

C-J Sports

Upcoming games: Boys' basketball

Marshall at Cardinal Mooney, 6:30 p.m., 1/16
 Charlotte at Bishop Kearney, 8 p.m., 1/16
 Red Jacket at DeSales, 6:30 p.m., 1/16
 Aquinas at Edison, 5 p.m., 1/16
 Monroe at McQuaid, 8 p.m., 1/16
 H.A.C. at DeSales, 6:30 p.m., 1/17
 Bishop Kearney at Monroe, 3:30 p.m., 1/20
 Mooney at Aquinas, 6:30 p.m., 1/20
 Southside at Notre Dame, 8 p.m., 1/20
 McQuaid at Wilson, 3:30 p.m., 1/20
 DeSales at Bloomfield, 6:30 p.m., 1/21

Upcoming games: Girls' basketball

Honeoye at DeSales, 6:30 p.m., 1/15
 Mercy at Bishop Kearney, 8 p.m., 1/15
 Nazareth at Aquinas, 4 p.m., 1/15
 Mooney at Dunkirk Tourn., TBA, 1/16
 Mercy at Penfield, TBA, 1/17
 Aquinas at Avon, 2 p.m., 1/17
 Notre Dame at Williamson, 6:30 p.m., 1/17
 Mooney at Dunkirk Tourn., TBA, 1/17
 DeSales at South Seneca, 6:30 p.m., 1/20
 Mooney at Nazareth, 4 p.m., 1/20
 Bishop Kearney at Aquinas, 4 p.m., 1/20
 Mercy at Clarence, 8 p.m., 1/20
 Nazareth at Bishop Kearney, 8 p.m., 1/22
 Red Jacket at DeSales, 6:30 p.m., 1/22
 Spencerport at Mooney, 6:30 p.m., 1/22

Quest begins for girls' hoop title; DeSales wins own tourney

By Richard Kiley

In the boys' City-Catholic basketball competition, McQuaid's team is so far ahead of other Catholic schools as to be in a class by itself. Among the girls, however, the fight for the league championship should prove most interesting, with several girls' hoop programs fielding competitive teams in the competition for the Private-Parochial crown.

Although the Monarchs of Mercy appear to have the inside track in clinching the all-Catholic division, one can't take lightly the chances of a much-experienced Aquinas team or an always-tough Cardinal Mooney squad.

COACH KATHY BOUGHTON'S Mercy team is coming off a 19-3 year, a season that saw the Monarchs become only the third school in Section 5 Class AA to win three consecutive championships.

And unfortunately for Rochester-area teams, the second-year coach has most of her team returning. Boughton did lose Colleen Sheehy (9 points per game) and Stacy Paridon (12 p.p.g.) to graduation, but she has more than enough talent to get far this season.

Senior Beth Wambach returns to the point-guard position, and, according to her coach, is probably the Monarchs' most consistent shooter. Wambach averaged 14 points per game last season, and was unstoppable in Mercy's 14-point win over Rush-Henrietta to win the 1986 Class AA tourney.

Also returning are junior Rita LaForce, who brings solid defensive play to the guard position, and Julie Seitz. The senior forward was Boughton's "chairman of the boards" last year, averaging seven rebounds per game.

Mercy will also be bolstered by Bernadette Fagan, a 5'11" sophomore who transferred from Edison Tech in the off-season. "With her (Fagan) and Julie underneath, we should be tough under the boards," Fagan played an integral role in the Lady Engineers' upset of East in the sectionals last year.

Junior Laura Wambach, who constantly frustrates opposing teams with her relentless defensive pressure, is also back.

Boughton also has the luxury of a deep bench, with senior Kerry McCarthy (6 p.p.g., 5 assists), Jennifer Baxter, Ann Paonessa, and Margi McCrank able to play. In all, Boughton has seven returning players from last season's team, which fell to Lockport (Section 6, Buffalo area) in the Far Western Regionals.

According to Boughton, who played basketball, softball, volleyball and field hockey while she attended Cardinal Mooney, this year's team will also resemble last year's squad in its style of play.

