

C-J Sports

Upcoming games: Boys' basketball

Bishop Kearney at McQuaid, 8 p.m., 1/9
 Aquinas at Marshall, 3:30 p.m., 1/9
 Edison at Mooney, 8 p.m., 1/9
 Naples at DeSales, 6:30 p.m., 1/9
 Notre Dame at Horseheads, 8 p.m., 1/9
 McQuaid at Charlotte, 3:30 p.m., 1/13
 Bishop Kearney at Aquinas, 7:30 p.m., 1/13
 Mooney at Jefferson, TBA, 1/13
 DeSales at Dundee, 6:30 p.m., 1/14

Upcoming games: Girls' basketball

Mooney at Olympia Tourn., 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., 1/9G10
 Kearney at Livonia Tourn., 8 p.m., 1/10G12
 Horizon Bank Tourn.—DeSales, 6:30 p.m. & 8 p.m., 1/8G10
 Mooney at Wilson, 6 p.m., 1/13
 Mercy at Aquinas, 4 p.m., 1/13
 Notre Dame at Horseheads, 8 p.m., 1/8
 Elkland at Notre Dame, 8 p.m., 1/10
 Notre Dame at Corning West, 8 p.m., 1/13
 Nazareth at Penn Yan Tournament, 8 p.m., 1/9G10
 Nazareth at Northstar, 4 p.m., 1/13
 Nazareth at Aquinas, 4 p.m., 1/15
 Mercy at Bishop Kearney, 8 p.m., 1/15
 Dundee at DeSales, 6:30 p.m., 1/13
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At Hilton Tournament,

McQuaid rips Hilton, Irondequoit; remains undefeated

By Richard A. Kiley

The Knights of McQuaid continued their perfect start to the 1986-87 high school basketball season last week, winning the 11th annual Hilton Tournament by defeating Irondequoit and the tournament-host Braves.

In the championship game against Carl De-mo's Hilton squad, Coach Joe Marchese's Knights overcame a slow start to maul Hilton, 69-40. McQuaid's Glenn Taggart led all scorers with 22 points, thanks mainly to the precision passing of senior point guard Michael Holton. The transfer player from Virginia handed out 13 assists for the evening.

Junior center Scott Martzloff, 6'10", added 12 points for the 6-0 Knights.

Eric Volkmar paced the Cadets (3-3) with 10 points.

Believe it or not, Hilton led in the game's early moments by a score of 4-2. But a 16-2 scoring spree by Marchese's squad gave McQuaid an 18-6 bulge after one quarter and ended any hopes of a Hilton upset. In the opening quarter, Taggart scored 10 of his 22 points for the evening.

McQuaid opened up a 28-15 lead three minutes into the second quarter after Martzloff's slam dunk shook the Hilton gym, but the Cadets cut the margin to nine going into the locker room at halftime. Volkmar's buzzer-beating jump shot made the score 32-23 at intermission.

After the Cadets scored the first three points of the second half, McQuaid went on an 8-0 run, which opened up a 40-26 lead. The Knights led 50-30 after three.

The fourth quarter featured two dazzling baskets by Taggart, which once again were made possible by Holton's awareness of his teammates' locations on the court. On both occasions, Taggart raced behind a sagging Cadet defense to convert Holton's long passes down the court into baskets. McQuaid opened up a 64-34 lead before Marchese allowed his starters to sit.

Both Holton and Taggart have reaped the benefits of an off-season move by their first-year coach. Last year, Taggart handled most of the point-guard responsibilities, but Marchese felt the senior would be more productive as a wing man. The coach's hunch has paid big dividends for the Knight offense this season. Taggart is lighting up the scoreboard — he shot an impressive 11 for 14 against the Cadets in the tourney final — and Holton is dissecting opposing offenses as if he were a surgeon.

"I told him (Holton) flat out (before the season) that I wanted him to play point for me," said Marchese, who has coached the junior varsity program at the all-boys high school in



McQuaid's Scott Martzloff battles Troy Prince of Hilton for a rebound during the championship game of the Hilton Tournament as Michael Holton looks on. The Knights cruised to a 69-40 win.

