

SPORT SHORTS

Six Nazareth players named All-Americans

The Nazareth College lacrosse team — reaping the awards of its finest season ever — had six players named to the Division III All-American team announced recently by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association.

Named to the first team was senior attackman Bill Coons. Senior midfielder Gerry Gutches was named to the second team, and senior attackman Bill Atkinson, junior midfielder Jerome Lazore and junior defenseman John McAuliffe were each named to the third team. Senior Bob Kuzdzal, a defensive midfielder, was named honorable mention.

"This is tremendous for Nazareth lacrosse," said head coach Scott Nelson, who has compiled a record of 38-16 in four seasons. "All six of these players are very deserving of this honor."

The Golden Flyers finished with an 11-5 record in 1989 and advanced to the NCAA Division III playoffs for the second consecutive year. Nazareth was ranked fourth in the final Division III lacrosse poll. In the playoffs, the Golden Flyers routed Salisbury State, 25-10, before falling to 10-time champion Hobart, 14-10, in the semifinals.

Coons, a third-team selection as a junior, was Nazareth's leading scorer for the fourth consecutive year. He finished with 41 goals and 71 assists for a school-record 112 points. Coons stands as Nazareth's all-time leading scorer with 138 goals and 174 assists for 312 points.

In addition, Coons represented the Golden Flyers at the prestigious North-South all-star game at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore on June 9. The game annually features the best college players in the country from both Division I and Division III.

Gutches, an honorable mention selection last year, missed Nazareth's first six games this season while recovering from a broken bone in his leg. He still managed to collect 12 goals and six assists for 18 points. He had five goals in the playoff win over Salisbury State.

Atkinson was Nazareth's top goal-scorer the past two seasons with 56 goals in 1988 and 50 in 1989. He ranks second, behind Coons, on Nazareth's all-time scoring list with 135 goals and 19 assists for 154 points.

Lazore was Nazareth's top-scoring midfielder in 1989 with 22 goals and 18 assists for 40 points. He also collected 84 ground balls, while improving his career scoring numbers to 48 goals and 40 assists for 88 points over three seasons.

McAuliffe, who played high school lacrosse at West Genesee, was recognized as the Golden Flyers' top defenseman. Kuzdzal, meanwhile, was a steady performer at defensive midfield for the Golden Flyers. He compiled one goal and two assists this season and collected 69 ground balls.

McQ's Sumner, relay triumph at states

For the second time in one week, McQuaid Jesuit's Brad Sumner had some serious distance to make up when he took the baton for the final leg of the 3,200-meter relay.

And he helped McQuaid's relay team win again — barely. The highly touted McQuaid senior nipped Colonie's Bill Gathen at the wire, as the Knights' relay team of Sumner, Scott Romanowski, Jason Fahy and Mickey Stone won the 3,200 in 7 minutes, 54.91 seconds at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association championship meet at Baker High School in Baldwinsville last Saturday, June 10.

Sumner, who came from way back to beat Penfield's Nathan Sacco at the state qualifier in Brockport on June 3, nipped Gathen — an upset winner over the McQuaid runner in the scholastic 800 at the Empire States Games in Syracuse last

summer — by one-tenth of a second.

The win was Sumner's second of the afternoon — he also won the 800 in 1:53.76 — and the team's third in three days. One of the team's victories came in the courtroom.

On Thursday, June 8, State Supreme Court Justice Joseph G. Fritsch struck down a June 1 ineligibility ruling by Section 5, making permanent the temporary restraining order McQuaid obtained on June 2 and clearing the way for Bob Bradley's team to defend its state championship in the 3,200-meter relay.

Fritsch agreed that McQuaid had exceeded the maximum number of meets allowed, but said that the ruling by the section's executive council was too severe. In his ruling, Fritsch said that the section's move to keep the Knights from competing in the state qualifier "touches on double jeopardy."

The decision came after nearly six hours of testimony over two days. McQuaid's case was handled by Leo G. Finucane, a graduate of Aquinas Institute who also ran at the states in 1975.

Fritsch's ruling did not affect the City-Catholic League's move to put McQuaid on one-year probation.

Our Lady of Mercy's Laura Young and Aquinas' Brendan Doane were the only other diocesan high school athletes to compete at the states. Young, who ran in the girls' individual 800, finished in seventh place with a time of 2:19.63.

Doane finished in third place in the pole vault by clearing the bar at 13-6.

In the overall team scoring at the states, Section 5 finished with 65 points, which was good enough for fourth place behind Section 11 (99.3), PSAL 96 and Section 2 (78).

