

Sports

Mercy defeats Mooney again

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Spurred by a ferocious defense and some stellar foul shooting down the stretch, Our Lady of Mercy defeated Private-Parochial League opponent Cardinal Mooney for the second time in a week.

The Monarchs' 54-45 win over the visiting Cards (4-1 league, 11-2 overall) last Thursday, Jan. 12, came just five days after Mercy's 59-57 double-overtime win in the championship game of the Mercy Invitational.

Mercy (5-0, 9-0) was once again spurred by the play of senior point guard Julie Buntich. Buntich, who scored a game-high 23 points for Kathy Boughton's Monarchs, poured in seven points during the fourth quarter alone. Mercy led 40-37 after three quarters, and used 6-for-8 shooting from the foul line in the fourth period to pull away. For the game, the Monarchs made 15 of 27 free throws.

Mercy's Mary Beth Cleary was also an offensive force, scoring nine points and making nine steals for her team.

The Monarch defense — namely Maggie Whelehan — was able to keep high-scoring Mooney forward Marisa Shackelford from inflicting much damage offensively.

Shackelford poured in 26 points during Mooney's first loss to Mercy, but was held to just six points last Thursday night.

Cheryl Lennox led Scott Morrison's Cards with 19 points.

The Cards, who beat Canandaigua 51-50 on a last-second basket by Liz Furey earlier in the week, rebounded from the loss to Mercy by defeating Penfield, 49-44, in the first round of the Hilton tournament, on Saturday, Jan. 14.

Shackelford scored 17 points during the win, while Margie McGuire and Lennox had 10 points each.

Mooney was scheduled to play Aquinas in the championship game of the tournament on Monday, Jan. 16. Dan Bates' Little Irish defeated the host Cadets, 32-21, in the other first-round game. Michele Cerra collected nine points and five rebounds to sput the AQ win.

GENEVA DESALES was outscored 118-60 in two games last week, but coach Steve Muzzi believes his Saints (5-7) may be ready to put things back together before the sectionals begin in February.

DeSales dropped a 57-28 Finger Lakes West game to Red Jacket on Tuesday, Jan. 10. Courtney Romeiser, who will attend Marquette University on a full basketball scholarship next year, led the Indians with 28 points.

But Muzzi said his team's pride was injured during a 61-32 loss to Honeoye two days later. That loss, the DeSales coach said, could turn things around for DeSales.

"It could be a turning point for us ... it's a matter of pride," Muzzi said. "There's a lot of tradition here, and that (the loss) really hurt their pride."

Because he only has an eight-player roster, Muzzi has not been able to use the fiercer full-court pressure that has been the trademark of his previous DeSales teams. Muzzi said he will look to press a lot more in the remaining eight games, six of which are in the friendly confines of the DeSales gymnasium.

"We're still trying to find ourselves ... We're going to start pressing a lot more even if it is just a half-court press," Muzzi said. "We can't press for 32 minutes, but we are going to press a lot more than we have been."

Muzzi's roster situation will improve some when the JV ends its season, and he moves some players up to the varsity.

