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up a 45-33 bulge for the Knights, who then stumbled before putting the game away in the fourth quarter.

Wade was a key player down the stretch, going 7-for-8 from the foul line after Liverpool had pulled to within eight points, 66-58, with 2:39 remaining in the game.

Martzloff, who finished with seven points and five rebounds, also played with intensity in the game's final moments to avert any Warrior hopes for a comeback.

KNIGHT NOTES: McQuaid has now won 20 consecutive games since its December loss to Liverpool ... In the semifinal game against Saratoga, McQuaid led by as much as 26 points, as the Blue Streaks (20-7) played without star forward Tim Parker. The 6-foot-2 junior (24 ppg, 10 rebounds) was hospitalized with a throat ailment early last week and underwent minor surgery ... Why three Liverpool players and only two Knights made the all-tournament team is a mystery. McQuaid's John Kelly, who dished out a number of pretty assists, was one notable omission ... Marchese was impressed by the way the tournament at the Civic Center was run, but he was disappointed with the crowd at the championship game.

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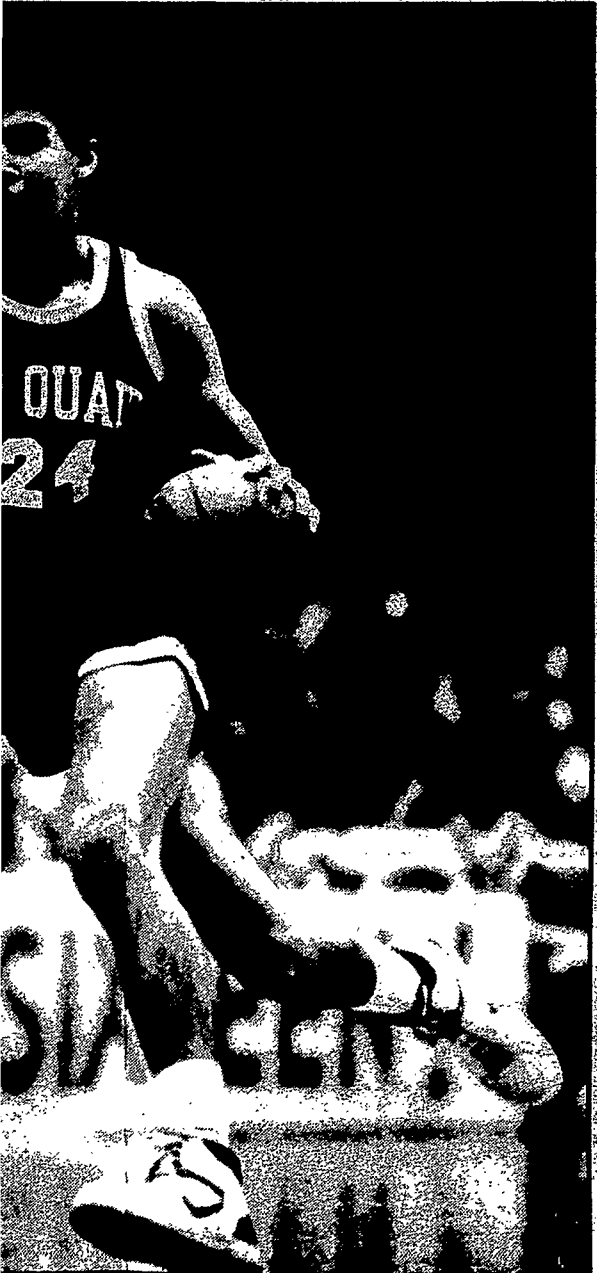
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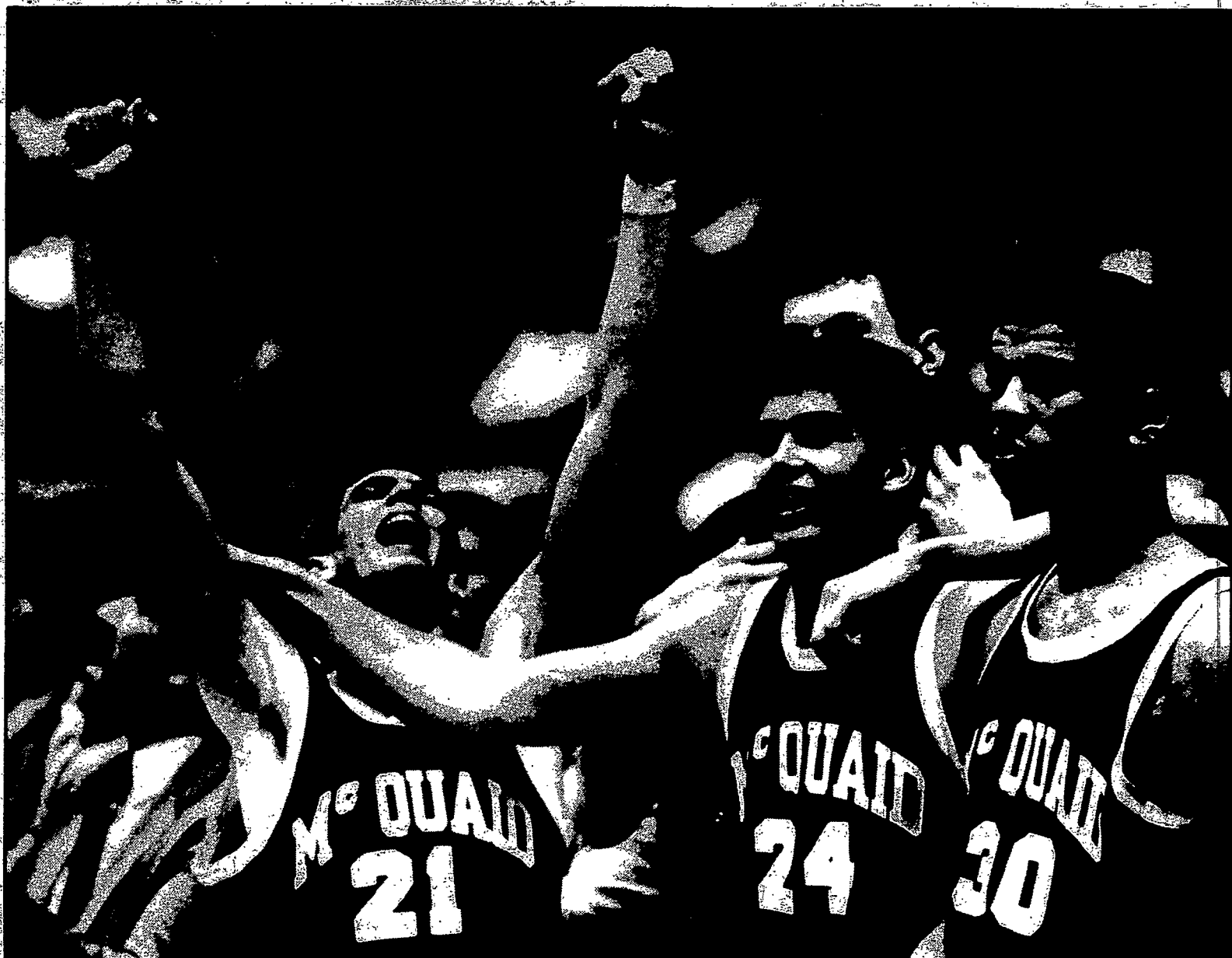
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Jon Brady of McQuaid tries to make a pass around Liverpool's Chris Gegney.



... earned the state tournament's most valuable player.



McQuaid's Jay Gangemi (21), Greg Woodard (24) and Drew Henderson (30) celebrate the final moments of their team's championship win.



Despite suffering flu-like symptoms, McQuaid's Drew Henderson was a force inside for the Knights. Here, he gets a hand from Woodard.

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