"I imagine we'll score 50 percent of our points off the fast break," Boughton said. "Experience is going to help us this year. Most of the players started or saw quality time last year."

A GLUT OF EXPERIENCED players should carry the Irish of Aquinas far this season. Coach Mary Beth Sadler has everybody coming back from last year's 12-8 team, which defeated Waterloo in the first round of the sectionals before falling to Pittsford-Sutherland in the quarterfinals.

Donna Enright is one of three seniors returning for Sadler. Enright, who also plays soccer and softball for Sadler, averaged 13 points per game last year. Also back are senior Tracey Lioi, a forward who averaged 11 points per game last year, and Michelle Tuttle. Tuttle took a two-year hiatus from roundball after playing her freshman year, because basketball interfered with the co-ed swimming at Aquinas. Now that AQ has implemented a fall girls' swim team, Tuttle can also play basketball.

Six juniors also make up this year's squad, including 5'11" forward Terry Seiler, Ann Frederick, Marita Vieira, Tracy Delle Fave and Kasey Compisi. Compisi is a transfer from Nazareth, and was a tri-star athlete at her former school.

The AQ program will also be helped by the recent establishment of a junior-varsity program.

"Some of the kids who played on the varsity last year will play JV this year," Sadler said. "It's good to compete at any level, so having a JV team will definitely help us. You know the program is finally on solid ground when you have a junior varsity team."

Sadler has also been dealing with the lack of a gym to practice in. The fifth-year coach has been holding practices at St. John Fisher College, Nazareth Hall, St. Charles Borromeo and Mercy.

"I've told the varsity we could use it to pull us together," Sadler said. "I'd like to think we've become closer because of it... I think we're finally grasping the team concept."

CARDINAL MOONEY COACH Scott Morrison will also be fielding a well-seasoned team in his third year. Morrison lost only one starter from last year's 15-4 squad, which succumbed in the quarterfinals to Edison Tech. Barring injuries, the starting five for the Lady Cardinals will be Cathy and Teresa Nietopski, Lori Padulo, Tracy Schmidt and Alisa Brookins.

"Our strengths are (that) they can all shoot the lights out and we're very quick," Morrison said. "And this is the group I started (coaching) with so they all know me."

One thing the Cardinals lack is height. "Just once I'd like to call a timeout and look up to a girl," Morrison joked. Brookins is the business and physical education teacher's "giant," and she is 5'9". "But we can offset that weakness with our quickness. The twins (Cathy and Teresa) do a great job with the press. We usually press all the time, and score a lot of points off of our transition game."

Morrison does, however, have the unenviable task of getting his team ready for the Dunkirk Tournament. Dunkirk (Section 6) began its season back in early December.

"We haven't even got all the plays in our offense right now and the defense is pretty basic," Morrison said. "We're a different club now than we'll be later."

JOE KENNEY IS in his second year with the girls at Bishop Kearney, and he hopes to improve on the team's 6-12 record of last year. Although he lost two four-year players in Buffy Hodgetts and Jodi Zaccour, the Kearney mentor feels the Lady Fighting Kings will be tough.

Tedi Walsh and Wendy Maher secure the guard positions, while Pam Buddendeck and Kelli Curcio bring stability to the forward spots. Angie Madama also returns from last year's Kearney squad.

Up from last season's 12-6 junior varsity team (which is coached by Julie Bishop) are Johanna Carlo, Martha Reister, Sally Gillespie and Monique Mate.

Kenney said the strong work ethic on this year's team should pay off in the long run. "Everybody on the team went to at least one camp last summer, and they seem more determined this year. They (his players) are very serious."

Kenny also hopes that his squad, which will play mostly Class AA teams during the regular season and Class A opponents in the sectionals, can ride into this season the emotional high of last year's wins over Nazareth and Aquinas.

"I've been looking forward to this season since last season ended," Kenney said.

NAZARETH COACH WALT GORDINIER lost both his captains from last year's 2-15 team, but a solid core of players is returning. Samantha Schramm, who sustained a leg injury midway through last year's campaign, is back in full force as are Amy Budd and Lesley Salladin.

