

C-J Sports

Upcoming games: City-Catholic Basketball

Bishop Kearney at Franklin, 3:30 p.m., 12/19
 Aquinas at Wilson, 3:30 p.m., 12/19
 Aquinas at Hilton Xmas Tourn., 12/29-30
 McQuaid at Mooney, 8 p.m., 12/19
 McQuaid at Hilton Tourn., 12/29-30

Mooney at Athena Tournament, 12/27, 12/30
 Romulus at DeSales, 6:30 p.m., 12/19
 DeSales at HAC, 6:30 p.m., 12/10
 South Seneca at DeSales, 6:30 p.m., 12/23
 DeSales at Gananda, 6:30 p.m., 1/6

McQuaid shows home crowd, Boenheim a night to remember

Taggart, Holton guide offense in East upset

By Richard A. Kiley

This high school basketball game was not one for those with weak hearts or stomachs.

In front of a delirious home crowd of more than 800 fans, McQuaid upset East, 59-58, in an early-season collision of City-Catholic I titans.

Among the more notable onlookers in the overflow crowd Friday, December 12 — when McQuaid officials had to turn away 200 to 300 late-arriving fans — was Jim Boenheim. The head coach of the nationally ranked Syracuse Orangemen was scouting the big men on both teams, and was treated to a dandy contest.

"His (Boenheim's assistant coach called me earlier in the week and said they wanted to see (Scott) Martzloff and Greg (Woodard)," said McQuaid Coach Joe Marchese, whose Knights are perfect thus far at 3-0 against league opponents and overall. "I think he wanted to check out (East Center Tony) Scott also. I told him in all likelihood that Greg was not going to play. He's still very limited in what he can do."

Not Martzloff though. While Woodard looked on from the bench just days after having the cast removed from the ankle he injured in a pre-season scrimmage, Martzloff answered any doubts as to whether he could play against the league's elite after missing all last season with an ankle infection.

Among the 6'10" junior's several blocked shots was a rude rejection of Scott in the game's early moments. Offensively, the McQuaid big man scored nine points for the night. Teammate Glenn Taggart led all scorers with 20 points.

Martzloff's last basket, with 10 seconds remaining, gave the Knights a 59-56 lead and proved to be the game's deciding points.

The Orientals were led by the adept shooting of both Dave Rizzo and Quinn Smith, who scored 18 and 15 points respectively. Smith's evening was cut short, however, as the Knights drew his fifth foul — and third charging — with 7:13 left in the tight contest.



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Michael Holton pushes the ball up the floor during action from the game against East. Holton dished out nine assists to his teammates in McQuaid's win last Friday night.

"I don't know exactly why Quinn was in there with four fouls; I guess he (East Coach Sal Rizzo) figured that he would play it smart defensively and not pick up a cheap foul. It was ironic that he fouled out because of an offensive foul," Marchese said. "But we pride ourselves (in drawing) the charge; none of those calls were cheap."

Smith's early exit in the fourth quarter couldn't have come at a worse time for East, or a better time for McQuaid. The game was tied at 41, and Marchese and his team knew they had their opponents right where they wanted them.

"Our feeling was if we could make it a fourth-quarter game — in other words, if the game was on the line in the fourth quarter — then we would be successful and win," Marchese said. "We knew it was going to be a close game."

Even in Smith's absence the Orientals were tough though, and they even forged ahead 49-45 after Scott nailed two of his six consecutive free throws in the final quarter.

But Taggart didn't let East off easy. He sent the home faithful into a frenzy with a dazzling move along the baseline, when he anticipated a Scott block and shot just over the out-

stretched center's arms to pull the Knights to within two. In addition to igniting the crowd, the senior guard's field goal spurred teammates Joe Williams and Tom Veltz. Williams tied the game on a layup just moments later, and Veltz put McQuaid ahead 51-49 with a jump shot from 15 feet out.

After Rizzo and Taggart traded baskets, the Orientals hit a dry spell. McQuaid's Michael Holton was perfect on a field goal from the top of the key, and John Kelly added two clutch free throws to make the score 57-51 with :51 to go.

The Orientals continued to keep the game's outcome in doubt, however, when Rizzo's jumper and one free throw from John Jackson and two by Scott pulled East to within one, 57-56.

