

Sports

Sports
Shorts

Shooting sensation

St. John Fisher guard **Wakili Moore**, a former first-team All-City Catholic player at Aquinas Institute, was the Rochester-area's most accurate free-throw shooter, according to statistics released last week by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

The 6-foot-3 sophomore converted 87.8 percent of his free-throw attempts (86 of 98) this season, placing him 10th among the nation's top Division III basketball players in that category. No other Rochester-area men's basketball player made the top 20.

"Wakili has really nice hands, and he's really a great free-throw shooter," said Fisher head coach Bob Ward. "Anytime you're shooting 85 to 90 percent, it just shows excellent rhythm and excellent hands."

This past season was a productive one for Moore. Not only did the communications/journalism major hit a respectable 45 percent from the field, but he also averaged more than 10 points and three rebounds per game for the 12-14 Cardinals.

Moore is the son of Eldridge and Sarah Moore of Roslyn Street in Rochester.

In other Fisher news, Phil Kahler's women's basketball team, which made it to the national championship finals last March, was well represented among final statistics released last week by the NCAA.

Kahler's relentless defense, which allowed only 46.1 points per game, ranked tops in the nation in Division III basketball for the third consecutive season.

Not surprisingly with a defense like that, the Lady Cardinals also placed first nationally in scoring margin, defeating opponents by an average of 34 points per game. All told, Fisher placed among the nation's top Division III women's basketball teams in seven out of 10 categories — the most of any college or university.

The Lady Cards were first in won/lost percentage (97 percent), third in free-throw percentage (73 percent), fourth in field-goal percentage (50 percent), fifth in defensive field-goal percentage (34 percent), and sixth in scoring (80.3 points per game).

"I think it's indicative of the kind of basketball we play at Fisher," Kahler said. "We work very hard to be at the top."

In the individual categories, sophomore forward **Susan Heidt** (Erie, PA) finished second in the nation in free-throw percentage (84 percent), while senior guard **Louise MacDonald** (Welland, Ontario) finished fifth in field-goal percentage (63 percent).

Although offense certainly played no small part in the Lady Cardinals' past successes, Kahler admits the defense is where his emphasis lies.

"The things that don't show up every day — like defense and rebounding — those are the things we work on," he said. "I think that's why we do so well, because our team really works to become better."

Athlete against abortion

Mark Bavaro, the All-Pro tight end of the New York Giants, was one of 503 people arrested Monday, May 2, during a demonstration in front of an abortion clinic on Manhattan's East Side. All 503 were given disorderly conduct summonses and released. Bavaro is vice chairman of a group called Athletes for Life.

Golf tourney nears

The Northwest Hearing and Speech Center, Inc., is sponsoring a golf tournament for the center, which is a not-for-profit agency. The only provider of its kind in the northwest sector of Monroe and Orleans counties, the agency serves people with speech and hearing handicaps, and provides food and clothing to the needy. Services are provided on a sliding fee scale based on income. Many of the center's clientele are children who are not covered by their parents' health insurance and cannot obtain the necessary assistance from Medicare/Medicaid or are on welfare. Other clients are elderly patients who cannot afford care elsewhere.

Call (716) 225-1914 for information.



McQuaid third baseman Steve Peacock applies the tag to a Canandaigua runner during seventh-inning action of the Knights' 6-5 win over the Braves in non-league play at McQuaid Jesuit.

McQuaid hitters (.315) thriving at the plate

By Richard A. Kiley

For the first time in three years, McQuaid Jesuit baseball coach Tim Jordan is enjoying his spring.

That's not to say that the 20th-year coach didn't like the players he coached in 1986 or 1987. "I enjoyed the kids — we just lost so many one-run ball games," Jordan noted.

Last year the Knights finished 8-13 overall, and seven of those losses were by a single run. In an appropriate end to the season, McQuaid fell to Hilton, 4-3, in the first round of the sectionals.

Although his team is still no stranger to close ball games — McQuaid is 3-2 thus far this season in one-run contests — 1988 has been better to Jordan. McQuaid (2-3 league, 8-4 overall) appears to have shaken off any ill effects from last season.