— Richard A. Kiley

Girls lose

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the fifth inning — two on Megan Jenkins' triple — but Bradford scored three more in its half of the fifth to make the score 18-7.

"It seemed like that's the way the game was all night. We'd score a few runs, and then they would come right back and score a few more," Luzzi said.

The Saints scored three more runs in the sixth and seventh innings, but they weren't enough.

Offensively for DeSales, Boncaro, Cook and Lee Ann Breen had three RBI each. Jenkins finished with two RBI.

Luzzi said the loss to Bradford was much tougher than the one to Avoca a year ago because last year's team was "surprised just to be there."

"Some of the girls put the pressure on themselves at the beginning of the season," said Luzzi, who described himself as "heartbroken" after the Bradford loss. "They were talking about getting to the championship game at the beginning of the year."

DeSales finished the game with 13 runs on 11 hits and seven errors. Bradford had 18 runs, 13 hits and two errors.

The Saints advanced to the championship game by beating No. 9 Arkport, 13-2, at Cohocton last Tuesday, June 6. Boncaro pitched a one-hitter to notch the win for DeSales.

The Saints — who outscored their first three opponents in the sectionals this year by a 48-15 margin — broke the game open with five runs in the third, four in the fifth and three in the sixth.

Tara Bague was 3-for-4, including a three-run homer and a double.

SAINTS NOTES: Luzzi loses five seniors — Mary Kelly Sullivan, Tricia Long, Breen, Debbie Combs and Mary Ellen Chilbert — to graduation; Boncaro and Combs were named to the All-Tournament team; barring unforeseen transfers, Boncaro, Bague, Jenkins and Cook will be among the returners next season; DeSales has gone to the sectional final the last two years despite the fact the school does not have a JV softball program.

Shackelford transfers to Mercy

Our Lady of Mercy's quest for a state basketball title ended in the public school semifinals last March when the Monarchs ran up against a Troy team that featured a powerful inside game.

Mercy's guard-oriented offense was no match for the likes of Troy's 6-foot-1 junior center Nicki Hilton and junior forward Maureen Holohan, who combined for 53 of the Lady Trojans' 82 points in an 82-65 win over the Monarchs.

Things could be a little different if the same two teams were to meet next year.

Marisa Shackelford, the much sought-after college prospect who helped Cardinal Mooney to the Section 5 Class BB champi-

onship last winter, announced earlier this month that she will transfer to Mercy for her senior year after Mooney closes this month.

Shackelford, who stands 5-foot-11, averaged 19.3 points and 9.5 rebounds last winter for the Cardinals. She has become one of the Rochester-area's most dominating inside players, and will be playing at a school rich in basketball tradition.

"Offensively she's a great player. She is a good low-post, high-post shooter," said Mercy Coach Kathy Boughton, who said she was pleasantly surprised to hear about Shackelford's decision to attend Mercy next year.

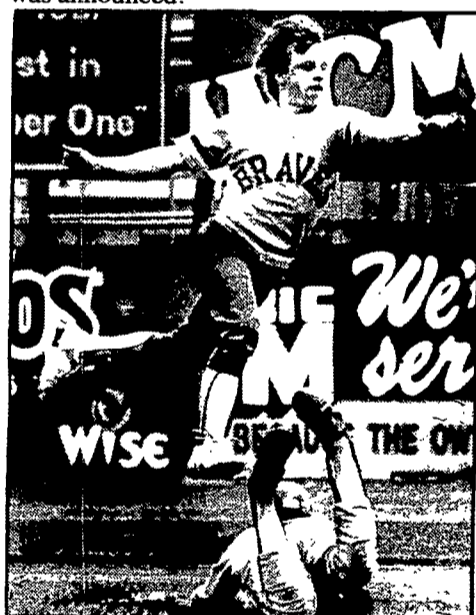
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4-2 in the top of the fourth, DeSales scored two more of its own in the bottom of the fourth inning. Paul Priebe reached on an error, McDermott walked, Askin sacrificed the runners to second and third, Cannon walked, Vedora walked and Jeff Taney's ground out scored the final runs for DeSales.

DESALES NOTES: DeSales' four errors against Bradford marked the most in one game by the Saints; the seniors on the team accounted for seven of the eight hits in the championship game; Pane finished the season 9-0 while Jim Vedora was 6-0; Coach Pane said he saw no difference in talent comparing Class C and D teams; Red Jacket, which DeSales beat twice during the regular season, won the Section 5 Class C title; the Saints stole five bases against Bradford; Pane loses his entire outfield — Steve Vedora, Cannon and Askin

— to graduation; no All-Tournament team was announced.



Jim McDermott slides into second base in one of five DeSales steals for the day.

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