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Softball titans

Although the Rochester Red Wings finished the regular season on a hot streak — winning 15 of their last 18 games — to secure a spot in the International League playoffs, the hottest ball club in upstate New York just might have been the St. Patrick's women's softball team in Owego.

After losing two of their first three games by close margins, the women finished the season with seven consecutive wins, enroute to an 8-2 mark, which was good enough for first place in the five-team division.

Other churches competing in the local, non-competitive church softball league were the United Methodist Church, Christian Missionary Alliance, Zion Lutheran and Church of the Nazarene.

According to Sharon Laquerre and Peggy O'Connor, the league's purpose was to provide women with an opportunity to "meet other Christian women in the community in the atmosphere of fun." The St. Patrick's team was composed of teachers, a principal, homemakers, a secretary, community workers and students. The average age of players was 30 — something the Owego team was constantly reminded in games against generally younger players.

The leader both on and off the field for the St. Pat's squad was Sister Mary Wintish, who was responsible for getting all the players together. Earning the nick-name "Strike-out Wintish" for the way she pitched, the team captain was instrumental in helping the club overcome early-season jitters.

Teams members and batting averages were: Heather Lounsberry, (.731); Heidi Sibley, (.700); Megan Sweet, (.700); Ann Hunt, (.464); Pat Sweet, (.643); Sharon Laquerre, (.581); Sr. Mary Wintish, (.407); Penny Decker, (.542); Rose Mary Winters, (.558); Peggy O'Connor, (.614); Barb Hill, (.763); Joanne Dembrosky, (.577); Bobby Jo Bensley, (.455); and Peggy Smith, (.731).

Substitutes on this year's squad were: Mary McFadden, Ellen Pasto, Patrice McFadden, Becky Goodrich, Meg Burnett, Kristian Straus, Carrie Morrissey, Barbara Morrissey and Polly Bidwell.

Emile Laquerre, John Laquerre, Michael Donovan and Bill Decker helped out umpiring during the season, while Kenny Hill, Becky Goodrich and Irene Decker were scorekeepers.

Hats off to the champions.

Clubbing heart disease

The 11th-annual American Heart Golf Classic is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 21, at Midvale Country Club.

The tourney offers the perfect excuse to take to the fairway, not to mention to take on an even bigger challenge — fighting cardiovascular disease, the No. 1 killer in America today.

The registration fee entitles participants to lunch, golfing, cart, cocktails as well as hors d'oeuvres, dinner, prizes and awards.

A hole-in-one contest is also planned. One golfer will win two prizes — \$10,000 cash (\$5,000 to the individual and \$5,000 to the American Heart Association) — plus the use of a 1987 Chevrolet Beretta for one year.

For registration information, contact Colleen M. Carroll, director of development at the American Heart Association, (716) 461-5590.

The association's Genesee Valley Chapter has also announced its third-annual Corporate Run, the "Heart and Sole Classic," which will take place on Saturday, Sept. 26.

The event has two goals — to contribute to the association's life-saving programs and to make everyone aware of the cardiovascular benefits of running.

Four- to six-member teams from Rochester-area businesses and organizations are invited to compete in friendly sport with similar firms or professions. Runners will complete a 5K course winding through Genesee Valley Park.

All entrants will receive a prize and will be eligible for numerous other gifts.

Team awards will be given based on the collective times of the top four finishers on each team, including the time of at least one female runner.

Contact Carroll at the American Heart Association, 797 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, New York, 14620.

High school boys' soccer season tough to figure



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With the graduation of its starting goalie and a few offensive threats, Mooney's chances of clinching its seventh consecutive league title are up in the air.

Diocesan teams endured lots of personnel changes after big '86 campaigns

By Richard A. Kiley

Last year, every diocesan high school boys' soccer team went at least as far as the quarterfinals in its respective tournament, and two teams — Aquinas in Section 5 Class B-2 and Notre Dame in Section 4 Class C — were the head of the class. What can this year's teams do to top last year's post-season heroics?

AQ and Notre Dame weren't the only clubs to have strong showings. McQuaid and Bishop Kearney rode emotional highs long into the sectionals. Under coach Lou Boyon, who has since left the program, the Knights staged an impressive second-half comeback to eliminate the No. 1-seeded Cardinals of Mooney in the quarterfinals, before succumbing to Gates-Chili in the semis.

And Greg Schuber's Bishop Kearney squad was nothing short of spectacular as the fourth-seeded Kings upset No. 1-seeded Pittsford-Mendon in a memorable semifinal shootout before falling to the Titans of Greece Arcadia in the B-1 final. Arcadia — more specifically star Mike Bianchi — then went on to eliminate AQ in a Class B playoff.

