

Sports



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BASKETBALL BEGINNINGS — Clockwise from top left: Aquinas Institute head basketball Coach Mike Dianetti goes over some offensive and defensive strategies during a practice session last week. Dianetti is about to begin his third year guiding the Little Irish. An Aquinas player pushes the ball up the floor during an intra-squad scrimmage. Bishop Kearney players run through a three-on-three drill, as Mike Ruff's Kings prepare for the 1988-89 high school basketball campaign. Both diocesan boys' and girls' high school teams have been practicing for three weeks, hoping all the work will pay off in the form of sectional championships in March. McQuaid Jesuit High School, which is coached by Joe Marchese, is the two-time defending Section 5 Class AAA boys' basketball champion. The Knights went on to win the Class A state title last year.

Rund, Maloney contribute strong performances at state championships

By Richard A. Kiley

Two students in Rochester diocesan high schools finished in eighth place in their respective sports at state competitions held last weekend.

Our Lady of Mercy diver Julie Rund finished in eighth place at the state girls' swimming meet at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy Saturday, Nov. 19, helping Section 5 to its third consecutive team championship.

Section 5 won the team title in last year's meet at the University of Buffalo-Amherst campus and the 1986 meet held at Nassau

Community College.

Rund amassed a total of 347.60 points in the diving competition, which was won by Marji Carges of Irondequoit (429.40 points). Carges was the only individual winner from Section 5, although a slew of swimmers and relay teams from the section placed near the top in several other events.

Fairport's 200-medley relay team of Jennifer Lyons, Tina Lorensen, Karin Mihal and Andrea Torsone won their event, posting a winning time of 1:53.68 seconds.

Rund qualified for the state championships

in Troy by winning the Section 5 Class B diving championship at Monroe Community College on Saturday, Nov. 12. Her point total of 383.54 was a personal best and also set a school record at Mercy.

In the state boys' gymnastics championships at Rush-Henrietta Saturday, Nov. 19, Jeremy Maloney — who competes for the only Section 5 school with a boys' gymnastics team, Rush Henrietta — finished eighth in all-around with a point total of 48.05.

Among Maloney's scores were 8.75 in vaulting, 8.45 in pommel horse and 8.40 in floor

exercise. The Kearney student earned a silver medal in the still rings and a bronze in the parallel bars at the Empire State Games last summer.

At the state meet, Tabor Cowden of Rush-Henrietta took first place in all-around with 52.05, edging James Harrison of Freeport (52.00).

Cowden was also named outstanding competitor of the meet.

Section 5 finished in fourth place in team scoring. Section 11 (Suffolk County) won the team competition with 116.90.

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Sportsmanship sweep

The annual sportsmanship winners were presented by the Rochester Chapter of Certified Football Officials last week, and McQuaid Jesuit — which is coached by Tom Sprague — was tabbed from the City-Catholic League.

Earlier this fall, Dan Schied's boys' soccer team received the same honor from soccer officials.

Wolak released

Terry Wolak, the McQuaid Jesuit High School football player who suffered a spinal injury in a football game, was released from Strong Memorial Hospital Friday morning, Nov. 18.

Wolak, a junior defensive back for the Knights, lost movement and feeling in his arms and legs after knocking helmets with Gates Chili running back Jeff Wittman November 4. Wittman was not injured.

Mary Wolak, Terry's mother, said he has regained much of the movement in his arms and legs and will continue physical therapy at his Irondequoit home. Doctors expect Terry to regain all or nearly all the movement in his arms and legs, according to Mary Wolak.

Former AQ hoop stars pace Fisher in tourney win

John Hoover, a 6-foot-4 senior forward for St. John Fisher College and a graduate of Aquinas Institute, pumped in 26 points against Gettysburg College of Pennsylvania last Sunday, Nov. 20, helping the host Cardinals to a 95-86 win in the championship game of the Cardinal-MONY Invitational.

Hoover, who was recently named co-captain of this year's Cardinal team, was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

"John leads by example. He's well respected as a player because he hustles and works hard to improve his game," said Bob Ward, head coach of the men's basketball team at Fisher. "He's a tremendous asset to the team."

Wakili Moore, who also graduated from AQ, scored 17 points during the win. All of the jun-

ior guard's points came in the second half.

Fisher (3-0) advanced to the championship game with a 74-69 overtime win over Waterloo University of Canada in a first-round game played on Saturday, Nov. 19.

The Cardinals scored the first four points of OT, but needed some clutch free throws down the stretch to secure the win. Hoover and Charlie Rumsey both made two free throws in the final minute of the overtime session.

Hoover finished with 16 points to pace the Cards, who had squandered a 43-23 halftime lead.

Gettysburg defeated Concordia, Mich., 103-80, in the other first-round game.

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