

Three former CM stalwarts head to MCC

Three former girls' soccer standouts at Cardinal Mooney High School could play key roles for the Monroe Community College women's soccer team this fall.

Gia Cucinelli, Kelly Marron and Kris Borzilleri — who would have been seniors at Mooney this year if not for the school's closing in June — have been declared eligible to play at MCC while they attend Rochester-area high schools their senior year.

Even though this year's women's soccer team is short on veteran talent, MCC looks like it will be a powerful contender for a national title.

Only four key contributors return from a 1988 team that produced a 21-3-1 record and finished third in the national tournament, but coach Charles Salamone has assembled an army of newcomers that could prove to be his best recruiting crop yet. That's saying quite a bit, since Salamone's previous recruits have helped him accrue a nine-year coaching record of 131-21-4 and national championships in 1982, 1985 and 1986.

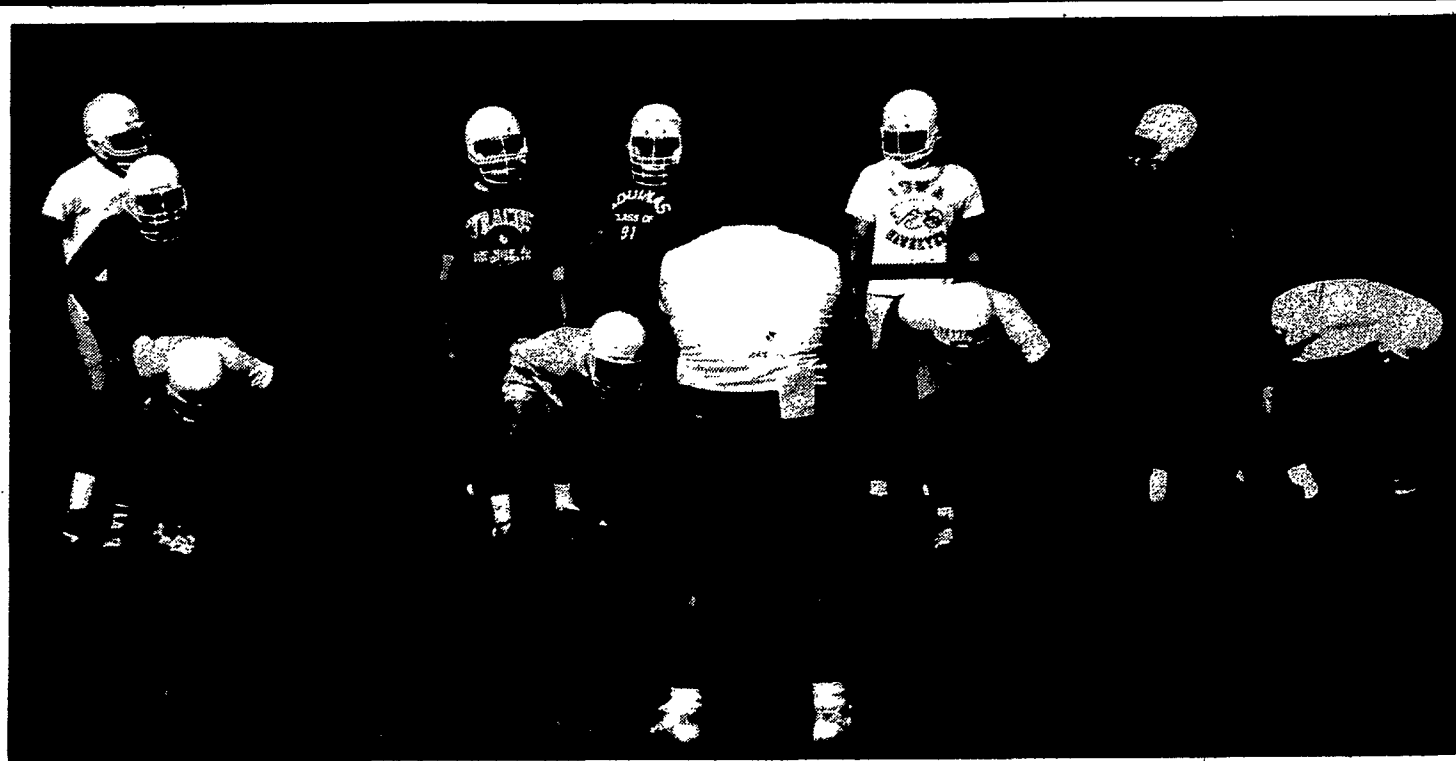
"I'd be very surprised if anybody in the country is bringing in a larger number of quality players than us," Salamone said.

Freshman contingents at MCC have been fortified by their diverse geographical backgrounds. This trend began in 1987 when Salamone plucked future All-Americans Valerie Appert from New Mexico and Christine Byrnes from Long Island. In 1989, MCC touts five players from outside western New York: two from the New York City area and one each from New Mexico, Texas and Massachusetts.

