family of three has a disabled father who is as yet unable to prove his disabilities. Currently, the family is living on the mother's earnings which amount to approximately \$100 per week. They can't continue without funds for medications and doctors, and the essentials of everyday living.