

## SPORT SHORTS

## Phil Kahler lands top coaching honor

Phil Kahler, long-time coach of the St. John Fisher women's basketball team, has been named 1989 College Division All-American Coach by the American Women's Sports Federation.



The owner of the highest winning percentage among active Division III women's basketball coaches, Kahler improved his career record to 359-70 this season after guiding Fisher to a 28-3 finish. It marked the 13th time in 15 seasons that the Fisher women won 20 or more games under Kahler. The Lady Cardinals also took three tournament titles this season, including the team's third-consecutive state championship.

"I really look at it as an honor for the school and for the team because if the team wasn't successful, I'd be coach of nothing," Kahler said.

The award carries added significance for Kahler since he wasn't even sure he'd be able to coach this season. Late last summer, he underwent several operations to remove blood clots, a potentially life-threatening condition if not treated properly. He returned to court-side only weeks before the season began in November.

Kahler got some additional good news recently when Rachel Krajc, a senior at Greensburg Central Catholic High School, announced she will be attending Fisher this fall.

Krajc, a 5-6 guard who averaged 16.8 points and 6.2 assists per game this season, helped the Greensburg girls to three Section 8 Class AAA titles in her four years of varsity basketball. She scored 1,073 total points in her high school career.

Kahler believes the Krajc will be a valuable asset to a Fisher team returning everyone from last season. "Rachel is a competitive player who makes things happen," Kahler said. "She's an outstanding scoring threat from her guard position. I'm looking forward to coaching her the next four years, in what I'm sure will be an outstanding career here at Fisher."

In addition to basketball, Krajc lettered in track, volleyball and softball during high school.

## Bike trek planned

The first Spring Bike Trek for Life and Breath, sponsored by the American Lung Association — Finger Lakes Region, Inc., is scheduled for June 24-26 along the shores of both Seneca and Cayuga Lakes.

A \$30 registration fee, entitling participants to food and lodging among other things, is required.

Bikers — who will be raising money through the event — will begin their journey at the Seneca State Park, ride down the eastern shore of Seneca Lake across to Trumansburg and then will spend both Saturday and Sunday nights at Cornell University. After a brunch on Sunday, participants will bike around Ithaca before returning to Cornell.

On Monday, participants will bike up the eastern shore of Cayuga Lake, stop in Seneca Falls and Waterloo, and then return to Seneca Lake State Park.

Bikers will travel 150 miles over three days at their own pace. Extensive riding experience is not necessary to participate in the trek.

Call Toby Gold or Ron Pearsall at 716/442-4260 to obtain registration forms or reserve a place at one of three informational sessions before the trek in June.

## Lennox lives up to expectations

By Richard A. Kiley  
Staff writer

Several coaches at Cardinal Mooney High School have called Cheryl Lennox the greatest female athlete in the history of the school. She is doing nothing to prove otherwise.

Lennox threw a six-hitter and struck out six against a good Irondequoit team at McAvoy Park last Saturday, May 20, as the Cardinals beat the Indians 7-0 in a non-league softball game. The win was the sixth in a row for Mooney (18-1) since losing to Hilton back on May 6.

Margie McGuire propelled the Mooney offense by going 3-for-4 with two RBI.

In Private-Parochial League action last week, Lennox pitched a three-hitter and scored four runs as visiting Mooney roughed up Aquinas, 21-2, on Thursday, May 18.

Shannon Barry and Marisa Shackelford were instrumental in the win. Barry collected two RBI and scored two runs, and Shackelford had three RBI and scored three runs for the Cards.

Lennox also hurled a three-hitter in the Cards' 8-1 triumph over visiting Mercy on Wednesday, May 17.

Nazareth Academy (6-3, 13-7) got a  
Continued on page 24



Mercy's Erin Baumer beats Nicole Olley's tag at home plate during the Thursday, May 18, game. Nazareth won 11-10 in eight innings.

## DeSales nears title with three more wins

By Richard A. Kiley  
Staff writer

The "cardiac kids" of DeSales followed their old habits last week, winning three more games — two in the late innings.

With four games remaining in the regular season, the Saints (10-0 league and overall) had a two-game lead in the battle for the Finger Lakes West title. DeSales could have clinched its second consecutive league title with a win over Red Jacket on Monday, May 22.

After playing back-to-back games with Bloomfield May 23 and 24, the Saints close out the regular season with a make-up game against Romulus on Thursday, May 25.

In a showdown between the two of the league's top pitchers last Saturday, May 19, DeSales nipped visiting Honeoye, 2-1. Saints pitcher Frank Pane Jr. went the distance in notching his sixth win of the season. Pane allowed three hits, struck out nine and walked just one, overshadowing a five-hitter thrown by Honeoye's Shane Farnsworth.

