

Sports

Service mistakes cost Cards in loss to Wayne

By Richard A. Kiley

When Wayne took the first two games of the Section 5 girls' Class A volleyball final against Cardinal Mooney last week, Cardinal Coach Michelle Rupert thought she had the Eagles right where she wanted them.

After all, it was her Cardinals who did the same against Monroe in the 1987 Class A final before they lost the title match by dropping the next three games.

History did not repeat itself at Edison Tech Tuesday, Nov. 8, however, as second-seeded Wayne (21-0) hung on to beat the top-seeded Cards (16-1) by scores of 15-4, 15-6, 11-15, 9-15 and 15-6.

Robin Wambach of Wayne had 31 spikes and six kills to earn the Most Valuable Player award for Class A.

"I thought back to (1987) when we won the first two and then lost the next three," said Rupert, who has guided Mooney to the Class A final both years as head coach. "I was hoping we could do what Monroe did to us last year. But we missed quite a few serves near the end and that really hurt us."

Serving proved to be Mooney's Achilles' heel in 1987 as well. The Cards were arguably a better team fundamentally than Monroe, but serving miscues proved to be their downfall.



Liz Furey (17) sets up the ball as teammate Anne Russell (11) looks on.

With the exception of Cheryl Lennox, who was 100 percent with her serve, Mooney struggled again. Rupert had a difficult time figuring why this year's team, on which all six servers were returning seniors, had serving trouble.

"Nerves may have had something to do with it," said Rupert, who played on sectional runner-ups at Rush-Henrietta Roth in 1980 and 1981. "There's a lot of pressure in the sectionals, (especially) the final!"

Or it may have been a case of the Cards peaking too early. Until the loss to Wayne, Mooney — led by co-captains Lennox and Liz Furey — had steamrolled in sectional matches against No. 16 Canandaigua, No. 8 Palmyra-Macedon, and No. 5 Waterloo.

Against the fifth-seeded Indians in the semifinals, the Cards won three games to none and held Waterloo to a mere 14 points.

"That was one of the best matches we played all year," said Rupert, who played on the women's volleyball team at Nazareth from 1983-1987. She made the 1986 All-State team as a junior and was an Academic All-American her senior year. "We did just about everything right. I wished we could have played the following Saturday," she said.

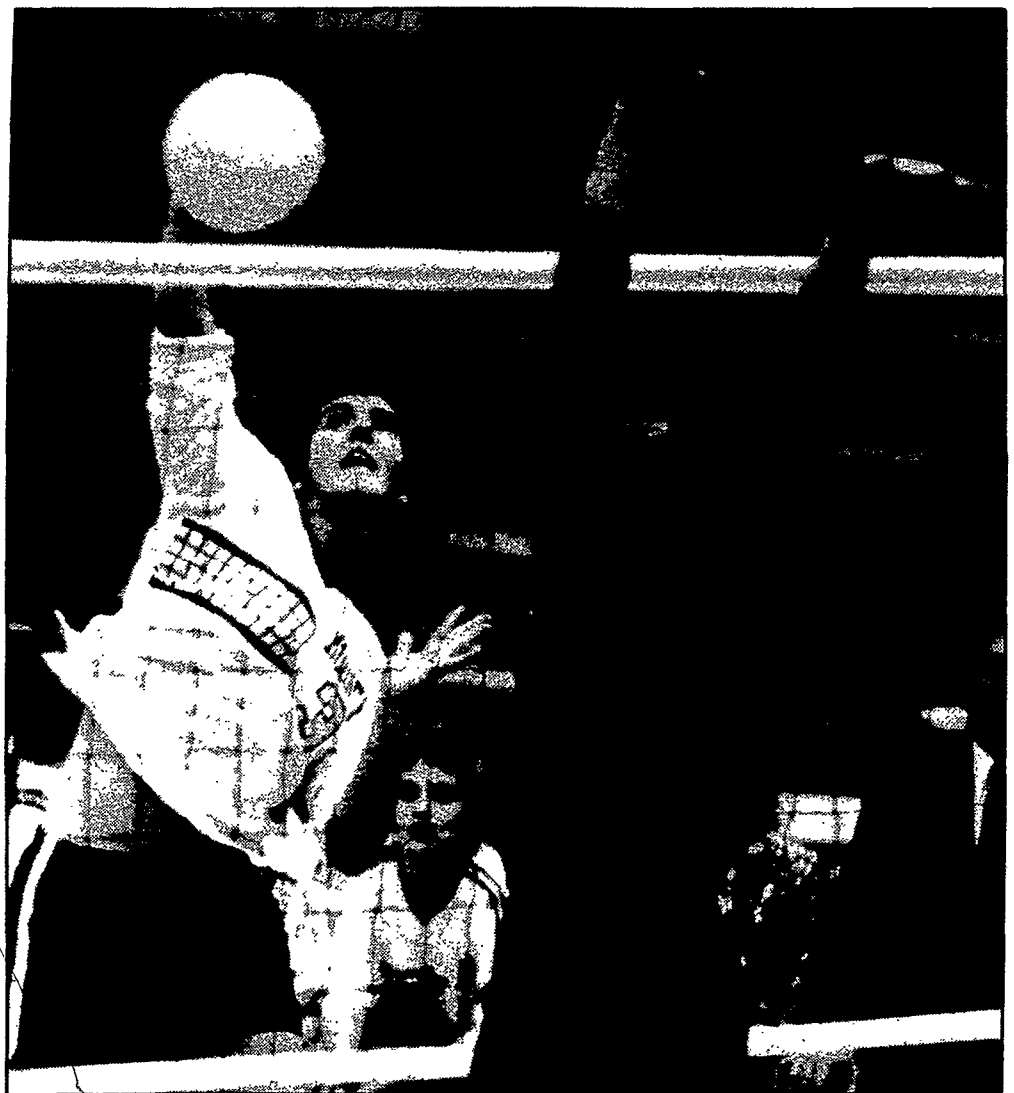
Mooney played the semifinal match against Waterloo on Thursday, Nov. 3. But instead of playing the final on the ensuing Saturday — as in previous years — Section 5 volleyball officials scheduled the Mooney-Wayne matchup for November 8.

