

Nazareth women fall in South Regional final

ROCHESTER — The Nazareth Golden Flyers closed the book on another record-setting women's basketball season as they reached the final 16 in the NCAA Division III tournament, before falling in the South Regional final at Maryville College in Tennessee.

The Golden Flyers, who finished with an overall record of 24-6 — including 22-6 versus NCAA competition — defeated host Maryville College, 71-63, in an opening-round game on Friday, March 3. The following night, the Golden Flyers succumbed to Centre College of Danville, Ky., 81-62.

"It was a nice season," said Nazareth

coach Mike Decillis, whose team set a school record with the 24 victories. "I think we were capable of advancing even further, but that will give us something to shoot for next season."

After completing the regular season with a 21-5 record against NCAA competition, the Golden Flyers were forced to travel outside their own East Region to play against unfamiliar competition. The luck of the draw brought them to Maryville, Tenn., some 20 miles south of Knoxville.

"I think it was a good experience for the kids," Decillis said. "We really had nothing to lose in playing in another region. I tried to use that to our advantage."

Nazareth led by as many as nine points in the first half and still led by eight, 25-17, before Maryville scored the last seven points of the half to close within 25-24 at intermission.

Maryville outscored Nazareth 10-5 over the first four minutes of the second half to take its largest lead of the game, 34-30. A free throw by Nazareth's Sandy DeWolf and a three-point basket by Shannon Dwyer quickly tied the score, 34-34. The Golden Flyers took the lead for good just moments later with another three-pointer by Dwyer.

Nazareth's second-half lead grew as large as nine points, 65-56, on Teriann Higgins' basket with one minute left. The Golden Flyers then cashed in at the free-throw line, connecting on six of seven attempts.

Dwyer finished with a game-high 22 points to lead a contingent of four Nazareth players in double figures. She made seven of 18 shots, including four of eight from three-point range. Cass had 17 points and 12 rebounds; DeWolf had 11 points and

eight rebounds; and Higgins, a senior point guard, had 11 points, 10 rebounds, six assists and five steals.

In the regional final against Centre, the game stayed close for 14 minutes of the first half, with the lead changing hands seven times. Centre then put together a 13-0 run over the last six minutes to take a 39-27 lead at halftime.

Centre made 18 of 27 first-half field goal attempts (67 percent) and 34 of 56 (61 percent) for the game.

In the second half, Nazareth closed to within eight, 55-47, on a three-point basket by Dwyer with 12 minutes left. After a Centre turnover, the Golden Flyers had a chance to come within five, but Dwyer misfired on another three-point attempt. Centre followed with an 8-2 run to push the lead back to 14, and Nazareth never made a serious threat after that.

Dwyer, who was named to the all-tournament team, scored 21 points. Cass, another all-tournament selection, collected 12 points and seven rebounds.

Nazareth College men drop ECAC playoff to Hamilton

ROCHESTER — It wasn't exactly the way coach Mike Daley wanted to close out the 1988-89 basketball season, but Nazareth's third-year coach took consolation in knowing that the Golden Flyers had been eliminated from the ECAC Upstate tournament by one of the best teams in the state.

"They can play with Potsdam, Buffalo State, anyone around here," Daley said of host Hamilton College after they defeated the Golden Flyers, 88-58, Saturday, March 4. "They've won 15 in a row; they're playing as well as anyone."

The Golden Flyers, who lost at Hamilton last month, entered the ECAC tournament as the eighth seed after closing out the regular season with 10 victories in 12 games. The fact they drew top-seeded Hamilton as a first-round opponent was a tall order, but Daley was ready for it.

"Someone had to play them," said Daley, whose team finished with a 14-12 record for their 11th winning season in 12

McQuaid Jesuit bowler rolls high series at state tourney

McQuaid's Pete Wentis rolled the high six-game series in the coed portion of the state bowling tournament at Latham near Albany last Saturday, March 11.

The McQuaid bowler knocked down 1,379 pins, including 772 in his first series. Wentis' high game was 290.

Paul LeFrois of McQuaid added a 582, as Section 5 finished fourth in coed standings with a score of 5,741. Section 3 (Syracuse area) finished in first place with 6,159, followed by Section 2 (Albany area) with 5,947 and Section 6 (Buffalo area) 5,913.

Bishop Kearney compiled 5,598 to finish seventh in boys' team scoring. Union-Endicott of Section 4 won the boys' team scoring with 6,338, followed by Colonie of Section 2 (6,318).

years. "And I thought we had a chance against them if we played well and got some breaks."

The Golden Flyers found themselves playing catch-up from the outset as they fell behind 14-4 after six minutes, and could draw no closer than four after the slow start.

Chuck Johnson's basket with 7:46 left in the first half pulled Nazareth within 22-18, but Hamilton went on a 16-4 run to take a 38-26 lead at halftime.

Any hope Nazareth had of getting back in the game was quickly extinguished in the second half as Hamilton outscored the Flyers 26-13 in the opening minutes of the second half.

Johnson, a sophomore forward, paced the Golden Flyers with 12 points. Sophomore guard Darrin Peterson added 10.

Point guard Kevin Broderick, the team's lone senior, closed-out his career with nine points and five assists. The five assists gave him 218 for the year, breaking his own record of 215 set last season. He also extended his career assist mark to 460.

"Kevin is the type of kid who gives you everything he's got for as long as he's in there," Daley said. "We'll miss his desire to win."

Sumner, McQ relay team rank best in nation

McQuaid Jesuit defended its 3,200-meter relay title at the National Scholastic Indoor Track and Field Championships at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. last Sunday, March 12.

Brad Sumner, Scott Romanowski, Jason Fahy and Mickey Stone won the relay in 7:56.50, just one day after placing second in the 1,600 relay at the state championships. Sumner also won the 800-meter race in 1:55.29 at the nationals in Maryland.

High school track officials will have to name a record book after Sumner if he keeps breaking more national marks. The McQuaid runner set a national record of 1:19.56 seconds in the 600-meter race at the states, and also helped the Knights' 1,600 relay team set a Section 5 record at Cornell University on Saturday, March 11.

McQuaid's 1,600 relay team, which also consists of Stone, Fahy, Romanowski and Sumner, finished the race in 3:25.75 at the states. That time smashed the previous Section 5 record — held by Rush-Henrietta

since 1975 — by four seconds. Sumner, who anchors the relay, ran a :49.40 split.

Romanowski also finished fourth in the 600 at the states with a time of 1:21.08.

Exceptional seniors

McQuaid's Drew Henderson is among the players tabbed for the fourth annual all-star Section 5 Exceptional Senior Basketball game, which will take place on Saturday, March 18, at the University of Rochester.

Henderson will be joined on the Gold team by fellow City-Catholic League players Sean Johnson (East), Leroy Brown (Franklin) and Lashon-Nathan (Edison). The Gold team will be coached by Ralph Roach (LeRoy) and Marv Skillman (Avoca).

Lance Frisinger (Red Jacket) and Jeff Fitch (Fairport) will coach the Red team.



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