#### **Sports**

# Clutch foul shooting saves AQ; McQuaid fends off Kearney

By Richard A. Kiley

No one has to tell Aquinas boys' basketball coach Mike Dianetti how important good free-throw shooting is after his Little Irish held off Cardinal Mooney, 49-37, in a City-Catholic League basketball game last Friday, Jan. 27.

Dianetti's club converted 10 of 13 from the stripe in the fourth quarter, as Aquinas (11-5) knocked off the Cards (7-9) at Aquinas.

The Little Irish led 26-22 at the half and 33-28 after three quarters before putting the game away in the final period.

Alcindor Coleman collected 16 points, nine rebounds and dished out seven assists for AQ. Paul Kucewicz also had 16 for the Little Irish.

Mike McGwin led Mooney with 19 points. In AQ's other game last week, visiting Mar-

shall held off a furious Little Irish rally before winning the City-Catholic League basketball game, 74-59, on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Aquinas fell behind by 13 points in the first quarter, before pulling to within seven at halftime, 38-31. The Little Irish were able to trim the deficit to two points in the third quarter, but were never able to gain the lead.

Kucewicz led AQ with 23 points.

In Mooney's other game last week, senior Tim Burgmaster scored 40 points -16 field goals and 8-for-10 from the foul line - to propel the Cards to a 60-59 win over Wilson on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Burgmaster's most important points came when he made both ends of a one-and-one with :03 remaining to earn Mooney the one-point

The Cardinal rally came after the Wildcats had a seemingly comfortable 59-54 lead with 1:30 left in the game.

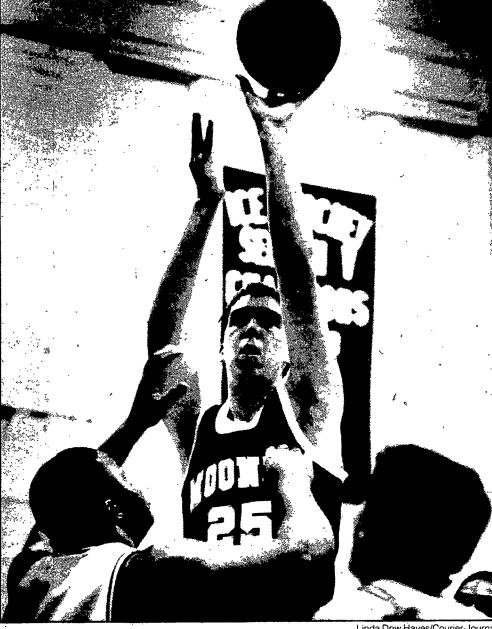
Mike McGwin was also a standout for the Cards, pouring in 11 points. The Mooney center also had 11 rebounds and eight assists.

In other City-Catholic League action from last Friday, Jan. 27, host McQuaid appeared a little rusty after a week-long layoff against Bishop Kearney during a 46-40 win.

The Kings, who were also playing after a week off, were able to tie the game at the half, 22-22, but McQuaid took control of the contest in the third quarter.

Senior center Drew Henderson had 17 points, 19 rebounds and 10 blocked shots to lead the Knights. It was Henderson's third triple-double of the season. Reggie Wade poured in 13 points for McQuaid.

Paul Maring paced Kearney with 11 points. GENEVA DESALES boys' basketball coach Tony Alvaro may find himself in the Guiness



Linda Dow Hayes/Courier-Journal Cardinal Mooney center Mike McGwin puts up a shot during the Friday night, Jan. 27, game against Aquinas Institute.

Finger Lakes teams.

Book of World Records after the season because the Saints' coach has been on a rollercoaster ride since the season began last December.

The Saints (10-6, 8-5 league) were riding a three-game winning streak into their encounter with Penn Yan last Saturday, Jan. 28, but were

upset, 71-66, in a non-league game between

fourth quarter with a 5-0 run, thanks mainly to the shooting of Kevin Olsen. Olsen had a game-

The Mustangs, who came into the game with

just one victory in 16 games, led 9-6 after one

quarter, 35-29 at the half and 50-48 after three

quarters. Penn Yan put the game away in the

Mooney needs lacrosse coaches Cardinal Mooney Athletic Director Ed Nietopski is seeking coaches for the lacrosse program, which will play varsity for the first time

Mark Moran coached the JV team last spring, but will not be back this season. Those interested in the coaching positions should call Nietopski at 716/865-1000.