Eileen Hart, who averaged six points per game and eight rebounds, is also up from the junior varsity. Exchange student Ana Perez-Marin should also see action.

Gordinier said the team wants to improve last year's 1-7 league record and hopefully make the sectionals.

"We'd like to make an overall statistical improvement," Gordinier said. "We'll play

an up-tempo game and depend on turnovers to get the quick shot on the fast break."

OVER IN CLASS C, DeSales Coach Steve Muzzi has his girls off and running after they captured the third annual Horizon Bank Tournament held at DeSales.

Muzzi lost Stephanie DeVaney to graduation from last year's 17-2 team, which fell to Honeoye in a Class D playoff. The seventh-year coach also will be without the services of Alisha Priebe, who transferred to Kimball Union Academy in New Hampshire. She is averaging 17 points per game for the New England prep school.

Muzzi does have three starters returning, however, as well as his sixth player. Returning are Krissy Guinan, Babette DeVaney and Stacey Marsteiner. Hollie DeMetro, Jeneane Donahue round out the starting Lady Saints.

Muzzi, who is also athletic director at DeSales, said his team will continue to press the opposition, and convert scoring opportunities out of turnovers.

"We believe in the press and we'll stay with it. We play best when we're running," said Muzzi, who added that he was pleased with the play of his defense in tourney wins against Midlakes and Geneva High. "We'll need a good press if we want to repeat as league and section champions."

IN SECTION 4, where the Lady Crusaders of Notre Dame have been playing since early December, Coach Pat Quinn's girls are 6-3 overall, and 4-1 league.

The sixth-year coach lost Vanessa Lee and Karen McCarthy to graduation — the two were salutatorian and valedictorian respectively — but has seven seniors back on this year's team.

Chris Vetukevic and Lisa Johnston are the guards on this year's squad and will be aided by teammates Theresa Sweeney (forward), Liz Kennedy (center) and Natalie Kozlowski (forward).

The Crusaders have registered some impressive wins already this season — Corning East, Hornell, Elmira Free Academy and Horseheads — and Quinn said the team's confidence is sky-high.

"Our confidence has been increasing as the season goes on. We're looking for the break more often," said Quinn, whose team lost to a powerful Newark Valley squad in last year's sectional tournament. "Even in our losses we have played well."

"The maturing factor has kicked in," the coach continued. "Last year we played well in parts of games, but this year we're putting it together for four quarters."

Sport Shorts

The Knights of McQuaid ran their record to a perfect 7-0, with a 78-53 win over Mike Ruff's Bishop Kearney squad last Friday night. Junior forward Greg Woodard poured in 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to help keep McQuaid unbeaten. Barring any future upsets involving Joe Marchese's Knights or the Orientals of East, it looks like a February 10 showdown between the two Rochester-area titans will decide the champion of City-Catholic Division I.

Hats off to both the Cardinal Mooney and DeSales girls' hoop programs for capturing tournament championships last weekend. Coach Scott Morrison's Lady Cardinals won the Greece-Olympia tourney, and Steve Muzzi's Lady Saints took the third annual Horizon Bank Tournament at DeSales.

Free-throw basketball contest set for youth in Penfield

The annual Knights of Columbus free-throw basketball contest for Penfield youth is scheduled for Saturday, January 17, at the St. Joseph School Gym, 45 Gebhardt Road, Penfield, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Boys and girls aged 11 to 14 are eligible for the competition.

Free entry forms may be obtained from school basketball coaches or gym teachers or by calling Paul Schmidt at (716)586-3213.

