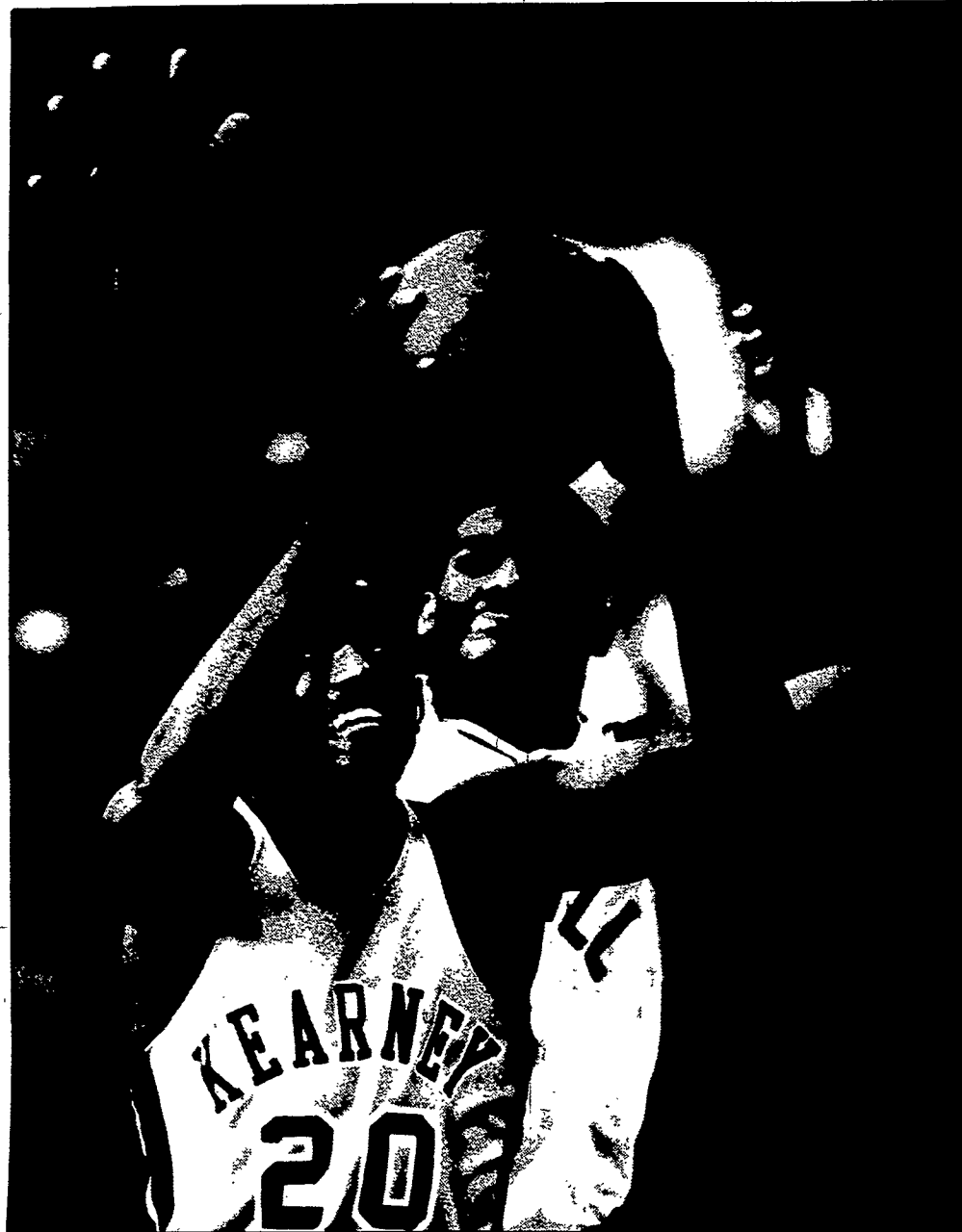


Sports

ND finding scoring tough; McQuaid still on a roll



Bishop Kearney's Wendell Spiva attempts a shot from in close during the first half of a league game against Marshall. Despite Spiva's efforts, the Kings lost 82-72.

