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ded. "They have seven of nine players back from last year."

ND, which is dominated by underclassmen, looked like the veteran team on Saturday night. The Crusaders jumped out to a 16-10 lead after one quarter, and upped the lead to 38-26 at the half.

But after outscoring T-burg 22-12 in the third quarter, Notre Dame was outscored 30-16 in the final period.

Geoff Woodworth led the Crusaders with 21 points. Bill Updyke had 13 points, while Bri-

an Sheehan and Rob Agan had 12 points and nine points, respectively.

Johnston also credited the win to the outstanding defensive play of Mike Bernatavitz and Mike Ramich. Agan, Ramich, Woodworth and Bob Grosvenor also made some clutch free throws down the stretch for ND, which was 17 of 26 from the line.

Action in the Sullivan Trail Conference begins to heat up this week as ND played host to Corning East on Tuesday, Dec. 13 and hosts Southside on Friday, Dec. 16.

Led by Brad Havens' 27 points and 21 rebounds, Corning East defeated ND 84-67 in the championship game of the Edison Tip-off Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 26.

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from last year's 9-10 team, which lost to Mynderse in the first round of sectional play.

Kelly Cursio (15.3 ppg) and defensive dynamo Johanna Carlos are gone, but Sortino returns senior point guard Pam Buddendeck (7 ppg), senior forward Sally Gillespie (5 ppg, 8 rebounds), senior forward Rachel Brink and junior guard Sandy Supple.

Sophomore Eileen Jensen, a 6-foot-2 center, is up from the JV. Jensen was the leading scorer and rebounder for last year's JV squad.

Sortino hopes to get Brink more involved with the offense this year, which was evident in the Fighting Kings' 38-34 win over Edison on Thursday, Dec. 8. The senior was Kearney's leading scorer with 10 points.

Top reserves include senior Terry Caruso, junior Michelle Pecor, junior Kathe Pero and junior Mary Ann Widman. Juniors Heidi Milford and Anna Urbaniuk should also contribute.

"Last year, we relied a little too much on Kelly Cursio. The scoring should be spread out a lot more this year," said Sortino, whose club will be severely tested outside of the league with tournaments at Livonia, Greece and Eastridge. Kearney won the Eastridge Tournament last season.

NAZARETH ACADEMY coach Walt Gordinier graduated six seniors from last year's 9-11 team, which narrowly missed qualifying for the sectionals.

Gone are guards Amy Budd (13 ppg) and Lesley Salladin (7 ppg), as well as center Samantha Schramm (5 ppg, 4 blocked shots).

Junior Kathy Doran, who saw the most playing for Nazareth last winter, is back. Doran averaged seven points and nine rebounds per game for her team last season.

Top newcomers include junior point guard Lorra Salamone, 6-0 junior center Renee Gambitta (the top rebounder on the JV team) and junior forward Julie Sojka. Maria Webster, a 5-foot-7 forward who left Nazareth to spend her sophomore year at Franklin, returns for her junior year.

Nazareth rebounded from two one-sided losses to traditionally strong Penn Yan (70-19) and Wilson (51-19) to beat Harley Allendale Columbia 29-20.

OVER IN SECTION 5 Class D, Geneva DeSales coach Steve Muzzi will try to rekindle the magic that took his team to the sectional semifinals last season. DeSales finished 11-11 after succumbing to Whitesville in the semis.

In addition to losing Stacy Marsteiner and Michelle Hughes to graduation, Muzzi will be

without Jeneane Donahue. The junior point guard, who started as a freshman, has undergone two knee operations in the last year. Muzzi hopes to have Donahue back for her senior year.

Sophomore point guard Danielle Boncaro (5 ppg) is a key returner, as are 5-9 senior center Becky Broomfield (13 ppg) and senior guard Amy McGuigan. Senior forward Tina Barcomb, the team's sixth player last season, is also back.

Top newcomers include Mary Kelly Sullivan, Debbie Combs, Jeanette Marvin and 5-10 senior forward/center Becky Peters.

Muzzi views Bloomfield and Red Jacket as "a notch above the rest" in the Finger Lakes West.

"But neither one is going to be beating people by more than 30 points," said Muzzi, who may not be able to press as much as in previous years because he has just eight players on the roster.

DeSales has split its first two games of the season, beating Harley 33-29 after losing to Hammondsport 50-26 in its season opener.

ELMIRA NOTRE DAME has a new mentor in Jeff Sobkowski, who takes over for longtime coach Pat Quinn. But the former Niagara University basketball player is no stranger to the athletic program at ND, where he has coached the JV boys' basketball team (16-4 last year). Sobkowski also had a key role in the school's 1978 state basketball championship.

ND graduated a lot of offensive weapons from last year's team. Included in the exodus were Nat Kozlowski (15 ppg), Tina Maloney (8 ppg), Lisa Boulas (6 ppg) and Colleen Hoolber (5 ppg).

