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Freshman Sheila Doyle (9) will give the Monarchs added scoring punch this fall, but the Monarchs' defense is a question mark.

## Mooney's depth, defense should regain league crown

By Richard A. Kiley

Many new faces will be seen on the soccer fields this fall as all seven diocesan girls' soccer teams vie for sectional patches in November.

Cardinal Mooney lost a slew of players from last year's 11-6-1 team to Fairport, but Scott Morrison's Cards appear to have the depth to win the Private-Parochial League back from defending-champion Our Lady of Mercy.

Mooney's defense has been the story early this season, allowing just two goals in three games against some very stiff competition. Mooney is 1-0-2 thus far, playing to non-league ties against the likes of Fairport's 1987 state final-four team as well as Greece Arcadia. The Cards also beat a tough Gates-Chili team, 2-1.

Mooney's miserly play on defense should continue with the return of three seniors. Empire State Games sweeper Joan Graham and stopper Margie McGuire are Mooney's defensive stalwarts in front of senior goalie Julie Monfalcone. The Mooney goalie was a second-team all star her junior year, and has looked extremely sharp in the Cards' first three games.

Offensively Mooney has not been able to get going as yet, but that could change quickly with junior Gia Cucinelli and senior striker Kristen Kuhns. Cucinelli scored 13 goals as a sophomore, but has been slowed by a knee injury sustained while skiing last winter. Kuhns has two of Mooney's three goals already this fall, while senior Kelly Probst has the other.

Morrison is not worrying about the lack of scoring yet.

"It always takes a while for the offense to mesh ... I've got 16 kids up from a 13-3 JV team," Morrison said. "I like our chances (for the league title). We have a lot of depth."

Our Lady of Mercy (15-2, 8-0 in league play for '87) lost ESG striker Laura Wambach and all-league goalie Andrea Colaruotolo last June, but still has one of the most dangerous front lines in Section 5.

Last fall's leading scorer Julie Buntich (21 goals) is back for her senior season. The striker/halfback has already scored three goals this fall for Mercy (2-1). Senior striker Holly Sims (9 goals in '87) has found the net five times, including her first-ever hat trick in a 5-3 overtime win over Bishop Kearney. Sims was Mercy's second-leading scorer last fall.

A top newcomer on the line is leftwing Sheila Doyle. Boughton refers to the left-footer as "a natural" who learned how to put the ball in the net while playing soccer at St. Louis in Pittsford.

Senior halfback Wendy White, Mercy's fastest defensive player, has Wambach-like playmaking ability and should collect a ton of assists this fall.

Boughton's concern lies with her defensive unit. With the exception of senior sweeper Bernadette Fagan, the Mercy coach will be using a lot of new players.

Replacing Colaruotolo in goal will be senior Stephanie Selner, whom Boughton said learned a lot as a backup last fall.

The Monarchs, losers in the sectional quarterfinals to Fairport, have given up nine goals in three games, but five came in a loss to powerful Pittsford Mendon in the Penfield Tournament two weeks ago.

"They are way above the rest (of the section); it was like playing an Empire State Team," Boughton said after her team's 5-1 loss to the Vikings. Both of Mercy's wins thus far have come against Bishop Kearney.

Aquinas, Nazareth and Bishop Kearney are all very young. The Little Irish are 2-4 thus far this fall. Greg McMaster's club has shown some scoring punch in its two wins against Nazareth and Nardin Academy of Buffalo. AQ (7-8-3 in '87) came on strong in the second half to beat Nazareth, 4-1 back in mid-September, and the Little Irish cruised to a 4-0 win over its Buffalo opponent in the consolation game of the Lew-Port tournament last weekend. Marcie Meagher accounted for two of AQ's goals in the win over Nardin Academy.

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## Knights on a roll since loss to Mendon

By Richard A. Kiley

McQuaid Jesuit soccer coach Dan Schied predicted before the season that no one player would steal the spotlight for the Knights this fall.

He was right.

Since a season-opening loss to nationally ranked Pittsford Mendon, McQuaid has reeled off four consecutive wins and the scoring thus far has been spread around. The Knights' most impressive win thus far came last Saturday, Sept. 17, when Schied's club knocked off a young-and-upcoming Penfield team, 2-1 in overtime.

Matt Parrinello, who was injured most of last season, was the hero against the host Chiefs. Parrinello's header in the first overtime was the game winner for McQuaid, which — according to the McQuaid scorebook — out-shot Penfield, 19-12.

Greg McMahon erased a 1-0 deficit for McQuaid when he scored on a head shot off a direct kick midway through the second half. Penfield jumped out to a 1-0 lead on a goal by Jack Elliot.

Schied played down the win, citing Penfield's youth and his team's maturity for the win.

"Penfield is so young ... I see them as a real good team for seasons to come," said Schied, a 1978 graduate of McQuaid. "I've got 15 back from last year, including both goalies."

Senior Kevin Murphy was in goal for the Knights. Murphy, who has once again been sharing goaltending duties with senior Mike Boychuk early this season, made several key saves in both regulation play and the overtime period.

The Knights' other win last week came against Aquinas. Five different Knights scored as McQuaid blanked AQ, 6-0. Damian Shields led all scorers with two goals.

McQuaid, which put together a 15-game winning streak last season, will look to keep its current streak alive with games at Marshall, Franklin and Brighton this week. Schied's Knights play just six home games this fall.

## Sister Cities golf tourney scheduled for Fairport

Golfers from Rochester have a chance to pit themselves against a delegation from Ireland in the Sister Cities Golf Tournament on Monday, Sept. 26, at the Eagle Vale Country Club in Fairport.

The scramble-format tournament, which is open to the public, is part of the Sister Cities' Waterford Week celebration from September 25 to October 1. About 60 government officials, artisans and business leaders from Waterford, Ireland, will be in Rochester to participate in the golf tournament and several other activities, according to Bill Sullivan, co-chairman of the tournament.

Organizers are hoping that the amateur golf tournament will become an annual fundraiser. Proceeds from the event will go toward establishing an exchange program between high school and college students in Rochester and Waterford.

Registration and practice will begin at 11

a.m., followed by lunch at noon. The shotgun start is scheduled for 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$100 per golfer. In addition to golf, the price includes lunch, a clambake dinner and door prizes.

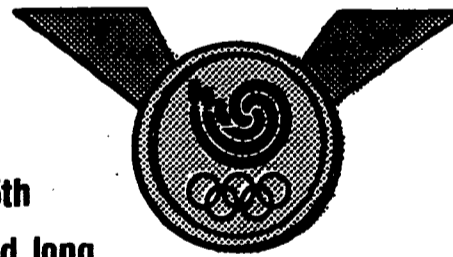
The golf tournament and Waterford Week were organized by members of the Sisters Cities program, which was established by former president Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956.

## Course focuses on liturgy

The diocesan Liturgy Office will continue its course on pastoral liturgy with a five-week course on "The Rites." Sessions are scheduled Wednesdays, beginning September 28 and continuing through November 2, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Patrick School, Corning; and Thursdays, beginning September 29 and continuing through November 3, from 7-9 p.m. at the diocesan Pastoral Center.

The fee is \$20 per person. To register, call the Office of Liturgy, (716)328-3210.

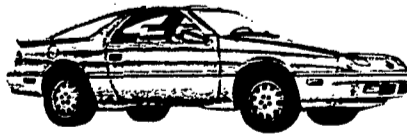
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