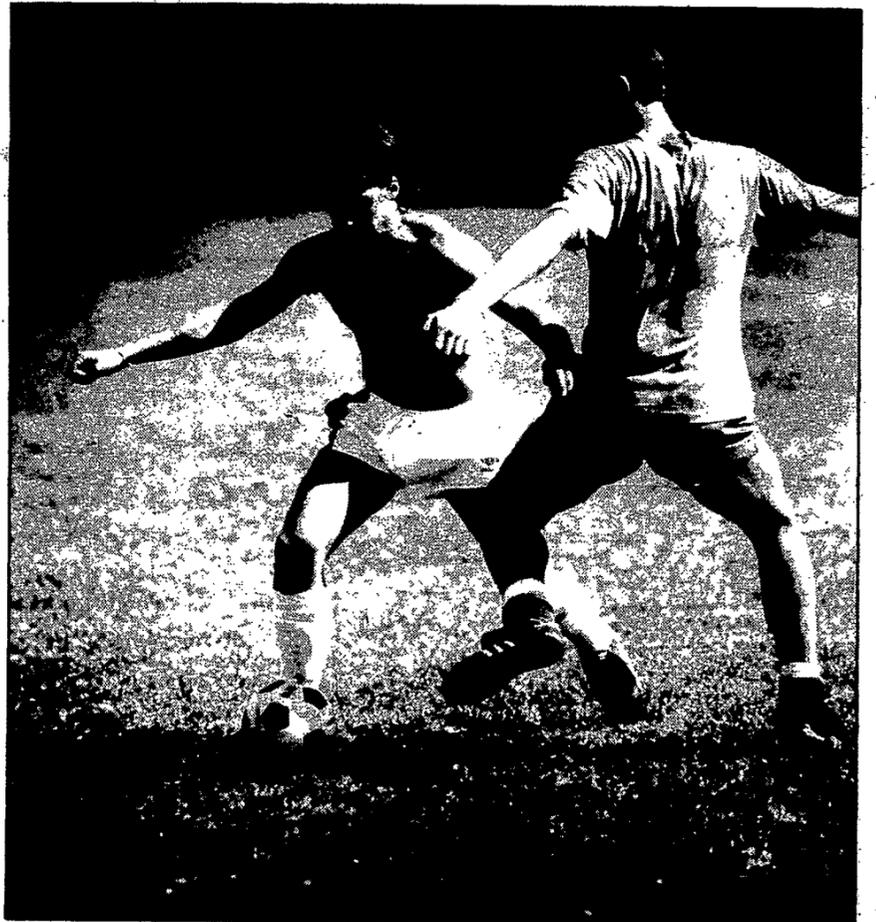
But with some diocesan clubs returning this season with dramatically different personnel and with a new coach on the block, the upcoming soccer season is hard to figure.

SIX STARTERS are returning for eighth-year Mooney coach Paul Forte, who watched McQuaid oust his Cardinals from the sectionals last October after Mooney defeated the Knights twice during the regular season.

Forte is not one to dwell on the past, but when studying past errors serves to better his team he'll do it. He admits readily that his club let Boyon's Knights back in last year's semifinal game after Mooney controlled much of the play in the first half. In fact, failing to put teams away haunted his Cardinals all season, even though they compiled an impressive 15-4-2 record. The lack of a "killer instinct" turned out to be Mooney's downfall.

"The only way I have alluded to that game (against McQuaid) is by telling (this year's players) that one tendency we had was to give up leads; we'd let teams back in the game," said Forte, who has compiled a 112-24-6 record during his Mooney tenure. "Hopefully our experience will help us."

Although he lost goaltender Scott Cortese as well as Rob Brunette, Mike Briggs, Kevin Khuns and Ray Alves to graduation, Forte will have experienced seniors like Peter Mojsej, Adam Schwartz, Todd Leary, Sakda Viravong, Chris Diquattro, Dan Kretchmer and Dan Boyer returning.



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McQuaid's Brian DeJoy, left, is one of several returners from last year's sectional semifinalist team for new Knight coach Dan Scheid.

Forte has also been pleased by the abilities of sophomore Jim Shoniker, who should see a lot of playing time this fall.

Viravong and Mojsej are the keys on offense for Mooney — which will be gunning for its seventh consecutive City-Catholic League title this year — but Mojsej is the pulse of the team. He's a gutsy player who endured last season with an on-again, off-again knee problem.

Two seniors are also battling it out to start in goal. Chris Kehoe and Pat Corrigan are both looking for the opportunity to keep the Cardinals' net empty.

As always the Mooney coach has a grueling schedule awaiting his club. In addition to league contests, the Cardinals will compete in the Hilton Tournament, facing traditionally strong programs in Horseheads (Section 4), Irondequoit and the host Cadets. Mooney will

also see Williamsville North this season. Forte notched his 100th career victory against the Buffalo school last September.

AS GREAT A YEAR as McQuaid's varsity soccer team had last season in making the semis, the junior varsity had a near perfect season under Dan Scheid, going 15-0-1. Included in the Knight blitzkriegs were wins over Pittsford-Sutherland in OT, a 5-3 victory over Pittsford-Mendon and a 6-0 whitewash of Fairport.

Scheid has been promoted to the varsity ranks since Boyon left the program to devote more time to his family and coaching duties with the Rush-Henrietta Rage, a women's club team in Rochester.

Although much has been said and written of the football and basketball teams at the pri-

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