

Sports

# BK, AQ win season-opening hoop tournaments

By Richard A. Kiley

Bishop Kearney head basketball coach Mike Ruff has had more than his share of player transfers, injuries and other distractions during his first two years of coaching at the Irondequoit Catholic high school.

The most recent disruption transpired this past summer with the transfer of R.D. Long. The multi-talented athlete opted to take his outstanding basketball and baseball skills to Webster for his senior year.

Ruff is hoping his third year at Kearney will be a charm. His Kings (2-0) got off to a good start for the 1988-89 high school basketball season by winning the Victor Invitational last weekend. Kearney handed Victor an 85-79 defeat in the championship game on Saturday, Nov. 26. The Kings advanced to the title game with a 69-57 win over Honeoye Falls-Lima in their season-opening game on Friday.

HF-L dropped Wayne in the consolation game, 52-45.

The Kings, who had five players reach double figures in scoring, were led by junior center Greg Mikell's 18 points. The Kearney center was an intimidating force against the Blue Devils, blocking four shots and altering several more. Mikell, Wendell Spiva and Bill Tehan were each named to the all-tournament team.

Although he was keeping the win in perspective, Ruff liked what he saw in the Victor Invitational.

"With respect to the competition ... it obviously wasn't as tough as the City-Catholic teams that we'll play, but it's important to get

our confidence going," said Ruff, taking the philosophy of many college hoop coaches who play weaker competition early in the season to pad the win column. "It's good to play a little easier competition in the (season-opening) tournaments. The kids came through, and it's nice to be 2-0."

Ruff added that playing without Long has forced each of his players to get involved in the game offensively.

"Although we miss R.D. Long, I believe our balance makes us a very competitive team," the coach said.

The Kings will experience their first real test of the young season when they open up league play at Aquinas on Friday, Dec. 2. The game is scheduled to start at 8 p.m.

**AQUINAS IS COMING OFF** a strong showing at the Greece Olympia tournament last weekend. Displaying a tough man-to-man defense and outstanding shooting from the perimeter, the Little Irish (2-0) drubbed host Greece Olympia, 85-44, in the title game on Saturday, Nov. 26.

AQ's Paul Kucwicz was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament after pouring in 22 points against the host Spartans in the championship game. Kucwicz had 32 points and 14 rebounds as Aquinas defeated Pittsford Sutherland, 72-58, in a first-round game Friday night.

In addition to Kucwicz, AQ was paced by Mike Enright and Matt Hill, who scored 15 and 13 points respectively. Marshall-transfer Alcindor Coleman was also a force for AQ in

the two games, scoring 17 points and dishing out 11 assists during limited playing time.

"We ask him (Coleman) to do so many things, and he just goes out and does them," said Aquinas Coach Mike Dianetti. "He's so agile, and he can do so much."

The story of the tournament, however, was Aquinas' press and outside shooting. Against Olympia, the Little Irish broke open a two-point game after the first quarter to 18 points, 41-23, at the half. Many points came as a result of AQ's stiff man-to-man pressure.

"We got off to a nice lead (8-2) early, but then we got lazy when we went to a zone," Dianetti said.

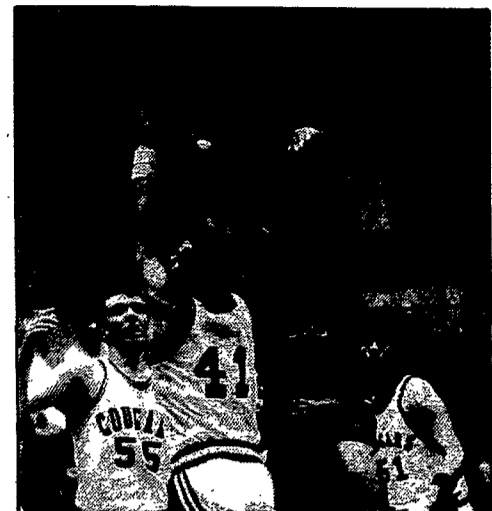
Aquinas was anything but slothful offensively, shooting 67 percent from the floor in the championship game and 55 percent against Sutherland. The only sore spot for Dianetti was turnovers; the Little Irish had 33 of them over the two games.

Dianetti played down his team's success in the tournament, knowing he would get a better idea of what to expect from his players as league action heats up this week.

"You can't tell anything from the first tournament; I don't know if Sutherland played their best or not," said Dianetti, whose team began league play on Tuesday, Nov. 29, with a game against Wilson.

The Wildcats already have a tournament championship to their credit, after winning the Livonia tournament last weekend.

**CARDINAL MOONEY** (1-0) successfully opened its season over the weekend with a



Linda Dow Hayes/Courier-Journal  
Bishop Kearney's James Englert attempts a two-point shot to help his team to a 69-57 victory over Honeoye Falls-Lima in the Victor Invitational Tournament Friday, Nov. 25.

51-44, non-league victory against Penfield on Saturday, Nov. 26.

Ed Nietopski's Cards got off to a sluggish start, falling behind 14-8 in the first quarter. The Cards got the offense in gear in the second half, however, grabbing a 36-34 lead after three quarters.

**ELMIRA NOTRE DAME** (1-1) split two games at the Edison Tipoff Tournament last

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