By Richard A. Kiley
Elmira Notre Dame's football team had little trouble scoring points this past fall. Unfortunately, the same can not be said for the Crusader basketball team this winter.

Points have been hard to come by for Mike Johnston's Crusaders (2-4 league, 9-5 overall), who went 1-1 last week, to remain nestled in fourth place of the Sullivan Trail Conference.

"I've been telling people we've got to be the best 2-4 team (in league play) anywhere," Johnston said whimsically. "We just haven't been getting the points when we really need them."

This season, low-scoring games have been the norm in the STC, where defenses have been extremely stingy.

Against Horseheads on Thursday, Jan. 21, the visiting Crusaders fell 52-50 in overtime.

ND found itself down 22-13 at the half, but outscored Horseheads 16-10 in the third quarter, to pull within 32-29 after three quarters of play.

A great individual play by Scott Long with :01 left in regulation then forced OT. Johnston set up a double screen for Christian Falkenberg, whose shot caromed off the rim. Long's follow-up attempt tied the game, calling for overtime.

A costly foul with five ticks on the clock spelled ND's demise, as Horseheads sank two free throws to notch the win.

Long and John Philipps paced the Crusaders with 13 points. Falkenberg added 10 points for the night.

Notre Dame's four losses in the STC have been by a total of 16 points.

The host Crusaders built up a 31-18 lead and then held on for a 47-42 win over Trumansburg on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Johnston's club used a relentless man-to-man defense and good shot selection to jump out to the 13-point halftime advantage, only to go cold in the second half.

"We just went stagnant in the third quarter," Johnston said. "Then we only scored six points in the fourth quarter. Our shot selection was a little questionable in the second half."

ND's first basket in the fourth quarter didn't come until 2:30 remained on the clock,

but the defense was able to keep Trumansburg in check.

The Crusaders lone game this week is at Southside, which is presently tied with Hornell at 4-2 in the STC. Horseheads and Elmira Free Academy are tied for first with 5-1 league marks.

IN CITY-CATHOLIC LEAGUE action last week, Alcindor Coleman recorded a triple-double with 18 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists to lead Marshall over Bishop Kearney, 82-72, on Friday, Jan. 22.

R.D. Long poured in 32 points for Mike Ruff's Kings (3-6, 4-9).

Long was the star once again in Kearney's 56-55 win over Jefferson on Tuesday, Jan. 19. The Kearney standout iced two free throws with :11 remaining in the contest, to propel the Kings.

Kearney overcame a nine-point deficit in the fourth quarter before going on to the win. Wendell Spiva's 19 points helped spur the comeback.

Long had 17 points, eight rebounds and eight assists, and teammate Bob Nicolay — one of the best three-point shooters in Section 5 — added 13 points. Three of Nicolay's baskets were from three-point range.

MCQUAID CONTINUED TO roll last week, with wins over Aquinas and Marshall.

Against Mike Dianetti's Little Irish on Friday, Jan. 22, the Knights (10-0, 11-1) opened up a 29-12 first-half bulge and cruised from there on in.

McQuaid shot a respectable 24-49 from the floor, while Aquinas (2-8, 3-10) shot a myopic 13 for 58.

Scott Martzloff poured in 16 points for McQuaid, and Greg Woodard added 14.

Dwayne Postell and Todd Reynders paced the Little Irish with 12 points each.

Joe Marchese's Knights started slowly but finished up strong in an 81-62 win over visiting Marshall on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

McQuaid led by just 32-31 at intermission, but used the scoring of Jay Gangemi to pull away in the second half. Gangemi scored 16 of his 20 points in the final two quarters. Woodard led all scorers with 32 points for the Knights.

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Mooney, Mercy keep winning; ND vying for sectional form

By Richard A. Kiley
Things are beginning to heat up for many diocesan girls' basketball teams that are still hoping for high seedings in the upcoming sectional tournaments.

Scott Morrison and his Lady Cardinals of Mooney kept their perfect record intact last week with wins over Bishop Kearney and Honeoye Falls-Lima.