But Holton kept his teammates composed in the last half minute — even without Taggart who fouled out with :30 to go — and assisted on Martzloff's winning basket. That assist was one of nine for the night for Holton.

"He doesn't really get the attention he deserves," said Marchese of the transfer student from Virginia. "He's our court general out there, and when he can get the ball he can score too."

Holton had 10 points for Marchese's squad. Rizzo hit on yet another field goal from the corner to cut the margin to one with :04 to play, but the Orientals were unable to foul a Knight before time ran out.

Taggart was proud of the way his teammates handled the pressure down the stretch, but said East had to deal with being the No. 1 ranked team in Rochester.

"Like coach said to us before the game, 'East was the team with the pressure on them because they were ranked number one, not us,' said a jubilant Taggart. 'I knew if we could just get the ball in and hold it (with :04 left), time would just run out anyway.'"

"This one is a big one for me and the team," Marchese said. "Beating a team as highly talented as East is a great accomplishment. There's no question that man for man East has more talent, but these kids really worked hard over the summer and it payed off for team."

"And I haven't seen a crowd like that since Tom Sheehey played. It really helps the program in many ways, and it makes the game even more exciting for the kids," Marchese said.

The first-year coach added that his team has no time to dwell on the win, however, with Ed Nietopski's Cardinal Mooney squad next on the schedule.

"We've got to come out and play Mooney the way we played against East and Franklin," said Marchese, whose team drubbed the Quakers by a 71-42 score earlier in the week. "It doesn't get any easier for us."

In other City-Catholic action: Nietopski must have his squad at the free throw line often in practice, illustrated by the Cardinals' second consecutive game decided by clutch foul shooting in the game's waning moments. This time it was Walt Cusick and Scott Trapp coming through for Mooney in a 52-48 win over Mike Ruff's Bishop Kearney team. Both Cusick and Trapp hit two free throws in the last half minute to give the 2-1 Cardinals the win. Kearney fell to 1-2 in the league and 2-3 overall.

A week earlier, free throws made were they key factor in Mooney's season-opening win over Franklin.

Kevin Kuhns led Mooney with 16 points. Aquinas dropped to 1-2 for the season after losing to Monroe 67-45. Once again it was a tough third quarter for first-year coach Mike Dianetti and his team, as Monroe ballooned a three-point halftime lead to 14 points after the quarter ended. Monroe cruised from there.

Mike Whitfield paced the Little Irish with 14 points.

Aquinas notched Dianetti his first win with a 59-57 win over Charlotte.

In the Finger Lakes West Division, the Saints of DeSales lost their first of the season after opening up with two consecutive wins to Honeoye Central, 72-62.

Sam DeMetro led Tony Alvaro's squad with 24 points. Phil Sindoni and Pedro Rojas added 14 and nine points respectively.

Sport Shorts

Both Section 5 and McQuaid officials should be commended for their work at the East-McQuaid hoop game last Friday night. With the intensity level as high as it was both on and off the court, there were no incidents that took away from the classic game that it was. McQuaid AD Tim Jordan had his hands full trying to keep the crowd away from the players in-bounding the ball underneath both baskets. It was so crowded that fans, mostly McQuaid students, were able to sit just inches from the action.

The loud but well-behaved crowd probably was worth about three points for the Knights. It was a great win for the McQuaid varsity, which proved you don't necessarily have to have the top talent in the city to win basketball games. Marchese has his team playing as good as any in the Rochester area, and he is still without the services of junior Gred Woodard. Woodard should return to action against Mooney this Friday.

Congratulations to Greg McMaster and the Cardinal Mooney swim team, which won its first meet in its inaugural season at the Greece high school. The mermen splashed to a first-place win in the 400-yard freestyle relay after taking the 100-yard breast stroke, and beat City-Catholic opponent Marshall, 38-34.

Joette Abbey's Lady Cardinals continue to roll in volleyball after defeating Nazareth last week. Mooney is 7-1 league and 10-4 overall.

