

# C-J Sports

## Sport Shorts

### Festive parishioners

Two parishioners of St. Catherine's of Siena in Ithaca participated in the United States Olympic Festival, which took place July 18 in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Robert J. Kane, a member and former president of the Olympic Committee, came up with the concept of the festival. A native Ithacan, Kane is a founding member of St. Catherine's and is a former athletic director at Cornell University.

Kevin DiGiacomo, a recent graduate of Ithaca High School, was one of 64 U.S. athletes invited to play at the games. DiGiacomo, who played for the East Team, is the son of Angelo and Molly DiGiacomo, long-time parishioners at St. Catherine's and native Ithacans.

### Classic competition

Rochester's Edgerton Recreation Center will once again host promising track stars from around the Monroe County area at the second annual City of Rochester Track Classic on Friday, July 24, at 11:30 a.m.

Competition is open to both men and women ages seven to adult. They will compete in 11 age divisions. Events include sprints, relays, hurdles, long and high jump, softball throw, pole vault, shot put, and discus throw.

Medals will be awarded to first-place winners, and ribbons will go to second- and third-place finishers in each age category.

Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. on the day of the meet and will continue through 7 p.m. or 20 minutes before the start of the event — whichever is earlier. Registration is free to participants 18 and under. All others will be charged \$1, which is payable at the event.

Among the well-known past and present Rochester track and field stars attending this year's event will be: Trenton Jackson, 1964 U.S. Olympian, former Section 5 100M champion and Section 5 record holder in 100M (1963); Darren Hall, 1984 New York state high school 400M champion; Leroy Dixon, former Section 5 400M champion; Andi Kopf, 1987 Section 5 Indoor 45M, long jump and triple jump champion, and Section 5 record holder in indoor long and triple jump; Irene Evans, 1987 New York state high school 300M indoor and 200M dash outdoor champion, and Section 5 record holder in the 300M dash; Brian Studymine, 1987 New York state high school 600M champion, 1987 Section 5 400M, 800M, 1600M relay champion and Section 5 record holder in the indoor 600M relay; and Dave Fladd, 1987 New York state high school pole vault champion, and Section 5 record holder in indoor and outdoor pole vault.

### Fish Catch '87

Registration is now underway for the Kidney Foundation's \$5,000 Cash Fish Catch. Participants could win the guaranteed cash prize for the largest trout or salmon caught August 22 through September 7 in the ESLO Derby on Lake Ontario.

In addition to the \$5,000 prize, the Kidney Foundation will offer 21 specially tagged fish worth \$1,000 each to the lucky fisherman who catches one. Prizes will be awarded at the New York State Fair in Syracuse on September 7. Only one major prize will be awarded per participant, as stated in ESLO rules.

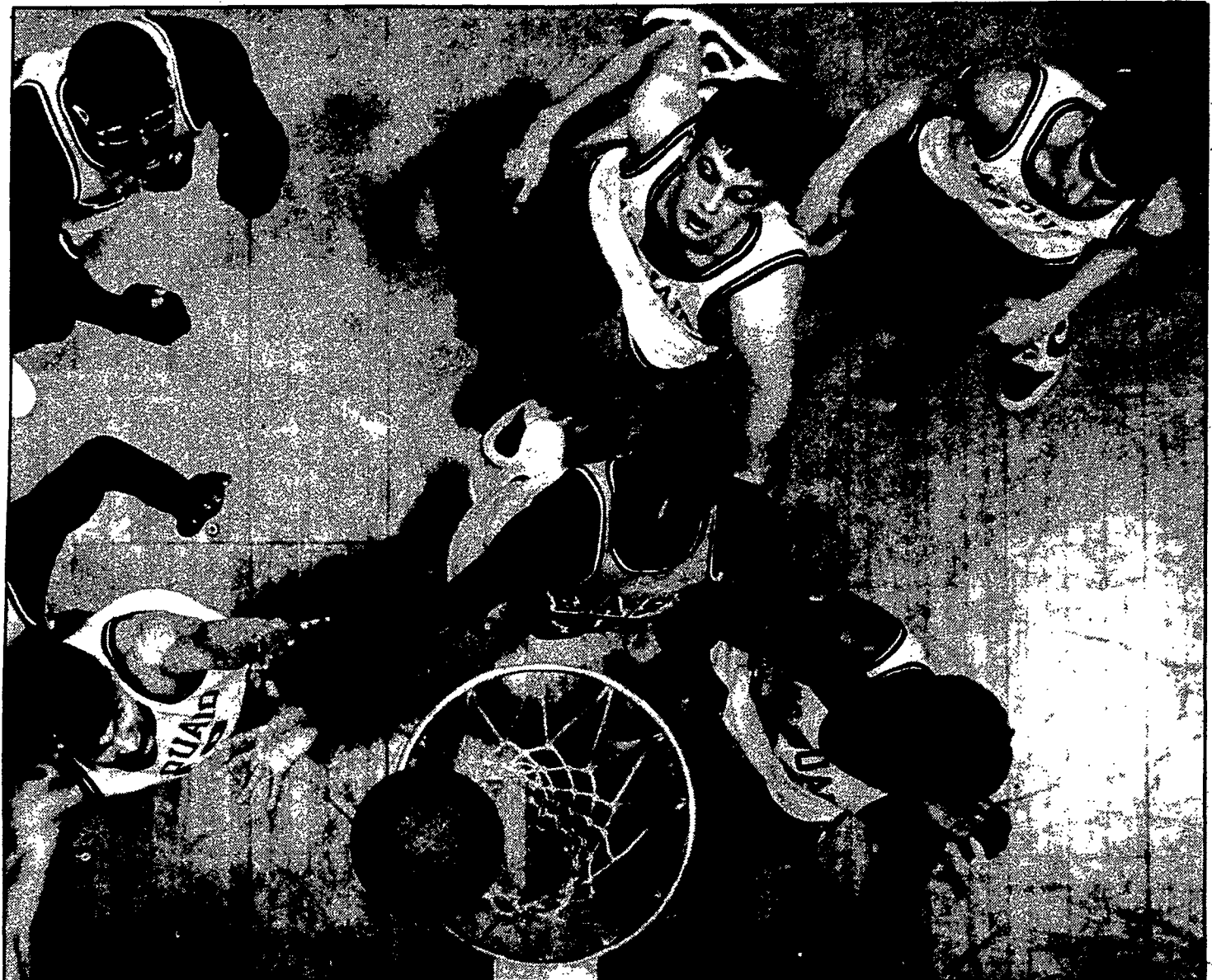
To be eligible, contestants just register in both the Kidney Foundation Fish Catch and the ESLO King Salmon Derby. A \$2 donation to the Kidney Foundation is required, and fisherman may register at any ESLO ticket sales outlet or weigh-in station.