Cheryl Lennox asserted herself in the Lady Cards' 55-28 win over Donna Sortino's Kearney team on Thursday, Jan. 21. The Mooney ace had 20 points and seven assists, as the unbeaten Lady Cards (4-0, 12-0) were in control throughout.

Lennox once again paced Morrison's club during a hard-fought 48-42 win over host Honeoye Falls-Lima. She scored 16 points, and teammate Marisa Shackelford added 14 for Mooney.

In Kearney's only other game last week, Kelli Curcio picked up where she had left off the last time the Lady Kings played Aquinas,

by scoring 13 points during Kearney's (1-2, 6-6) 50-29 win over Dan Bates' AQ team.

Pam Buddendeck added 10 points for the Lady Kings, who never looked back after building a 24-15 halftime lead.

MERCY WENT 2-0 for the week with wins over Aquinas and Clarence of Section 6 (Buffalo area). Kathy Boughton's Monarchs (3-1, 9-2) used the scoring of Therese Mack to defeat AQ, 56-30, on Thursday, Jan. 21. Mack scored 12 points for Mercy.

Against Clarence, a perennial top team from the Buffalo area, Julie Buntich scored a career-high 30 points and dished out eight assists, as the Monarchs defeated visiting Clarence, 71-59, on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Bernadette Fagan added 15 points and gathered 10 rebounds for Boughton's squad.

NAZARETH IMPROVED its record to 5-6 for the year with an easy 45-26 win over host Harley-Allendale Columbia on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Amy Budd was the star for Walt

Gordinier's Nazareth team, scoring 14 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.

OVER IN SECTION 4 Class C, Pat Quinn's Lady Crusaders are holding their own in the always-tough Sullivan Trail Conference.

ND dropped a 56-41 decision to host Horseheads on Friday, Jan. 22. Quinn's club led 26-22 at the half and trailed by just two points, 36-34, after three quarters, but was unable to offset Horseheads' height in the final eight minutes.

"We were able to keep them from dominating the boards in the first three quarters, but their height advantage was too much in the last quarter," Quinn said.

Nat Kozlowski and Tina Maloney led ND with 14 points each. Junior Melissa Jaskolka added eight points.

Against host Dryden on Tuesday, Jan. 19, the Lady Crusaders overcame a 17-6 deficit after one quarter, before going on to nip

their opponents, 51-50.

Notre Dame outscored Dryden, formerly a Class B school, 22-10 in the second quarter to lead 28-27 at intermission. The game was nip and tuck the rest of the way.

Kozlowski and Colleen Hubler paced ND with 12 points each while Lisa Boulas contributed 10.

Much like the boys' at ND, the girls' have been on the short end of some close games in the STC. Despite the losses, Quinn is happy with her team's performance of late.

"I'm pleased; I wasn't sure where we'd be right now," Quinn said. "We've come along way. We're playing better as a team of late."

The Crusaders' high point thus far this season came in the form of a 58-54 win against Hornell on January 8. "If we start to play like that (consistently), we're going to beat a lot of teams," Quinn said. "It comes down to how much they want to win."

High School League		
Northeast Division Holy Trinity 85, Lewis Street 56 Pinnacle Lutheran 69, St. Ambrose 65 St. Bridget 93, Blessed Sacrament 74 Christ the King 66, St. Margaret Mary 51	Northwest Division St. Lawrence 64, Holy Family 55 Mother of Sorrow 68, St. John (Greece) 50 Most Precious Blood, Sacred Heart (*) Holy Cross, St. Charles Borromeo (*)	Southeast Division St. Louis, St. Joseph (Penf.) (*) Faith Lutheran 80, St. Thomas More 79 Assumption 64, JCC 34 Good Shepherd 63, Resurrection 39 St. John (Humboldt) 65, St. John (Fpt.) 62
Southwest Division St. Monica 75, St. Anne 59 Holy Name 52, St. John (Spen.) 45 Holy Ghost, St. Pius Tenth (*) St. Lawrence 64, Holy Family 55		
Junior High Boys' League		
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(*) No scores reported

Standings as of January 20, 1988			
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