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Brighton. "Holton is the key to the move; he had really impressed me. He's a lot more valuable (to McQuaid) than a lot of people give him credit for."

To get to the final game against the host Cadets, McQuaid beat Irondequoit 85-63. Junior Greg Woodard poured in 26 points, marking his strongest game since returning to action after a pre-season ankle injury. Taggart added 21 for the Knights, who led just 36-33 at halftime. McQuaid outscored Chris Cardon's Indians 29-19 in the final stanza to pull away for the win.

Marchese was quick to point out that the victory over the Indians was anything but an easy one.

"With the exception of the last quarter, (the game against) Irondequoit was a pretty close game," Marchese said after the win. "The final score was not indicative of how close the game really was."

Although the Knights are unbeaten thus far, at times Marchese's squad has had a tendency to let down. If the Knights wish to keep their record unblemished, that pattern must change.

"I've cautioned them against that," Marchese said. "These are the type of kids who get up for the really big games, and I've been warning them that the Tuesday afternoon games will get them if that keeps up. One of our goals this year has been to regard all teams equally."

Marchese added that the season will only get tougher now that many of the city teams will benefit from the return of several players who had previously been ruled academically ineligible.

"We don't face the change in personnel that a lot of the city teams do," said Marchese, who added that nine of his players have academic averages of 90 or above. "This is why we have to be careful with teams like Marshall, Jefferson and Charlotte. We've got to get better; we can't rest on our laurels."

Coach Mike Dianetti's Little Irish squad was two minutes away from making it an all-Catholic final, but Aquinas lost a four-point lead in the final two minutes to Hilton and eventually fell, 61-58.

Hilton's Cory Mee put his team ahead for keeps with :51 seconds left, after his two free throws gave the Cadets a 59-58 lead. Dianetti's squad did have one last chance to win the game in the final seconds, but Sean Schiano missed on a shot from in close. Volkmar closed out the scoring for Hilton with two free throws before time expired.

Aquinas (2-4) beat Irondequoit 57-45 in the consolation game of the tournament. This time, however, free throws were on Aquinas' side, as the Little Irish converted 15 of 21 from the stripe in the win over the Indians. Junior Mike Whitfield of Aquinas hit seven foul shots in a row in the second half, and led all scorers with 25 points for the night. Schiano added 11 points for Dianetti's squad.

Pat Higgins led the Indians (2-4) with nine points.

Dianetti's luck with the Little Irish hasn't always been good this season. Aquinas has dropped several close games, a trend the new coach hopes to turn around once his players become more experienced in tight-game situations.

"We'll get better as the season goes on. I think the losses have been because of inexperience more than anything else," Dianetti said. "Things are going pretty much as expected; I wish we had a few more wins though."

In the past two games, he noted, his players seem to have gotten a grasp on what he wants them to do.

"Offensively they're starting to take the shots I want them to take," he added. "We should get better."

Sport Shorts

Coach Ed Nietopski's Cardinal Mooney squad found the going tough in the Greece Athena tourney, which took place during the holidays. In their first game against Rush-Henrietta Sperry, the Cardinals succumbed in two overtimes, 66-64.

The Comets led 27-24 at the half. The score was tied at 56 after regulation and 60-60 after the first overtime session.

Kevin Khuns led Mooney with 18 points, and Peter Mojselj contributed 14.

In the consolation game, the Cardinals fell to Wilson 51-43.

Mooney had led 25-23 at intermission, but couldn't contain Mike Sheppard in the second half. Sheppard poured in 14 points for the night and dished out 10 assists.

Over in Section 4 (Binghamton area), the Crusaders of Notre Dame are off to a 4-2 start under Coach Mike Johnston.