In their game against Canandaigua on Wednesday, May 4, the Knights showed what a difference a year makes. After falling behind 5-4 to the Braves in the eighth inning, McQuaid rallied with two runs in its home half of the inning to pull out a come-from-behind 6-5 win. Keith Boeck plated the tying run in the eighth inning, and Kurt Schmidt came through with the game-winning hit to propel the Knights over the Braves.

"I'm hoping we turned the corner in the Canandaigua game," said Jordan, who is also athletic director at the all-boys' school on Clinton Avenue.

In a makeup game against host Greece Athena on Saturday, May 7, the Knights came from behind once again. After falling behind 8-3 early in the non-league game, McQuaid rallied for five runs in its half of the fifth inning, before going on to a 14-9 win.

Steve Peacock was the hero for McQuaid, going 4-for-5 at the plate and driving in two runs. Boeck also scored two runs in the late-inning onslaught.

The emergence of Boeck has helped McQuaid turn things around this season. After batting just .237 last spring, the senior outfielder has ballooned his average to .406 this year. Boeck also has an on-base percentage of nearly .500.

Thanks to the hitting of several Knights, the team batting average has gravitated to .315. Schmidt, who is leading the team with a .432 batting average, has become the team's "Mr. Clutch." The pitcher/infielder/outfielder has 11 RBIs to his credit, including three game-winning hits.

Senior Bob Wynne, who bats cleanup for Jordan, is also on a tear. He's batting .385 with nine RBIs and has a .556 on-base percentage. Junior John Steinbrenner has made his presence felt at the plate with 10 RBIs and a .345 batting average.

Jordan refers to his pitching staff as "The Kiddie Corps," but for the most part his hurlers have been throwing like anything but kids. McQuaid's team earned-run average is a very respectable 2.59. Senior Steve Wilmarth (2-2, 2.83 ERA), Byron Schneider (2-1, 2.43), and Tony Lo Verdi (2.67 ERA) have been keeping opposing hitters in check.

In other City-Catholic League action from last week, Cardinal Mooney remained unbeaten with close wins against Franklin and Bishop Kearney.

Rob Hrankowski singled home the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning, as Mooney (5-0 league, 10-0 overall) nipped visiting Franklin, 8-7, on Thursday, May 5.

Ed Nietopski's Cards grabbed the early lead in the quest for the City-Catholic League title with a 4-3 win at home over defending league champion Bishop Kearney (3-1, 8-3 overall) on Tuesday, May 3.

Dave Brescia's sacrifice fly, which scored Greg Wachala with the winning run in the seventh inning, was the difference.

In Kearney's other game last week, Art Carlisi's Kings needed some late-hitting heroics from R.D. Long to pull out an 8-6 win over host Penfield in a makeup game on Saturday, May 7. Long singled in the winning run in the eighth inning. The Kearney junior hit safely three times, stole three bases and had three RBIs for the afternoon.

Aquinas (4-1, 11-4 overall) is in the thick of things after disposing of league opponents McQuaid and East. Fred Rodgers drove in two runs in the Little Irish's 5-2 win over McQuaid on Tuesday, May 3, and AQ welcomed back Brian Monteleone with a 17-1 win over the Orientals on Thursday, May 5. Monteleone collected four RBIs in the win over East.

Over in Class C, the Saints of DeSales are surprising everyone — including their coach — with their 6-0 start.

Frank Payne's young club went a perfect 4-0 last week with league wins over Naples, Red Jacket, Dundee and Honeoye. Payne's son Frank Jr., a freshman, improved his record to 3-0 for the season by holding Naples to two hits over five innings of work, as the Saints defeated the Big Green, 4-2, on Thursday, May 5.

Joe Vedora (2-0) came on in relief to close out the win against Naples, a finalist in the Section B playoffs last year.

DeSales' other games last week were runaway wins. Freshman Jim Vedora (1-0) struck out 10 batters over six innings, as the Saints defeated Red Jacket, 9-1, on Wednesday, May 4. Matt Cannon collected three RBIs on two doubles for DeSales, which broke the game open with a five-run fifth inning.