Rupert gave her team the weekend off and held a full practice the day before the Class A final.

The loss was especially tough since the Cards' six starters — Lennox, Furey, Amy Harrison, Shannon Barry and Anne Russell — will all graduate this June.

"I know how it feels to lose in the finals, but it was a little less frustrating for me because I lost there my freshman and sophomore years at Roth," Rupert said.

With the exception of the loss to Wayne, this year's Mooney team was virtually unstoppable. The Cards won their 12th consecutive Private-Parochial League title, and finished runner-up to Buffalo's Sacred Heart in the rug-



Cardinal Mooney's Cheryl Lennox (3) prepares to spike the ball during the Section 5 Class A girls' volleyball final against Wayne on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Wayne won the title in five games.

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ged Cardinal Classic volleyball tournament at St. John Fisher College last September.

Only an off night of serving kept them from redeeming themselves for 1987.

"When you're having problems serving, it's hard to bring the team back," Rupert said, "especially if it's a tough match."

Just like the one last year against Monroe. **IN THE CLASS B** boys' volleyball Western Regionals, Eden (23-4) of the Buffalo area's

Section 6 nipped Bishop Kearney in a grueling, five-game match, 15-13, 13-15, 15-13, 14-16, 15-13.

Kearney's Bernie Bonn, who had 41 kills during the intersectional match, was named the most valuable player.

The Kings, who lost in the Class A final to Penfield, were representing Section 5 in Class B.

Notre Dame forfeits win after using ineligible grid players

By Richard A. Kiley

A grid season that went beyond all expectations was tainted last week. Elmira Notre Dame had to forfeit a 38-0 win over Dryden in the season finale November 4 because the Crusader coaching staff inadvertently used two ineligible players.

Instead of tying Windsor for the Section 4 Division IV title with a 4-1 record, Mike D'Aloisio and his Crusaders have to settle for a 3-2 mark and second place based on the ruling by football officials in the section.

The costly error occurred in the second half of the Crusaders' resounding win over Dryden.

According to D'Aloisio, two players sent down to the junior varsity for a game against Dryden's JV on Thursday night were inadvertently substituted into Friday night's varsity game for two plays. Notre Dame's JV was down to 16 players on the roster.

High school football rules state that a player must have at least four days rest between games. D'Aloisio took full blame for the coaching error, which was made amid the confusion of mass substitutions.

"I told the coaches that the JV players were not eligible to play, but I should have caught it," D'Aloisio said. "Last year they accused us

of running up the score (a 48-8 win by ND); we just wanted to keep it respectable. We don't want to be accused of running up the score on anybody."

Instead, the Crusaders must forfeit the win, a share of the division title and a tie for the school record in wins (7).

D'Aloisio said Notre Dame will not appeal the decision by Section 4 grid officials, who he described as "sympathetic and understanding" about the costly error. "They can't change a rule because they don't want to open up a can of worms," he said. "We'll abide by the rules and forfeit the win, but in my heart and

the kids' hearts we won the game and tied Windsor (for the championship)."

The league game between Notre Dame and Dryden was never in doubt. The Crusaders, who only have 22 players on the varsity roster, led 18-0 just three minutes into the game and cruised from there.