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High School League

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| Northwest Division
Holy Trinity 51, Pinnacle Lutheran 16
St. Ambrose 2, Lewis Street 0 (Forfeit)
St. Boniface 58, St. Bridget 52
St. Mary (Canan), St. Stanislaus (*) | Northwest Division
St. Lawrence 67, Most Precious Blood 49
St. Charles Borromeo 48, Our Lady of Mercy 44
Mother of Sorrows, Sacred Heart (*)
St. John Greece, Holy Cross (*) | Southeast Division
St. John Humboldt 74, JCC 62
St. Joseph (Pen.) 54, Faith Lutheran 43
Assumption, St. Thomas More (*)
East Rochester, Oakka (*)
St. John (Fpt.), Good Shepherd (*) | Southeast Division
St. Pius X 76, Holy Name 56
Holy Ghost 70, St. Rita 63
St. Anne, St. John (Spen.) (*)
St. Theodore, Good Counsel (*) |
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Junior High Boys' League

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| Northwest Division
St. Lawrence 34, St. Rita 30
Most Precious Blood, St. John Greece (*)
St. Charles Borromeo 04, Sacred Heart 44
St. John (Spen.) 62, Mother of Sorrow 47
St. Thomas Apostle 77, St. Anthony of Padua 41
Holy Cross (NW), St. Charles Borromeo (SW) (*)
St. Helen's 55, Holy Cross 40 | Southeast Division
St. Pius X, Seton (*)
Holy Ghost 70, St. Boniface 68
St. Anne 68, Charles House 44
Good Counsel 70, Holy Family/Apostles 67
Seton (NW), St. Helen (SW) (*)
St. Theodore, St. Monica (*) | Northwest Division
St. John Humboldt 69, Christ the King 38
Holy Trinity, St. Marg. Mary (*)
Lewis Street, St. Stanislaus (*)
St. Ambrose 71, St. Salome 47
Blessed Sacrament (R2) 38, St. Andrew 26 | Southeast Division
Pinnacle Lutheran 52, Blessed Sacrament 40
CYP (Pittsford Mendon) 73, St. Mary Waterloo 59
St. Michael Newark, East Rochester (*)
Good Shepherd 34, St. Patrick Sen. Falls 31
St. Mary Canan, St. Joseph (Pen.) (*)
St. John (Fpt.) 47, St. Louis (Pitts) 25 |
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Junior High Girls' League

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| East Division
St. Joseph (Pen.), Blessed Sacrament (*)
St. Louis Pittsford 50, St. Patrick (Sen. Falls) 37
St. Mary Waterloo 47, Seton 18 | West Division
CVO 37, St. Francis/Stephen (Gen.) 19
Good Counsel, St. Michael (*)
St. Rita, St. Mary (Canan.) (*) | West Division
Mother of Sorrows, St. Stanislaus (*)
St. Pius X, St. John (Spen.) (*)
Holy Cross, Sacred Heart/Nazareth Hall (*) | West Division
Lewis Street, Christ the King (*)
St. Salome 34, St. Ambrose 15
St. Charles 35, St. Theodore 23 |
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5th and 6th Grade Boys' & Girls' League

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| North Division
St. Thomas Apostle 34, Holy Ghost 25
St. Charles (Greece), St. Pius X B (*)
St. Lawrence 19, St. Pius X A 18
Mother of Sorrows, Holy Cross (*)
St. Marg. Mary, St. John Spen. (Blue) (*) | West Division
Holy Cross, St. John (Greece) (*)
St. Marg. Mary #1, St. Anne (*)
Most Precious Blood, Nativity BVM (*)
St. Anthony of Padua, Good Counsel (*)
St. Andrew, St. John (Spen.) Gold (*) | South Division
St. Michael Newark, St. Mary (Waterloo) (#2) (*)
St. Mary Canan, St. Boniface (*)
St. Patrick (Sen. Falls), Good Shepherd (*)
CYP (Pittsford) 63, St. Mary Waterloo 23
St. Thomas More, St. Francis/Stephen (*)
St. John (Fpt.) White, St. Louis (*)
St. John (Humboldt) White 52, Pinnacle Lutheran 9 | Central Division
St. Ambrose Blue 23, St. Salome 16
St. Stanislaus, St. Joseph (Penfield) Gold (*)
St. John (Fpt.) Red 23, St. Ambrose Gold 2
St. Rita 43, St. John (Humboldt) Red 19
Holy Trinity, St. Joseph (Pen.) Blue (*)
Christ the King, Lady of Lourdes (*) |
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(*) No scores reported