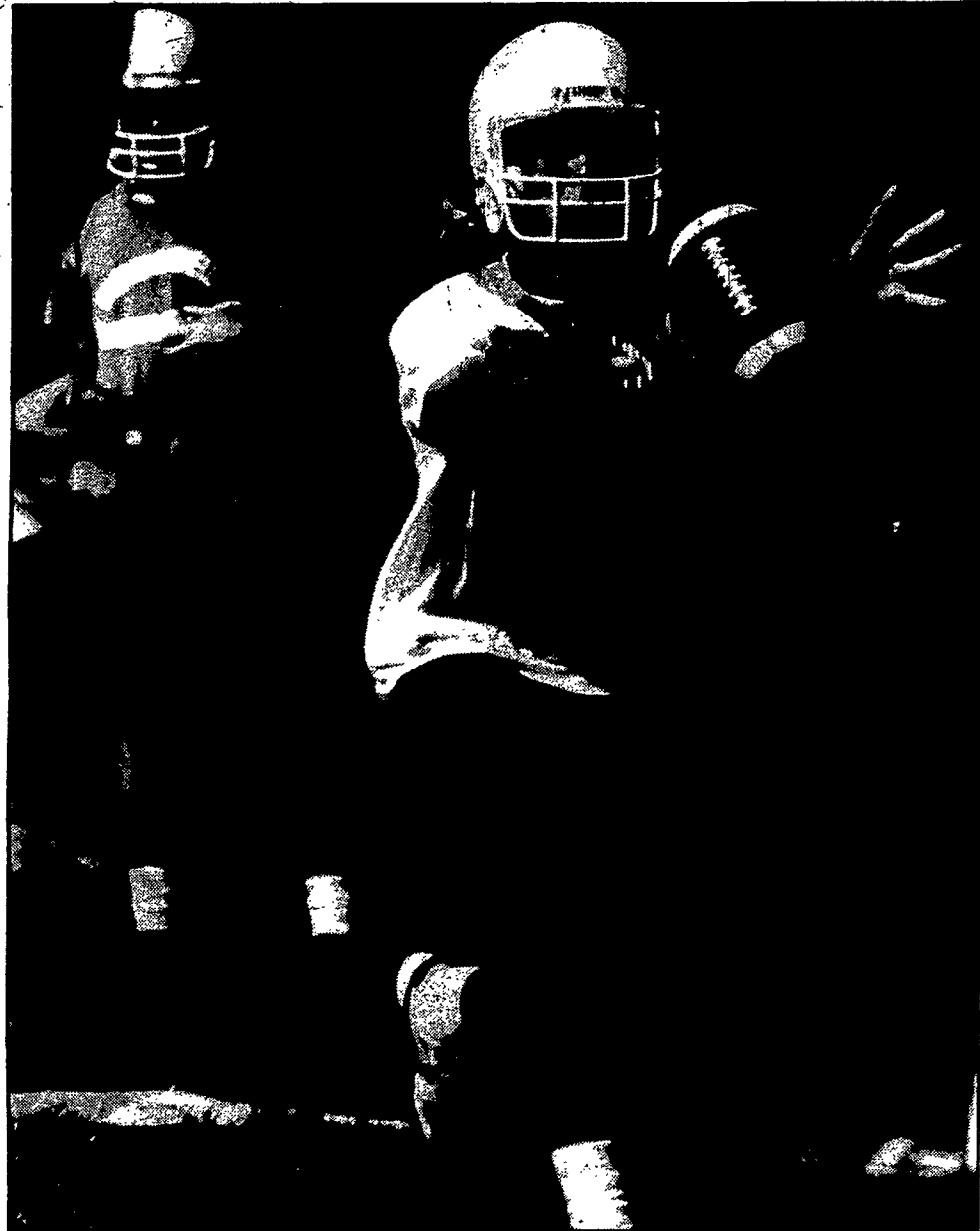
"It's something we work at; we keep our eyes open and do research," Salamone said. "When we recruit outside this area, we do it with specific kinds of players in mind. And this year we were very successful."

Still, the Rochester area continues to provide the bulk of MCC's talent. Tammy Page, the team's most valuable veteran, returns for another year. The former star forward from Hilton had a sensational 1988 season, tying a school record with 24 goals and five assists for a team-leading 53 points. Page was named first team All-American by the National Junior College Athletic Association and was also a National Soccer Coaches' Association of America All-American.

"She's going to do some damage," Salamone predicted. "Anytime she gets the ball near the net, she's dangerous. If anybody is going to go out and score goals for



Christopher Millette



DREADED DOUBLES — High school football teams around the area began double sessions last week. At Aquinas Institute, players and coaches look to regain the form that earned the Little Irish a sectional bid in 1987. Clockwise from top: Aquinas players run drills as lineman coach Dave Damelio looks on; Heath Rist pitches the ball to oncoming backs during a non-contact drill; and new head coach Bob D'Ettore, who guided the JV at AQ for 10 years, goes over strategy.

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SPORTS TRIVIA

This week's question:
What three clubs are referred to as the short irons in golf?

A: _____

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Hall of Fame inductees include Elmira priest

Father James P. Collins, pastor of St. Anthony's Church in Elmira, will be inducted into the Elmira Sports Hall of Fame on Thursday, Aug. 24.

The 31st annual Elmira Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremonies will take place at the downtown Elmira Holiday Inn.

The Elmira priest — one of 23 people to be inducted — will be honored for his contributions to youth sports. Father Collins retired as director of Elmira's Catholic Youth Organization in January, 1988, after serving in the position for 22 years.

Father Collins' sports background was not limited to Elmira. In 1955, he introduced lacrosse to youths in Auburn, where he taught the intricacies of the game to Holy Family High School students.

In 1947, the priest coached St. Monica's CYO softball team in Rochester to a championship.

Tickets for the Hall of Fame gala are \$6. The master of ceremonies will be Al Mallette.

SPORT SHORTS

Grid leagues for adults to begin in September

Rochester's Bureau of Recreation is offering football leagues for adults at two of its recreation centers this fall.

Humboldt Recreation Center, 1065 Atlantic Ave., is offering a men's touch-football league for ages 18 and over on Saturdays starting Sept. 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The fee is \$260 per team. Call 716/482-2025 or 482-6330 for information.

Edgerton Recreation Center, 41 Backus St., is offering an adult flag-football league for both men and women ages 18 and over, starting Sept. 1. Both teams and individuals are invited to join. The fee for the league — which features league play, certified officials, night games, post-season tournament and awards — is \$495 per team.

Call 716/428-6769 for information.

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