#### Sumner sets national mark

At the Yale Invitational indoor track meet in New Haven, Connecticut, Saturday, Jan. 21, McQuaid's Brad Sumner ran the fastest listed high school time indoors in the country this year. The McQuaid runner finished the 1,000 meters in 2 minutes, 28.94 seconds, setting a Section 5 record as well.

high 29 points for the Mustangs, including 15 in the second half.

The loss marked yet another setback for the Saints, who were picked by many to win the Finger Lakes West title this season.

'They (Penn Yan) made up their minds that they could really beat us if they came out fast, and they did," said Alvaro, whose club easily handled the Mustangs during the first meeting between the two teams. "Our shot selection was terrible; we're taking too many threepointers.'

DeSales converted just three of 14 from three-point range. Alvaro, who is a staunch opponent of the three-point shot in high school basketball, said he saw the makings of an upset

"Penn Yan was six-for-six on three pointers. I knew it was just their night," Alvaro said.

Pedro Rojas was a bright spot for the Saints, scoring a season-high 19 points. Chris Ike had 16 points, while Bob McFadden (12 points) and ' Jeff Ike (11 points) also reached double figures for DeSales.

The Saints were coming off a 62-48 win over South Seneca the night before. DeSales used a 22-9 run in the third quarter to pad a 29-23 half-

McFadden had 12 points, while Rojas and Chris Ike had 11 points each.

Alvaro said it will be gut-check time for his club this week. After what should be an easy win over Gananda at home on Wednesday. Feb. 1, the Saints travel to Naples on Friday, Feb. 3. DeSales has not beaten Naples in four years.

In a season that has been full of hardfought defeats, Elmira Notre Dame lost yet another heartbreaker last Saturday, Jan. 28, as Hornell nipped the Crusaders 80-78 in a Sullivan Trail Conference game.

Hornell dropped ND 76-70 back on Dec. 22. It was a case of too little too late for Mike Johnston's club (1-8 league, 6-11 overall) this time around, after the Crusaders tried to rally from a 45-35 halftime deficit.

ND trimmed the margin to six after three quarters, and eventually tied the game at 78-78 with: 17 remaining, but Hornell got the winning basket with :08 left. Geoff Woodworth's attempted three-point shot in the waning seconds was blocked.

Brian Sheehan led ND with 26 points. The sophomore point guard scored 15 of his team's 19 points in the third quarter. Woodworth and Mike Bennett had 18 points each for ND. Woodworth scored 11 of his points in the fourth quarter, when he netted three three-pointers.

Johnston said his club picked up its defensive intensity in the second half, but came up short in

"We did a better job on defense in the second half, but they were just a little bit too quick at the end," Johnston said. "We seemed to get inspired when our defense turned it up ... but they have a tough time doing it for four quar-

The veteran ND coach said he'd like to see his Crusaders take at least two out of its final three games. Notre Dame played host to Corning West on Tuesday, Jan. 31, before it plays at Elmira Free Academy on Friday, Feb. 3. The Crusaders close out the regular season at home against Horseheads on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

#### Aquinas ices St. Joe's; **Doohan sets new mark**

Last week was a special one for both the Aquinas hockey team and Bishop Kearney iceman Ken Doohan.

Rich Gamble's Little Irish (14-1) avenged their only loss of the season thus far with a 3-2 win over Buffalo St. Joseph's at Holiday Twin Rinks on Monday, Jan. 23.

St. Joseph's had beaten Aquinas, 6-3, in the first meeting between the two teams.

Aquinas, which is all alone atop Division 1 of the Monroe County Hockey League, defeated Batavia 4-1 in a game played on Saturday, Jan. 28. Chris Fess scored three goals, twice in the first period, to propel the Little Irish.

period. His second goal came on the power play only 2:09 into the game to give AQ a 2-0 lead.

Fess scored his third goal with a little less than seven minutes gone in the second period, before Batavia notched its only goal of the

AQ's Paul Colucci closed out the scoring with a power-play goal in the middle period.

Doohan broke Kearney's single-season record for goals (31) and points (57) with his two goals last Saturday, Jan. 28, but the Kings fell

Brockport scored a power-play goal with a little more than four minutes remaining to pull. out the win. The Kings outshot the Blue Devils,

The win enabled Brockport to take over the top spot in the Division 2 standings of the Mon-

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