



Exceptional seniors from the City-Catholic League faced off at Silver Stadium last Saturday, June 17, as part of Youth Baseball Week. Clockwise from far left, West Coach Mike Nally (Marshall) gives some pitching advice to Aquinas' Todd Moore. East's Vince Falbo (Bishop Kearney) is out trying to steal second base in the first inning. Tony Lo Verdi (McQuaid) pitched two scoreless innings for the East team, which defeated the West 6-0.

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work with," Morrison said. "You're talking three or four months with them, but the time really went by fast."

Morrison credited the emergence of the school's female sports programs to players "who kissed individual stats out the window."

He was also quick to tout Nietopski's job as athletic director at the school. "The support we got from the athletic director was equal all the way through," said Morrison, which is not always the case with boys and girls athletic teams in high school. "We got a fair share of everything."

Mooney's closing leaves Morrison wondering about his future as a head coach. He compiled a 97-15-10 record in girls' soccer over the last seven years, and a 85-14 mark in girls' basketball during the last five years.

With quality players returning next year, he would have most certainly surpassed 100 wins in both soccer and basketball.

"That doesn't bother me... What really agonizes me is the fact that it takes so much time to establish and build up a program," said Morrison, who — along with Forte — had the pleasure of coaching Cheryl Lennox, perceived by many to be the greatest female athlete to ever attend Mooney. "It's a sad situation. I would give my heart to that place; it has given me some great memories."

Another coach with fond memories of Cardinal Mooney now walks the sidelines at a school that is one of the Cardinals' biggest rivals. Kathy Boughton, a 1979 graduate of Mooney who now coaches soccer and basketball at Our Lady of Mercy, said she was deeply saddened by the school's announcement to close.

"I just felt very bad," Boughton said. "It's like a whole era of your life is ending."

That's a feeling shared by many as the school year draws to a close.

Aquinas Institute tabs D'Ettore to replace Battaglia as new varsity football coach

Bob D'Ettore, a varsity assistant the past two years, was named last week the new head football coach at Aquinas.

The former assistant coach will replace Chris Battaglia, who resigned last May to become a full-time assistant in charge of the defensive backfield at the University of Rochester.

D'Ettore is well-known among followers of the football program at the Dewey Avenue high school. In addition to his two years under Battaglia, D'Ettore coached the junior varsity football team for 10 years.

He will be the 13th head coach of the illustrious grid program at AQ, which advanced to the Section 5 Class AAA semi-

finals in 1987. D'Ettore is a 1973 graduate of Aquinas, where he played football for Bob Rosmarino and current Bishop Kearney football coach and Athletic Director Nick Teta.

D'Ettore has been teaching at Aquinas since 1977.

Battaglia was 18-14-2 in his four seasons as head coach of the Little Irish. His most successful campaign came in 1987, when Aquinas finished 6-3 after losing to Irondequoit in the Class AAA semis.

Battaglia will be an assistant to another former Aquinas football coach, Rich Parrinello, who guided the Little Irish to 20 wins in 27 games from 1981-1983.

— Kiley

Sumner wins 800 at prep track meet

Fresh off a double-winning performance at the state championships in Baldwinsville, McQuaid's Brad Sumner won the 800-meter final at the 18th annual Keebler International Prep Invitational track meet in Elmhurst, Ill.

Sumner finished the distance ahead of nine other outstanding runners from across the nation in a Section 5 record time of 1 minute and 50.76 seconds. That broke his previous sectional record of 1:51.05.

The Keebler International Prep is one of the most prestigious high school meets in the country, as it has often provided the setting for some of the fastest times in the nation.

Sumner won the individual 800 and helped the McQuaid 3,200-meter relay defend its state title in the state championships at Baldwinsville June 10.

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A: _____

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