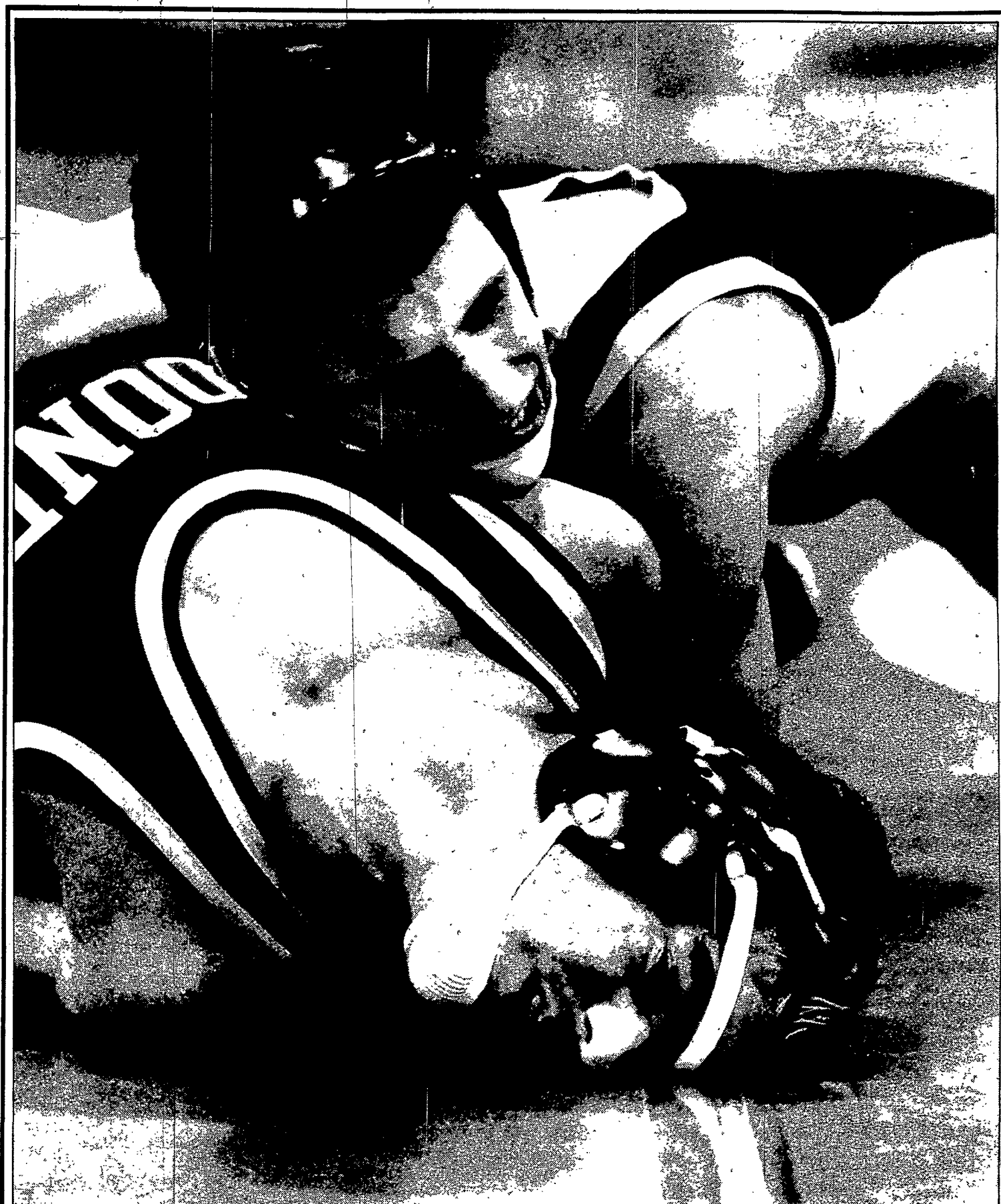
Sophomore point guard Danielle Boncaro (14 points per game) and 5-foot-9 senior Becky Broomfield (11 points) have been pacing the Saints offensively thus far. Amy McGuigan has been leading the team defensively.

Kriesen named All American

Our Lady of Mercy graduate Michelle Kriesen, who was featured in the July 28 edition of the *Courier Journal* for her accomplishments as a triathlete, has been named All-American in the February issue of *Triathlon Today* magazine.

Kriesen was recently tabbed the coach of the cross-country ski team at Mercy. She was instrumental in getting a cross-country ski team started at the all-girls' high school on Blossom Road during her junior year. The team began with four members, but Kriesen was the only one to stick it out for the entire season.

Kriesen, who is currently taking classes at the University of Rochester, was recently informed



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Above, McQuaid's Brian Knauss wraps up Warren Jones in the 126 lb. class of the wrestling meet Thursday night, Jan. 12, at Mooney. Knauss won his match, helping McQuaid to a 61-12 victory over the Cards. At right, McQuaid grapplers and assistant coach Michael Collura congratulate Jeff Frisk, who pinned Mooney's Jim Schnell in the 155 lb. class.



that she finished fifth in her age group at the Greater Wilkes-Barre Triathlon (Tri-Fed USA National Championship) last year. According to Kriesen, the event — which encompasses international distance — took place during a torrential rain storm.

Enright leads MCC in goal

Donna-Jean Enright, a 1987 graduate of Aquinas Institute, recently completed an outstanding season as the first-string goaltender for the powerful Monroe Community College women's soccer team.

Enright, who is a sophomore, appeared in 16 games for the Tribunes. She made 35 saves while allowing just four goals, leading MCC to a record of 21-3-1.

Last month, Enright was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association All-Region III first team.

Kelly, Pryor head dais for hall of fame dinner

Organizers of the fifth annual Aquinas Sports Celebrity Dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at the Diplomat Party House have put together an impressive dais for Rochester-area sports fans.

Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim Kelly, boxer Aaron Pryor, Villanova basketball coach Rollie Massimino, LPGA leading rookie Dottie Pepper-Mochrie, National Hockey League veteran Yvon Lambert and former Rochester Red Wings manager Johnny Oates will be among the many sports figures on hand.

This year's dinner will honor four new members to the Aquinas Hall of Fame. They are: John Sullivan, the man credited with introducing football at AQ in 1930; Max O. Russer, who played on Sullivan's teams in 1930 and 1931; Pete Pavia, a former captain of the Little

Irish basketball team and now an NCAA official; and Dr. Greg Riley, who lettered 10 times at the Dewey Avenue high school.

The induction of the latest four will bring to 28 the number of members of the hall.

Organizers are also hoping to bring together all the members of Sullivan's football team, plus fellow teammates of Russer, Pavia and Riley.

The Diplomat Party House is located at 1956 Lyell Ave., Rochester. Refreshments will be served at 6 p.m., followed by the dinner at 7 p.m.

Call 716/254-2020 for tickets and information.