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Scott Martzloff of McQuaid battles Edison's Albert Babers for a rebound during late action against the Inventors. The Knights opened their season with a 63-50.

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Knights' offense, defense enough to keep Inventors in check

By Richard A. Kiley

Glenn Taggart's 25 points propelled the Knights of McQuaid to a 63-50 win over Edison in Joe Marchese's inaugural game as head coach of the varsity. The Knights never trailed in the win, leading 12-4 after one quarter, 29-20 at the half and 42-36 after

McQuaid was without the services of junior guard Greg Woodard, whose sprained ankle is still in a cast since the Knights' late-November scrimmage against South Park of Buffalo. Woodard should be back for McQuaid's game against Mooney December 19.

Michael Holton (12 points), Tom Veltz (11 points), and Scott Martzloff (10 points) picked up the scoring slack in Woodard's absence. The Knights' man-to-man defense gave the Inventors all they could handle in the first quarter, limiting their opponents to just one offensive shot most of the times down the floor.

McQuaid was able to maintain its lead in the second quarter and increased the margin to nine when Holton nailed a jumper with :03 left, to give the Knights a 29-20 cushion.

Edison's one-man scoring machine, Albert Babers, kept his team close in the third quarter with 10 of his 17 points for the game. The Knights' lead was just 34-31 before Taggart and Joe Williams upped the margin to 42-34 with :50 left in the third quarter.

McQuaid's lead ballooned to 17 points with 3:18 left in the game, and the Knights cruised from there.

Marchese was pleased with the play of his team in its first regular-season game, although he said he sees plenty to work on as the season progresses.

'On the whole I was pleased; we played some pretty good defense. We played a lot of man-to-man defense and shut them down pretty good in the first quarter," said

Marchese, who illustrated he is a firm believer in multiple defenses by switching to zone defense in the second quarter. "If you've got a good coach, he's going to know what to do to beat you if you use the same defenses all the time. I wasn't pleased with our zone defense, though."

Marchese was encouraged by the play of Martzloff (who missed all of last season because of an ankle infection, and of Williams and Veltz.

"I liked the way our scening was balanced," said Marchese, who is assistant principal at McQuaid. "Our fisside and outside game worked pretty well.'

McQuaid (1-0 league, 1-0 overall) will face East this Friday at McQuaid.

In other City-Catholic action: Clutch foul shooting played a key factor in Cardinal Mooney's se son-opening victory over defending Section 5 Class AAA champion Franklin, 56-53.

Keith Gaffney and Peter Mojse's sank two free throws each down the stretch to ice the win for Ed Nictopski's Cardinals.

Kevin Khuns led Mooney with 19 points. He was helped by Gaffney's 12 points and Walt Cusick's 10

'Mike Dianetti came up just short in his first game as head coach of the varsity at Aquinas, as the Little Irish fell to Jefferson, 59-53.

The third quarter spelled doom for Dianetti's squad, as the Statesmen outscored the Little Irish 21-11. Aguinas tead led at halftime, 30-24.

Jim LiVecchi paced Aquinas with 17 points, while Mike Whitfield adde 13.

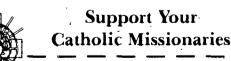
In the Finger Lakes West Division, De-Sales' Sam DeMetro poured it. 19 points to lead the Saints in their first gaint to a 68-40 win. Kevin Powers contributed 13 for Coach Tony Alvaro's squad.

DeSales led 35-25 at the half.

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