On Tuesday, May 3, the Saints drubbed Dundee 15-3. Joe Vedora pitched five innings before yielding to Jim and Steve Vedora over the final two innings.

Steve Vedora, Cannon, Jeff Taney and Payne all had two hits in the win.

DeSales set the tone for the week with a 16-0

Sumner, Doan flourish at His and Her meet

Hats off to McQuaid Jesuit's Brad Sumner and Aquinas' Brendan Doan for their performances at the His and Her Invitational, which was held at Franklin High School on Saturday, May 7.

Sumner, fresh off a spectacular showing at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia a week earlier, won the 400-meter dash in a Section 5 record-tying time of :48.8. The McQuaid junior finished just ahead of one of the state's best runners — Dennis Webster of Clarence (Section 6, Buffalo area).

Sumner's time beat the meet record of :49.6 and also bettered his own previous best time this season (:49.7).

rount of Honeoye on Monday, May 2. Payne was just two outs away from a no-hitter before yielding a double in the seventh inning. The Saints pounded out 16 hits for the afternoon.

Although his team holds a two-game lead in the Finger Lakes West Division, Payne said his club will really be tested with four of its upcoming six games on the road.

"We'll find out now how good we are; everybody's going to be gunning for us now," Payne said. "Our start is mind-boggling when you look at what our pitchers are doing."

Over in Section 4 Class C, Elmira Notre Dame is tied for third place in the Sullivan Trail Conference after beating Southside, Corning East and Hornell and losing to Elmira Free Academy and Corning West last week.

In the biggest win of the season thus far, Notre Dame (3-5 league, 5-9 overall) beat Southside — a Class A school — 7-3 at home on Saturday, May 7.

Bob Grosvenor (3-2) yielded a home run on the first pitch of the game and gave up single runs in the first three innings, but settled down to get the win. Grosvenor finished with 12 strikeouts.

Senior catcher Randy Harvey pounded out two doubles and collected two RBIs for John Cain's Crusaders.

The win followed consecutive losses to Elmira Free Academy and Corning West. EFA pitcher Jim Reed kept Crusader bats silent in a 9-0 win at home on Friday, May 6. Mike Mesuch was the lone bright spot for ND with two singles for the day.

Mesuch had a perfect game going for four and one-third innings against visiting Corning West on Wednesday, May 4, before five unearned runs in the fifth gave Corning West a 5-4 win. ND had jumped out to a 4-0 lead with two runs in the first and fourth innings.

Grosvenor earned the victory with a 7-2 win in a makeup game against Corning East on Tuesday, May 3. Senior designated hitter John Cox came through at the plate with three RBIs. On Monday, May 2, the Crusaders notched their first league win of the season with an 8-2 win over Hornell. Grosvenor gave ND the lead for good with a two-run homer.

After playing Horseheads, Addison and Corning East this week, Notre Dame will participate in the Elmira Tournament this weekend. The Crusaders play Williamsport in the tourney's first round.

Sumner shared the Outstanding Track Athlete Award with Clarence's Webster.

Geneva took the team title with 107 points, followed by Penfield (105), Clarence (71), East (64) and McQuaid (62).

Doan bettered the meet record in the pole vault event by one inch, by going 13-6 in the field event. His showing helped Aquinas finish with a team score of 10.

Tim Jones' Mercy team finished with a team score of 18. Highlights for Mercy included a third-place finish in the 1,600-relay with a time of 4:13.9, and a first-place finish by Laura Young (1:00.6) in the 400-meter race.

For t
game a
Saturda
Bishop
the per
By u
have br
lina bas
ous for
Kearney
first hal
goal wil
quarter.
best off
just nin
ney's 24
"We
controll
ter the
it took a
get a gc
The f
the thir
scored s
lead he
team sc
dequoit
"I thi
vous wh
we kept
a couple

It has
DeSales
believes
pitching
necessar
league ti

To ill
times,
coach h
his labor
Luzzi
juror or
past cou
for him
even h
showdov
May 9.

"My
on how
tough ne
easier w
DeSal
year wi
nestling
Honeoye
Jacket.
Freslu
impressi
walking
for the