DeSales scored the winning run in the fifth inning with the score tied, 1-1. Ron Cecere singled to lead off the inning, and moved to third on a double by Paul Priebe. Cecere then scored on a wild pitch for the winning run.

DeSales beat visiting Dundee, 9-1, in a make-up game played Thursday, May 18. The Saints scored four runs in both the third and sixth innings to post the win.

Dean Askin and Priebe — who has emerged as one of DeSales' most consistent hitters this season — both had key doubles for the Saints. DeSales had seven stolen bases compared to three for Dundee. The Scotsmen also committed three errors.

Jim McDermott, who usually catches for DeSales, got the win with 4-1/2 innings work. DeSales coach Frank Pane opted to use McDermott to give his pitchers a chance to rest up for the stretch run. Jim Vedora came on in the fifth to get McDermott out of a jam. Vedora and Cecere each worked an inning and a third for DeSales.

Thanks to a key error in the top of the seventh inning against host Naples Wednesday, May 17, the Saints struck for three runs and won the Finger Lakes West game, 3-1.

The game-winning rally began with one out, when Priebe reached first on an infield error. That was followed by a single by McDermott. After a flyout produced the second out, it appeared the Big Green were going to win the game when Matt Cannon hit a routine fly ball to left field. The ball was dropped, however, allowing two runs

to score to give the Saints a 2-1 lead. Cannon then scored on a single by Steve Vedora.

Naples threatened to tie the game in the bottom of the seventh by loading up the bases, but Pane squelched the rally by inducing a pop-up and striking out another batter to get his second save.

The win by DeSales overshadowed a great pitching performance by Dundee's Jeremy Caves, who had held the Saints to just four hits through six innings before his team's defense let him down.

Jim Vedora pitched a three-hitter to notch his fourth win of the season.

Last week's three wins set the stage for Pane and his Saints to clinch another league title; but DeSales continues to lack consistent hitting.

Pane is confident the bats will come around soon.

"We might break loose with the warm weather," said Pane, whose Saints won a sectional title last year. "We've been playing well in the field all year, and that has kept us in a lot of ball games."

IN CITY-CATHOLIC League action from last week, Bishop Kearney defeated host Franklin, 13-3, on Thursday, March 18. Vince Falbo was the hitting star for the Kings (5-3, 8-5) with two doubles and two RBI.

Host Marshall nipped McQuaid, 2-0, in a league game on Thursday, May 18. The

Knights (4-3, 10-5) were two-hit by Jurist pitcher Bill Seidel.

Cardinal Mooney drubbed host Wilson, 15-1, on Thursday, May 18, behind three hits and three RBI by Scott Delgatti.

Edison rallied in the bottom of the seventh inning for a 5-4 win over Aquinas on Thursday, May 18. Edison's Pedro Vargas plated two runs with a double in the Inventors' last at-bat.

McQuaid defeated visiting Cardinal Mooney, 1-0, on Wednesday, May 17, on Aaron Smith's bases-loaded single in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Elmira Notre Dame (3-8, 5-14) split two games against Horseheads and Southside on Saturday, May 20.

The Crusaders were blanked by Horseheads, 7-0. The win enabled the Raiders to clinch yet another Sullivan Trail Conference title — their eighth in the last 10 years.

ND rebounded from the loss to Horseheads by nipping Southside, 2-1, behind the three-hit pitching by Bob Grosvenor (4-4).

The Crusader ace also scored one run and plated the winning run with a bases-loaded walk in the fourth inning.

Elmira ND lost to Hornell, 15-2, in an STC game played at Hornell on Friday, May 19. The Red Raiders broke the game wide open with 13 runs in the fourth inning.

## LOCKER ROOM SPORTS

(716)663-3119

Hrs. Mon.-Fri. 10am-9pm; Sat. 10am-5pm  
TEAM UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT  
SOCCER • BASEBALL • HOCKEY • LACROSS

We received 6 correct entries identifying Pete Rose as the Major League record holder for the most seasons with 200 or more hits.

The winner was Melanie Falzoi of St. Ann's, Hornell.

## SPORTS TRIVIA

## This week's question:

Who's the Philadelphia Phillies' all-time club leader in home runs?

A:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

## Rules:

Each week, the Catholic Courier, in conjunction with Locker Room Sports will feature a Sports Trivia contest. All you have to do to enter is answer the question, fill in your name and address and the school you attend (if applicable), cut out the coupon and send it in to the Catholic Courier. If more than one correct entry is received, a drawing will be held and one winning entry will be drawn.

If yours is the winning entry, you will be mailed a certificate redeemable for \$10.00 OFF any purchase of \$25.00 or more at Locker Room Sports, 560 W. Ridge Rd.

All entries must be received within seven days of this paper's issue date. Winning names and answers will be printed the week following each drawing.

The Catholic Courier  
Sports Trivia  
1150 Buffalo Rd.  
Rochester, NY 14624