Although the victory would have given ND a share of the league title, it would not have changed Section 4's representative in Bowl Game II against Binghamton Seton Catholic. Windsor earned the bowl bid by defeating the Crusaders, 34-22, back on October 1.

Men's basketball team at Nazareth College shooting for '20-win club'

1986-87 was supposed to be a rebuilding year for men's basketball at Nazareth College. The Golden Flyers lost seven seniors — including all five starters — from a 1985-86 team that won 22 games and qualified for the NCAA Division III playoffs. The fact is, only four players returned with limited varsity experience.

As foreman of the rebuilding project, head coach Mike Daley didn't exactly construct Trump Tower. The season was nonetheless considered a rousing success as Daley took an inexperienced squad — which included five freshmen — to the ECAC Upstate playoffs. It was the Golden Flyers' eighth consecutive winning season and their 10th in 11 years.

"I was pleased with the way some of our younger players responded," said Daley, who brings a record of 39-17 into his third season as head coach. "Now that we have some experience again, we hope to get back into the 20-win club."

The 1988-89 regular season for the Golden Flyers gets underway Friday, Nov. 18, with a tournament at Albany State. Nazareth will meet Staten Island in the opening round at 6:30 p.m. Albany State and Westfield State are the other teams participating.

To reach the 20-win plateau again, the Golden Flyers will look to several underclassmen, including sophomores Darrin Peterson (Tonawanda), Mike Funke (East Aurora), Chuck Johnson (Nedrow) and Denny Nicholson (Oswego).

Last season, Peterson, a 6-foot-1 guard, developed into one of the Rochester area's premier players as he shattered nearly every freshman scoring record at Nazareth. He averaged 16.8 points per game and made 81.8 percent of his free-throw attempts. Peterson reached double figures in 25 of Nazareth's 28 games, including a 36-point effort at Binghamton State.

Johnson, a 6-foot-4 forward, averaged 9.9 points and 5.3 rebounds, while starting 18 of 28 games last year. Funke, another 6-foot-4 forward, contributed 7.3 points and 3.1 rebounds per game as a reserve. He should challenge for a starting role this season.

Nicholson, a 5-foot-10 guard, was used sparingly on the varsity last year, but averaged better than 15 points per game for the Golden Flyers' "B" team. His playing time should also increase dramatically this season.

Among the other key players are co-captains Kevin Broderick (Fulton) and John Garbinski (DeWitt). Broderick, a senior point guard, averaged 9.2 points and 7.7 assists per game last year. He set school assist records for a single game (14 vs. Brockport State) and a season (215), and now has his sights set on the college's career record of 398.

Garbinski, a 6-foot-4 swingman, averaged 11.4 points per game, while shooting 79.5 percent from the foul line. He averaged more than 15 points per game over the last 11 games as well.

Newcomers include sophomore Sam DeMetro (Waterloo), who was a standout for Geneva DeSales two years ago.

Daley will be assisted this season by Paul Cummings, Jim Johnson, Greg Monroe and student assistant Joe Ragsdale.

This year's schedule is a tough one. In addition to hosting the annual Bill Gray's Tour-

Basketball tourney on tap at Fisher this weekend

Rochester-area college basketball fans will have a smorgasbord of action to choose from Friday, Nov. 18, through Sunday, Nov. 20, as St. John Fisher College hosts two basketball tournaments.

Beginning Friday at 6 p.m., Muhlenberg, Shenandoah and Concordia Colleges — along with Fisher's own Lady Cardinals — will meet in the Marketplace Inn Invitational at the college's varsity gym. Muhlenberg (Pa.) and Shenandoah (Va.) will meet in the opener at 6 p.m., followed by Concordia (Michigan) and

John Sullivan heads list of Aquinas' honored inductees

John Sullivan, the founder and later a coach for Aquinas' football program, heads the list of four men to be inducted into the Aquinas Hall of Fame on February 8 during the school's annual sports celebrity dinner.

Sullivan coached the Little Irish for 16 seasons, accruing a 67-29-8 record.

Following the women's tournament, the men will take the court in the Cardinal-Mony Invitational, featuring Gettysburg College (Pa.) against Waterloo University (Canada) at 6 p.m., and Fisher against Concordia College (Michigan) at 8 p.m. The consolation game is scheduled for Sunday at 1 p.m., followed by the championship at 3 p.m.

The other inductees will be Max Russer, who played for Sullivan and also had a major role in the Mission Bouts boxing program at the Dewey Avenue high school; Greg Riley, a 1959 graduate who lettered 10 times; and Pete Pavia, a four-year basketball player who went on to become a collegiate referee.