The funds raised from the Fish Catch will be used to support the Kidney Foundation's research, patient services and public and professional education programs.

### Coaching position available

McQuaid Jesuit High School is currently seeking a coach for its junior varsity soccer program. Interested applicants should call athletic director Tim Jordan at (716)473-1130.

— Richard A. Kiley



Things are looking up for the return of the state boys' basketball tournament to Rochester.

Jeff Goulding/Courier-Journal

## State hoop tourney may return to Rochester

By Richard A. Kiley

Solidifying itself as a city renowned for its strong support of high school basketball, Rochester has been tentatively named the site for the 1990 state boys' basketball tournament.

The Flower City was selected over Glens Falls and Albany during a meeting of the state's 11 sectional basketball chairmen, who gathered at the Rochester Convention Center last month.

The chairmen's recommendation to bring the annual hoop tourney back to the War Memorial — the vote was 7-3-1 — will now go to the Executive Committee of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, which will make the final decision later this summer.

If the executive committee goes along with the recommendation, the three-day, 16-team tournament would return to Rochester for the first time since the beginning of the decade, when Mount Vernon of Section 1 (Westchester County area) was the state powerhouse.

McQuaid boys' varsity basketball coach Joe Marchese remembers that tournament

well, and he wondered why the tournament left Rochester for Glens Falls in the first place.

"I was kind of surprised it left Rochester to (take place in) Glens Falls; Rochester has always been the kind of city to support high school sports," said Marchese, whose Knights were the kings of Section 5 basketball this year.

The McQuaid coach and assistant principal used the Aquinas football team of the 1940s as an example of how Rochesterians rally to support the high school ranks, but he didn't even have to go back that far. One of the hottest tickets in town this year — with the exception of the Amerk playoff games played at the War Memorial — was the second meeting of the season between Marchese's club and Sal Rizzo's Orientals of East. The City-Catholic Division 1 game, which took place in the East gym, was sold out well before game day. And some of the \$2 tickets were going for as much as \$10.

Marchese said returning the tournament to Rochester should help improve the caliber and attraction of high school basketball in Rochester, not only among players but also

among scouts and college coaches, who attend the tourney to seek out players capable of competing beyond the high school level.

"Rochester in the mind of scouts hasn't always been a hotbed for (college) talent," said Marchese, whose Greg Woodard and Scott Martzloff are extremely sought after players among college coaches. "It's a great opportunity for one of the really talented kids to get noticed."

"It also gives all of your kids the opportunity to see the top-notch players from the Long Island and New York City area," Marchese added. "Kids can compare themselves with the players down there."

Bringing the 16 best public high school basketball teams to the War Memorial will no doubt increase the interest in the Section 5 basketball tournament. So much attention has surrounded the tournament already that one Rochester television station now pre-empt its regular Saturday night programming to televise the sectional final game.

Marchese has another reason for the city's annual "hoop-la" over high school basketball.   
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### For high school coaches,

## Three-point shot will force changes in game philosophy

By Richard A. Kiley

For the first time ever, the three-point shot will be implemented at the high school basketball level.

The National Federation of High School Coaches set forth and approved the move in June, leaving it to the individual states throughout the nation to adopt or reject the measure. New York state basketball officials voted to accept the three-point shot, which must be taken from 19'9" and beyond.

Although the impact of the decision is yet to be seen, one thing is certain: high school coaches will have to alter some traditional coaching habits on both offense and defense.

Guards who like to throw it up from anywhere and everywhere will now see more attention paid to them by opposing defenses.

And because defenses will need to spread out more, dominating high school centers may benefit most from the rule, finding they have more room to work.

"I like it," said McQuaid Jesuit High School basketball coach Joe Marchese, who added that he has been conducting three-

point shot contests during his two-week basketball camp, which will conclude shortly. "It's really not that difficult a shot, and it adds a certain dimension to the game."

Marchese said that the new shot will give small guards, who are deadly from three-point range, the chance to make a big impact in deciding games.

"(The three-point shot) gives an opportunity to a small player to play an important role on the team, especially the small guard who can really shoot it," said the McQuaid coach, who named former East star David Rizzo and former McQuaid guard Michael Holton as two players who would have benefited from the new rule. "It puts a greater emphasis on the guard. The last 10 or 20 years, the emphasis has been on the bigger men."

Marchese expressed some disappointment that the national group of coaches failed to pass a shot clock for boys' high school basketball. "That would eliminate the 25-23

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Former McQuaid guard Michael Holton would have benefited greatly from the new three-point shot rule.