

Soccer

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vate school on Clinton Avenue, McQuaid's soccer program has more than held its own by reaching the sectional semifinals twice as well as the quarterfinals once in the last five years.

Scheid, who coached the McQuaid freshmen for two years before guiding the JV club for three seasons, has a lot of returning talent from last year's 13-8 team. (McQuaid did however lose netminders Phillip Farchione and Eric Stock as well as Kevin Considine and John Lama).

Center halfback Brian DeJoy, right halfback Philip Mooney and forward Tom Prane-give Scheid a lot to work with as he tries to continue to win consistently — much like his predecessor did.

"Soccer is up and coming (at McQuaid). It used to be hit and miss," Scheid said. "The program hadn't really put together back-to-back winning seasons until the last four years."

Scheid gives Boyon all the credit for putting soccer on the map at McQuaid. "He's done a lot to get the program competitive," Scheid said, citing Boyon's implementation of indoor soccer among other things.

Scheid hopes to turn some of McQuaid's numerous one-goal losses last season into wins this year. "Very few of the losses were by more than one goal. McQuaid's record was deceiving (last year) because of the tough schedule," Scheid said.

The schedule doesn't get any easier this season with matches against Penfield, Greece Olympia and Wayne Central in the Wayne Tournament as well as Penfield, Pittsford Sutherland and those always-tough league games.

EMILIO MONTI BEGINS his fourth year at Aquinas hoping to regain the momentum that catapulted last year's team to its first-ever sectional title. The Little Irish benefitted from the tough competition they saw all year in the City-Catholic League going on to storm

through the sectionals, where they defeated Livonia 3-0 in the Class B-2 final. The Little Irish then had the impossible mission of trying to stop Arcadia and Bianchi in a Class B playoff game. The All-American player notched the hat trick in a 3-0 shutout over Aquinas.

In addition to the remarkable play of Bianchi, Monti attributed the loss to his team's inexperience. That shouldn't be a problem this year. Gary Barsell and Jeff Stanton are gone, but a wealth of talent has returned for the AQ coach, who has compiled a respectable 29-23-2 record.

Rod Encina and Leo Spano will be looked to for picking up where Barsell left off on offense. Jeff Mucias, Richard Thies, Richard Sloan and Joe Triassi all have a year of experience in their favor as they attempt to keep the pressure on opponents and keep the ball out of the AQ side of the field.

"The team is looking forward to going farther than last year," said Monti, whose club finished 13-8-1 playing mostly larger competition. "And I think the team might be a little more skilled in some areas. But it's going to take awhile to get it going."

Monti began practicing his club a little earlier than usual this past August, believing that last year's AQ team may have started out of the gate stronger with more practices under its belt.

"We started a little late (last year). We did a lot of running, but we were not that strong on our corner kicks and other (set) plays," Monti said.

He hopes the added practices are AQ's ticket to the state tournament.

IT'S GOING TO BE a rebuilding year for Greg Schuber and the Fighting Kings of Kearney. In all, the fifth-year varsity coach lost 13 out of 19 players from last year's club, which was beaten by Arcadia 6-1 in the B-1 final game.

The mass exodus included Mike Cregan, leading scorer Rick Fame and fullback Dan Williams.

Schuber is also concerned about the low

number of players he has this season. Where as Kearney teams in the past have usually been around the 17- to 19-player range, this year's club has a mere 15 for him to work with.

Pat Soricone, who played his last four games in the net for Schuber is back, and players up from his brother Mike's JV team will be pressed into action.

Although the team is small in number and has little experience, Schuber said the team will still carry its aggressive trademark.

"We're still going to be aggressive. I don't look to play conservative soccer," Schuber said. "But I will have to move my best players around so they don't get tired."

That may be a tough order, since Kearney faces one of its toughest schedules in recent seasons. Athena, Sutherland, Livonia, and Irondequoit as well as league games will give Schuber and his squad all they can handle and then some.

HENRY FERGUSON brought Notre Dame to the finals in Section 4 Class C each of his first two seasons. Last October, the Crusaders defeated No. 3 Trumansburg, No. 2 Greene and No. 1 Union Springs to win the title, before losing to Mt. Markham in a state playoff game.

Although Ferguson lost his starters down the middle, he does have eight players back from last season's 7-13-2 club.

All-League goalie Andy Garman, center fullback James Smith, Jason Breeman and Mike Brabham are gone from last year's team, which for the first time ever knocked off powerful Horseheads and Hornell.

Overall, ND's record was deceiving last fall. Among the Crusaders' 13 losses were early-season whiteknucklers against Corning and Elmira Free Academy — both by 1-0 scores — and a 3-2 loss to Elkland.

Back for another year for the sectional finals are senior Mark Donohue, and third-year varsity player Bob Galalia. Senior Rob Jones, who played goalie on the JV but not on the varsity last year, will tend goal for Ferguson this season.

Tim Brown, Damian Sonsire and Mike Vea have also been playing together indoors dur-

ing the off-season to ready for the upcoming campaign.

Ferguson also believes he has some promising new prospects in midfielder Mike Ramich and exchange student Jose Garzarain.

He has also added some new teams to the ND schedule — well, sort of. Greene and Trumansburg, two teams ND has not faced during the regular season in recent years but has seen in the playoffs, are on the schedule this year.

"I'm hoping the (regular) season goes better than it did last year," said Ferguson, whose team opened its season in the Corning Tournament last weekend. "I think we're capable of getting over .500"

To do that, Notre Dame will have to pull off some more upsets against Sullivan Trail Conference foes EFA, Southside and Horseheads.

"Playing with the bigger schools keeps you in pressure situations all year round," Ferguson said. "We're in every game, we just have to get the big goals when we need them."

That hasn't been a problem in the sectionals, but has hurt ND against its STC competition.

Order of Hibernians planning ceili in Genesee Valley Park

In honor of St. Brendan's voyage to America, the Ancient Order of Hibernians will present a ceili in the park on Sunday, September 13. The event will take place in Genesee Valley Park's shelter #3, off of Elmwood Avenue in Rochester, from noon until 6 p.m. Admission is free, and food and beverages will be served.

The Tom Finucane Branch of the Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann will provide the music, featuring traditional Irish instruments, songs and ballads. Participatory dancing will be encouraged, with demonstrations will be given by the Hibernian Ceili Dancers and the Shannonside Dancers. The gala is open to the public and is a presentation of the Hibernian men and women.

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