

**Sports**

**Sports Shorts**

**Aquinas awards**

Tom Gigliotti, athletic director at Aquinas Institute, recently announced the recipients of fall sports awards.

From Chris Battaglia's varsity football team, the most-valuable-player award went to **Mark Chapman**. **Peter VanPatten** was named best offensive lineman and **John Messura** was tabbed best defensive lineman. The award for best offensive back went to **Jermaine McGowan**. **Tony Postell** earned the award for best defensive back award. The most improved player was **Jamie Forbes**, and **Chris Culver** earned the hustle award.

Goalie **Mike Compisi** was named most valuable player for coach Emilio Monti's varsity soccer team, while most outstanding honors went to **Jeff Mucha** and **Rod Encina**. The most-improved-player award went to **Larry Capostagno**.

**Kacey Compisi** was named most valuable player on Greg McMaster's girls' soccer team.

**Kathy Thies** earned the most-outstanding-player award, and **Sheri Arnell** earned honors as the most improved player.

From the girls' varsity cross-country team, **Peggy Thompson** was named most valuable, and **Sarah Loomis** was tabbed most outstanding. **Heather Dwyer** was named most improved runner. For the boys, the award for most valuable runner went to **Dan Stoffel**, while most improved went to **Scott Rhoads**. **Rick Schwan** was named outstanding runner.

**Kath Heid**, **Amy Zampi** and **Stacie Pullinzi** were all honored from the girls' varsity swim team. Heid gained most valuable honors, and Zampi and Pullinzi were named most outstanding and most improved, respectively.

And finally, the most improved cheerleader award went to **Jeanne Englert**, while **Rachel McDonnell** and **Julie Cianciola** were named most outstanding and most valuable cheerleader, respectively.

The Aquinas Sports Booster Club will sponsor its fourth annual sports celebrity dinner at the Diplomat Party House, 1956 Lyell Ave., Rochester, on Sunday, February 7. Refreshments will be served at 5 p.m. and dinner starts at 6 p.m.

Last year's gala featured a spectacular array of speakers, including George Martin of the Super Bowl Champion New York Giants and **Rollie Massimino**, head coach of the

Villanova Wildcats.

This year's sports celebrity dinner will induct four people: **Harry Wright**, who started football at AQ in the late '40s; **Gerry Flynn**, a 1936 alumnus of Aquinas; **Dick Buerkle**, who went on to run for Villanova University; and posthumously, **Frank Vadas**, who was varsity and junior varsity coach as well as Mission Bouts mentor for many years.

This year's committee is assembling an equally spectacular list of speakers, headed by **Don Cherry**, former coach of the Rochester Americans and Boston Bruins.

The dinner costs \$35. Call (716) 254-2020 for information.

**Gridiron giants**

**Sam Arena**, a 1985 graduate of Bishop Kearney, and **Craig Wink**, a 1983 graduate of Aquinas, recently received honors for their contributions to the St. John Fisher football team during the 1987 season.

**Arena**, a 212-pound tackle, came away with the award for best defensive lineman after making 27 tackles, assisting on 21 others and recording four quarterback sacks in just his sophomore season.

"He's really like a coach on the field," head coach **Ralph Gebhardt** said. "We are under-sized up front, so we had to be active and use a lot of formations. We needed someone like **Sammy** to lead things."

**Wink**, a 255-pound tackle who started in 50 consecutive games for the Cardinals, was voted the best offensive lineman.

"Craig is a leader by example," Gebhardt said. "His hard work rubbed off on the other guys, and he was a very good blocker on running plays."

**Nazareth news**

Nazareth College soccer star **Lynne Stever**, who set a collegiate scoring record this past season, was featured in the December 7, 1987, issue of *Sports Illustrated* for her prolific scoring.

A senior from Webster, Stever was pictured in the renowned magazine's Faces in the Crowd section for scoring five goals in a game against Utica College — breaking the national record for career goals.

Her scoring outburst broke by two the record of 93 goals set by North Carolina's **Janey Rayfield** back in 1982. Stever scored three more goals to close out her career with 98 goals and 30 assists for 226 points.

In 1987, she finished with 26 goals and nine assists for 61 points. She holds virtually every school scoring record, including most goals in one game (five) and most goals in one season (27 in 1983). This past season, she helped the Golden Flyers to a 10-6-3 record. Nazareth's record was 44-20-4 in the four seasons in which she played.

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