Notre Dame fell to Vestal in the final game of a Christmas tourney over the holidays.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

High School League

Northwest Division St. Bridget, St. Ambrose (*) St. Boniface, Lewis Street (*) St. Stanislaus, Pinnacle Lutheran (*) Holy Trinity 62, St. Mary (Canan.) 60	Northwest Division St. John Greece, Most Precious Blood (*) Mother of Sorrows, St. Charles Borromeo (*) Our Lady of Mercy, Sacred Heart (*) Holy Cross 87, St. Lawrence 65	Southeast Division St. John Humboldt 81, St. Thomas More 78 Assumption 69, St. Joseph (Pen.) 46 JCC 49, Good Shepherd 47 Faith Lutheran, Oatka (*) St. John (Fpt.) 62, East Rochester 52	Southwest Division Good Counsel 74, St. John (Spem.) 55 St. Pius Tenth 71, St. Rita 48 Holy Name, Holy Ghost (*) St. Theodore, St. Anne (*)
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Junior High Boys' League

Northwest Division Sacred Heart, Most Precious Blood (*) St. Rita, St. John Greece (*) St. John (Spem.) 60, Holy Cross 39 St. Charles Borromeo 80, Mother of Sorrows 50 St. Lawrence, St. Anthony of Padua (*) St. Thomas Apostle (NW), St. Lawrence (*)	Southwest Division St. Anne 60, St. Theodore 53 St. Monica, St. Helen (*) St. Boniface 69, Seton 30 Holy Ghost (SW), Holy Family/Apostles (NW) (*) Charles House 46, Good Counsel 37 Holy Family/Apostles 59, St. Pius Tenth 55	Northwest Division Christ the King 50, St. Stanislaus 31 Lewis Street, Holy Trinity (*) St. Michael (Newark), CYP (Pittsford) (*) St. Ambrose 66, Blessed Sacrament 42 18 St. John Humboldt 78, St. Andrew 48 St. Salome, St. Margaret Mary (*)	Southeast Division Good Shepherd, St. Mary Canan. (*) St. Michael Newark 62, CYP (Pittsford Mendon) 55 St. Mary Waterloo, St. Joseph (Pen.) (*) St. Francis/St. Stephen, St. Louis (Pitts.) (*) Pinnacle Lutheran 69, St. Patrick Sen. Falls 53 East Rochester 60, Blessed Sacrament 49
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Junior High Girls' League

East Division St. Mary Waterloo 46, St. Joseph (Pen.) 24 St. Rita 23, St. Michael 20 Good Counsel, St. Mary (Canan.) (*)	West Division St. Louis Pittsford 50, St. Francis/Stephen (Gen.) 26 Seton, Blessed Sacrament (*) CVA, St. Patrick (Sen. Falls) (*)	West Division Mother of Sorrows, St. Charles (*) St. Salome, Sacred Heart/Naz. Hall (*) Christ the King, St. John (Spem.) (*)	West Division Lewis Street, Holy Cross (*) St. Pius Tenth 38, St. Ambrose 16 St. Theodore, St. Stanislaus (*)
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5th and 6th Grade Boys' & Girls' League

North Division St. Charles (Greece), St. Helen (*) Holy Ghost, St. John (Spem.) Blue (*) St. Thomas Apostle 22, St. Pius Tenth A 18 Holy Cross, St. Marg. Mary B (*) Mother of Sorrows 37, St. Pius Tenth-B 19	West Division Good Counsel, Most Precious Blood (*) St. Marg. Mary #1, Nativity BVM (*) St. Anthony of Padua, Holy Cross (*) St. John (Greece) 38, St. John (Spem.) Gold 1 St. Anne, St. Andrew (*)	South Division St. Mary (Waterloo) #2, St. John (Humboldt) (*) Good Shepherd, St. Mary (Canan.) (*) St. Michael (Newark), CYP (Pittsford) (*) St. Mary (Waterloo), St. Boniface (*) St. Francis/Stephen, St. Louis (*) Pinnacle Lutheran, St. Patrick (Sen. Falls) (*) St. John (Fpt.) White, St. Thomas More (*)	Central Division St. Salome, Christ the King (*) Lady of Lourdes 36, St. John (Humboldt) Red 21 Holy Trinity, St. John (Fpt.) Red (*) St. Stanislaus, St. Ambrose Blue (*) St. Joseph (Pen.) Gold, St. Joseph (Pen.) Blue (*) St. Ambrose Gold, St. Rita (*)
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(*) No scores reported