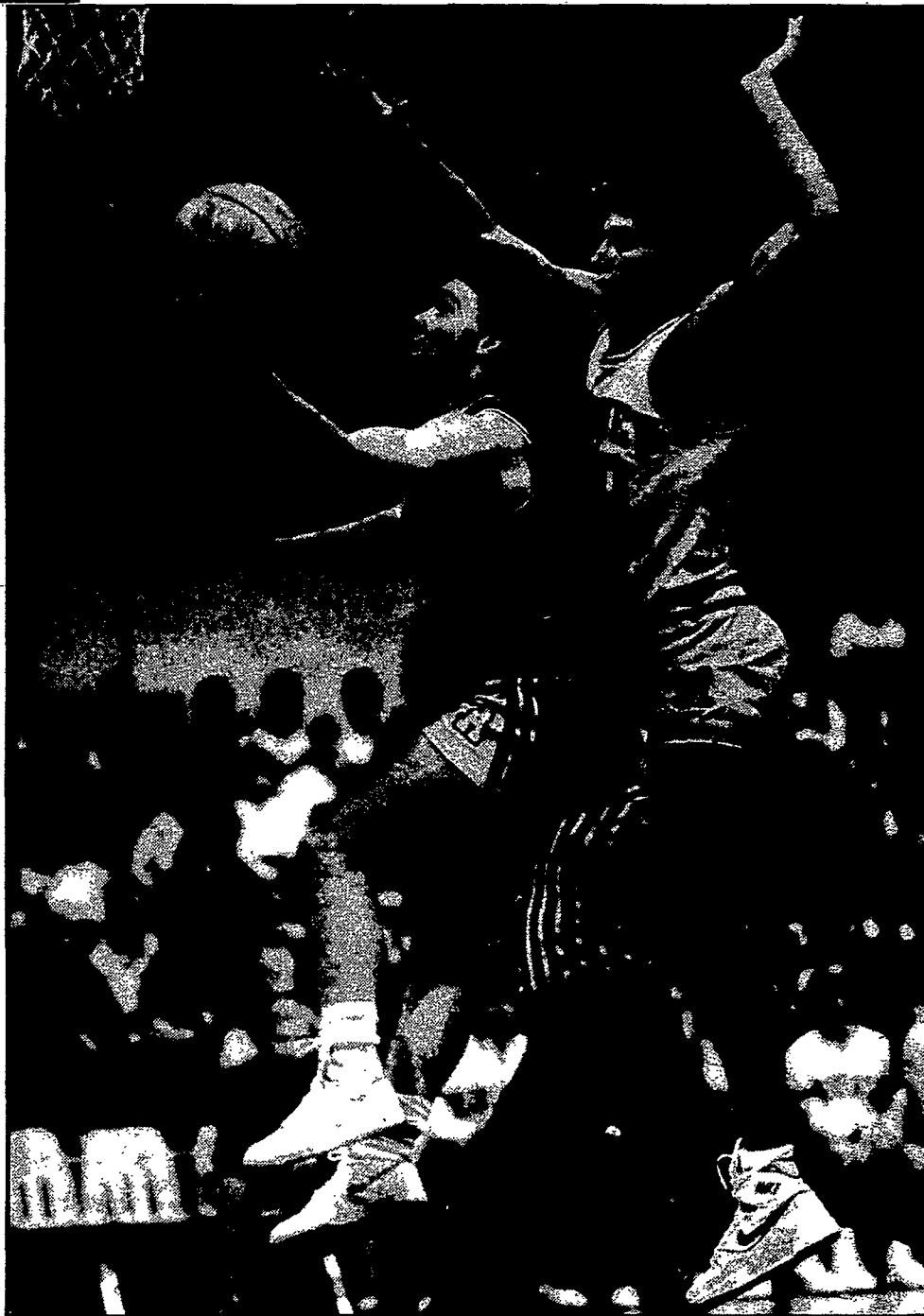
One of the key returners for the Crusaders is junior point guard Kathy Lynch (10 ppg). Julie Cox (8 rebounds, 10 rebounds) is also back for her junior season.

Sobkowski lost an integral member of last year's team, Cara Cleveland, to mononucleosis during tryouts. The void created by Cleveland's absence has been filled by seniors Maureen and Melissa Jaskolka, who are each averaging nearly nine rebounds a game.

Sophomore Jennifer Fagan — up from the JV — has been a surprise offensively, averaging seven points per game.

After losing to Odessa Montour, 64-29, in their season-opening game, the Crusaders have come back with solid efforts to beat Tioga, 50-43, and Trumansburg, 47-32.

"Odessa Montour is probably one of the top five teams in the state," said Sobkowski, who views Southside, Elmira Free Academy and Horseheads as the class of the Sullivan Trail Conference, with his Crusaders in a position to play the role of spoiler.



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Mooney's Sean Trapp tries to block a shot by Aquinas forward Matt Hill. The Little Irish defeated the Cardinals, 51-41, in City-Catholic League action on Friday, Dec. 9.

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