High School League

<p>Northeast Division St. Ambrose 69, Holy Trinity 17 Pinnacle Lutheran 2, Lewis Street 0 St. Stanislaus 70, St. Boniface 64 St. Mary (Canan), St. Bridget (*)</p>	<p>Northwest Division St. Charles Borromeo 55, St. John (Greece) 43 Mother of Sorrows, Holy Cross (*) Our Lady of Mercy, Most Precious Blood (*) Sacred Heart, St. Lawrence (*)</p>	<p>Southeast Division JCC 74, CVA 35 Faith Lutheran, Assumption (*) St. Joseph (Pen.) 44, Good Shepherd 53 St. Thomas More, St. John (Fpt.) (*) St. John (Humboldt), Oatka (*)</p>	<p>Southwest Division St. Pius Tenth 60, St. John (Spem.) 48 Holy Name, St. Anne (*) St. Theodore, St. Rita (*) Good Counsel, Holy Ghost (*)</p>
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Junior High Boys' League

<p>Northwest Division St. Thomas, Apostle, Most Precious Blood (*) St. John (Spem.) 87, St. Anthony of Padua 30 St. Charles, Borromeo 72, St. Rita 50 St. John (Greece), Holy Cross (*) Sacred Heart 66, Mother of Sorrows 61 St. Anne 73, St. Lawrence 43</p>	<p>Southwest Division St. Boniface 51, Good Counsel 46 Holy Ghost 65, St. Helen 41 St. Monica, Holy Family/Holy Apostles (*) Seton, St. Theodore (*) Charles House 57, St. Pius Tenth 29 St. Anne (SW), Holy Ghost (NW) (*)</p>	<p>Northwest Division St. Margaret Mary 54, Christ the King 48 St. Andrew, St. Stanislaus (*) Lewis Street, St. Ambrose (*) St. Salome 43, Blessed Sacrament #2 30 St. John (Humboldt), Holy Trinity (*)</p>	<p>Southeast Division CVA 60, St. Joseph (Pen.) 37 St. Louis 63, Pinnacle Lutheran 48 St. Mary (Canan), St. Patrick (Sen. Falls) (*) St. Michael (Newark) 51, Good Shepherd 23 St. Francis/St. Stephen, St. Mary (Waterloo) (*) St. John (Fpt.), CYP (Pittsford-Mendon) (*)</p>
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Junior High Girls' League

<p>East Division Blessed Sacrament, St. Michael (*) St. Rita 29, Seton 24 St. Mary (Canan), St. Patrick (Sen. Falls) (*)</p>	<p>West Division St. Mary (Waterloo) 41, St. Francis (Geneva) 27 St. Joseph (Pen.), Good Counsel (*) St. Louis 58, CVA 24</p>	<p>West Division Mother of Sorrows 33, Christ the King 19 St. Charles 25, St. Salome 24 Holy Cross, St. Pius Tenth (*)</p>	<p>West Division Sacred Heart/Nazareth Hall, St. Stanislaus (*) St. John (Spem.) 36, St. Ambrose 35 Lewis Street, St. Theodore (*)</p>
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5th and 6th Grade Boys' & Girls' League

<p>North Division St. Pius Tenth A, St. Charles (Greece) (*) St. Marg. Mary B 19, St. Helen 15 Holy Cross, St. John (Spem.) Blue (*) Holy Ghost, St. Pius Tenth B (*) St. Lawrence, Mother of Sorrows (*)</p>	<p>West Division Most Precious Blood, Holy Cross (*) St. John (Greece) 36, Nativity BVM 28 St. Anne, St. Anthony of Padua (*) St. Andrew, St. Marg. Mary #1 (*) St. John (Spem.) Gold, Good Counsel (*)</p>	<p>South Division St. Francis/St. Stephen, St. Mary (Waterloo) (*) St. Mary (Canan), St. Patrick (Sen. Falls) (*) Good Shepherd 26, St. Michael (Newark) 19 St. Boniface, St. Mary (Waterloo) #2 (*) St. John (Humboldt) White 53, St. Thomas More 40 St. Louis, Pinnacle Lutheran (*)</p>	<p>Central Division St. Ambrose Gold, St. Joseph (Pen.) Blue (*) St. Rita, Christ the King (*) Lady of Lourdes, St. Salome (*) St. John (Fpt.) Red 25, St. John (Humboldt) Red 22 Holy Trinity, St. Stanislaus (*) St. Joseph (Pen.) Gold, St. Ambrose Blue (*)</p>
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(*) No scores reported