

Echo

Experience, depth provide Lady Kings with assets to succeed

By Sandy Supple
Bishop Kearney High School

The Bishop Kearney girls' basketball program has a new look this year after acquiring lots of talent during the off season.

The Lady Kings gave their fans a taste of what is to come at a tournament on November 27 and 28 at Brighton High School. The other teams in the tourney were Penfield, Gates-Chili and the host Lady Barons. The teams played fast-paced games, despite the effects of heavy Thanksgiving meals.

In the first game against Penfield, Kearney's junior varsity squad dominated the first half and third quarter. The Lady Kings were spurred by the execution and leadership of four returning sophomores. Although one of Kearney's starting players was injured before intermission, the Lady

Kings rallied to sustain the lead over Penfield in the second half.

Despite Penfield's tough man-to-man defense and accurate shooting, Kearney came out on top, 27-22.

The JV players scored right off the tip against Gates-Chili on Saturday, Nov. 28. The early stages of the game were sloppy at times as both teams took advantage of numerous turnovers.

Bishop Kearney showed a lot of patience in getting the ball inside the key and setting up its plays. After holding Gates-Chili scoreless in the third quarter and throughout most of the final stanza, Kearney went on to win the championship game of the tourney, 26-10. After the game, coach Julie Bishop said her team's depth on the bench should prove an asset as the season progresses.

The varsity Lady Kings had an exciting duel with Penfield on Friday, Nov. 27. In the

first quarter, Kearney held the lead until Penfield rallied to tie the game at half.

The lead then changed hands numerous times in the second half as shots from the perimeter played a major part in both team's offenses. Although Kearney enjoyed a height advantage and experience on the floor, Penfield scored the winning basket in the waning seconds of the game to win, 28-26.

Kearney's varsity battled Gates-Chili all the way in the second game of the tourney. Kearney used a full-court press and was able to work the ball inside, but the Spartans overpowered the Kings with fast breaks and offensive rebounds. Even though the Lady Kings were down 21 points at the half, they continued to pressure Gates-Chili with pinpoint passes in the third and fourth quarters. Careless turnovers by Gates sparked Kearney's girls, but the Lady Kings could not

overcome the Lady Spartans' speed endurance and rebounding strength, losing, 60-38.

After the pre-season tourney, it's easy to see that the Kearney girls basketball program looks to have a promising future.

Bishop and varsity coaches Donna Sortino and Chris Graziano believe their teams will improve as the season progresses. Many versatile players could prove a key in bringing Kearney a Section 5 title. The junior varsity also hopes to capture the JV league championship again. Last year they finished with an impressive record after beating many of their tough Catholic school rivals.

Kearney athletes are expected to maintain a certain grade point average in order to play or be involved in extracurricular activities. This is why Kearney is "better than best" both on and off the court.

By Anthony Wang

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High school life encompasses so many activities that it sometimes resembles a hurricane of social and academic pressures. Students who get caught up in this storm sometimes neglect what is going on in current events. Forgetting the outside world can be a bad habit because the idyllic lifestyle of high school only lasts four years; then reality sets in.

Knowing what is going on can help a person understand the world around him. It's sometimes hard to consider the ramifications of the Supreme Court hearings when a big dance or a really difficult French test is coming up. Still, making the effort to understand national events can lead to a better feel for how life will be in the future.

So many important — if not particularly interesting — national events are chronicled by daily newspapers and news programs. I know it can be easier to listen to the radio than to watch Peter Jennings, but gaining some knowledge of current events can help make the cultural fog lift a bit.

World events are important because seeing or hearing how people of different backgrounds react with each other can make certain situations in life more clear.

I'm not one of those people who think that high school kids are ignorant because they don't keep up on both historical and current events. But let me ask high school students a few questions: Can you name the nine justices of the Supreme Court? Who are the members of the president's cabinet? What was the foreign policy of the United States during the early 1900s? Who was the second vice president

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of the United States? If you even answered one of these correctly, you did better than me.

However, the National Assessment of Educational Progress used questions like those to create a test. From the results, it was concluded that students have little knowledge of history. I don't think that is a fair assessment. It may be true that some essential events in our history may not be on the tips of most students' tongues, but to me, that shouldn't be the reason for students to learn more about current events. Being aware of world happenings can help a student assert himself.

How can awareness help a student assert himself? Well, it gives a great feeling of power in the sense that no one can tell the student what to do or what to think. Often, those who think they're know-it-alls try to influence the minds of students they consider inferior. That could not be a problem if students could shield themselves with knowledge and facts about current events. It is just as embarrassing to be pushed around mentally as it is to be physically beaten.

I know it takes a lot of effort and yes, there will be times when it seems like a waste of time. Yet, it will be really worth it. Remember teenagers are not ignorant. And don't let others try to prove otherwise.

Nazareth Academy

What can be done about teen suicide?

DONNA OTIS, freshman

I think that people should be aware of the problems that teenagers have. People should also try to help someone with a problem if someone comes to them for help. Even with all the help, teenagers still need to feel loved, so give them a feeling of being loved. Parents and grownups should make teenagers feel needed and wanted by talking to them and better understanding their problems.



CASSANDRA MARQUEZ, senior

I feel that more adults should become aware of the fact that teenagers want more responsibility. They also want to have attention drawn to them. Adults and teenagers' peers should be able to figure out when a teenager needs help, especially if they are at the edge of committing suicide.



KATHLEEN COSTANZA, junior

Teenagers experience many changes in just short periods of time and have to make many decisions in their lives. Sometimes stress is a major overload between school, work, family and friends and even activities. Each person should take the time to be thankful for once instead of being depressed about what they don't have, (be-



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cause) to have a positive attitude always keeps a person alive. Remember, for every bad thing that happens, there's always good — maybe sooner or later, but eventually.

BARBARA BECKER, junior

I think that us teenagers shouldn't be put aside. What I mean by that is tell us when something like (suicide) happens. Make us aware of what is going on in the world. Show us that you do care about us.



LAUREN AGNESS, freshman

I don't think teenagers that commit suicide are crazy. I think they just feel totally alone, like they have no one they can turn to. They feel they have no friends who would understand, and that parents and teachers don't want to listen to them. If we all took time out to really listen and help, maybe this (suicide) rate would go down.



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