

Kearney hockey team aims for title, respect this winter

Bishop Kearney hockey coach Lou DiMartino said his team was overlooked last season despite a 14-6-2 record, its No. 7 ranking among small schools in the state poll, and its advancement to the state tournament before losing to Alexandria Bay in the pre-quarterfinals.

The Kings may get noticed this season after registering convincing wins over Webster and Brighton, and suffering a tough 6-5 loss to Hilton in the final of the Hilton Tournament, Saturday, Nov. 25.

Bishop Kearney opened the tournament Nov. 25 with an 8-2 win over Webster. Dan Flanigen and Sal Latore each recorded two goals, with Chris Accorso, John Werner, Greg Phillips and Dave Flanigen tallying one each.

In the Hilton game, the score was 2-2 at the end of the first period. The Cadets moved out to a 4-3 lead at the end of the second period, and upped the lead to 6-3 early in the third period.

Kearney fought back with two goals, but the rally fell short.

Marcus Pace and Dan Flanigen netted two goals, and Chris Accorso one in the losing effort. Goalie Eric Faulkner recorded 24 saves. Hilton edged the Kings 30-29 in shots on goal.

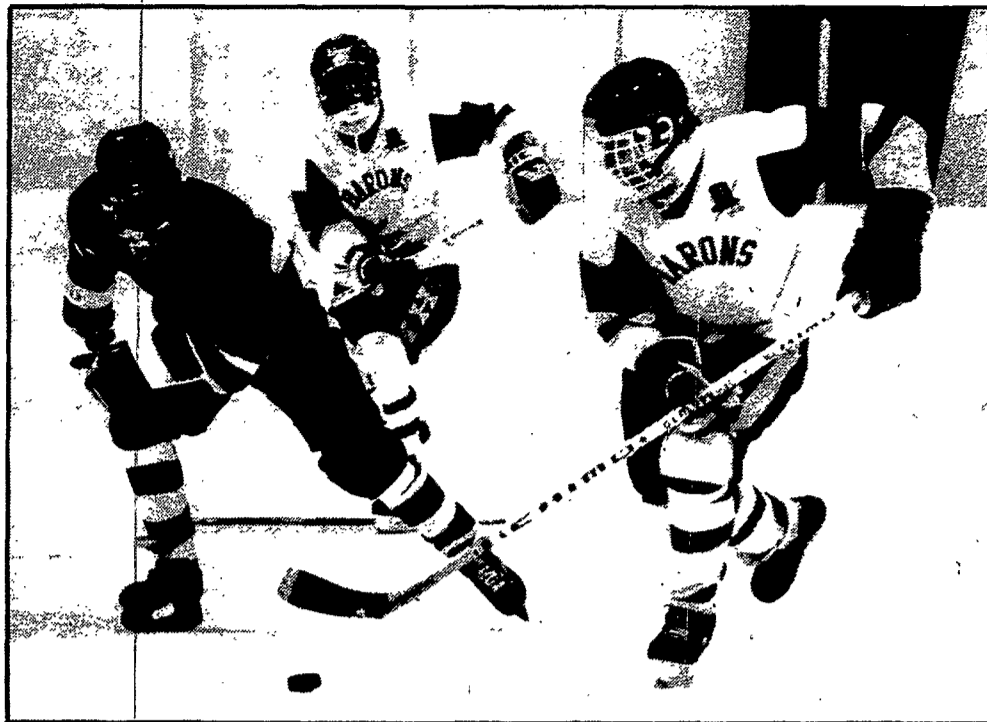
Regular-season play for the Kings began with a 6-1 win over Brighton. Kearney took command of the contest early, scoring three quick goals in the first five minutes of the game.

At the midpoint of the second period, Kearney had built a 6-1 edge.

The Kings outshot the Barons, 44-9, for the game. Accorso paced the scorers with two goals and three assists. Werner scored three goals — two in the first period. Marty Alexander dished out three assists, and Phillips netted a goal.

The Kings were scheduled to play Webster again on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

— Lee Stong



Babette G. Augustin

Despite losing his stick after a hard check, Bishop Kearney's Dan Flanigen (left) continues to pursue the puck in the Kings' easy 6-1 win over Brighton on Saturday, Dec. 2. Kearney (2-1) is looking to return to the state tournament, where the Kings lost in the pre-quarterfinals last season.

Hoop teams

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certain if Heyward would be able to play anytime soon.

"We need Agan and Heyward if we're going to make a serious run for the (STC) title," the ND coach said.

He noted that the league includes some strong teams — such as Corning East, Southside and Corning West — and that the title may well come down to which team can stay healthy.

Bishop Kearney may not have a player taller than 6-4, but the Kings can still field a front line that can control the boards and make any opposing player think twice about venturing near the basket.

The Kings' roster includes 6-4, 230-pound Burt Richardson, 6-4 Shaun Rhodes, 6-3 Greg Mikell, 6-3 Bob Brookins, and 6-2 Kevin Pawlak.

The team also includes outside shooting and speed with the likes of Rene Ingoglia, a 6-0 junior forward; point guards Dave Armanini (5-8) and Kory Khuns (5-9), 6-0 guard Mike Canali, and 6-0 guard Paul Naring.

"With the club we've got, we have to play a faster game," noted coach Ed Nietopski, who is coaching at Kearney after 25 years at Cardinal Mooney. Following him from Mooney were Khuns, Rhodes, Brookins and 5-10 junior guard Scott Delgatti.

Among the problems the Kings will be face is successfully melding players from the two teams, and adapting to the new coach's philosophy.

Nietopski said that until the team begins to gel, he will use several starting combinations and rotate players. Richardson, Mikell, Khuns, Armanini, Rhodes, Pawlak, Ingoglia and Naring are all likely to see a lot of playing time.

The Kings began their season with a 75-72 loss to Churchville-Chili in the final

game of the North Rose-Wolcott Tournament Saturday, Dec 2. Richardson had 14, Pawlak 13, and Rhodes 11 points in the losing cause.

Kearney downed host North Rose-Wolcott in the opening round Friday night, 77-49. Rhodes hit five three-pointers en route to a 23-point game. Brunner had 14 points and Richardson chipped in with 12.

In the small-school division of the City-Catholic League, the Kings will probably be battling Aquinas for the regular season crown.

Like Kearney, the Little Irish don't have any players over 6-4. Pound for pound, however, Aquinas must have one of the biggest players in Section 5.

Alcindor Coleman, a 6-4, 295-pound center/forward combines bulk with deceptive speed, agility and an accurate passing touch.

He'll be joined under the boards by 6-4 senior Dwayne Postell and 6-1 junior Aaron Boucher. The Little Irish will also start returning point guard Matt Hill and the long-range scoring touch of 5-10 guard Alan Schlageter.

Coach Mike Dianetti will be looking to his starters and such key reserves as 6-3 forward Mike Enright, 6-4 forward Kelly Ryan and 5-11 junior guard Jason Newton to return to the sectionals, where Aquinas suffered a heartbreaking 57-56 loss to Greece Arcadia in the Class BB finals last season.

The key for Aquinas this season will be rebounding, Dianetti said. He said his team's speed is above average, and he will rely on that swiftness and a man-to-man defense to challenge opponents.

The Little Irish began the season with a solid 62-48 win over visiting St. John the Baptist on Sunday, Dec. 3. Schlageter hit two three-pointers on his way to 20 points. Postell and Coleman contributed 19 and 10 points respectively, and Coleman dished out six assists.

Notre Dame rolls to tourney title; Kings romp Brighton in opener

The girls' basketball season began early this year for Notre Dame.

The Crusaders are glad that it did. Taking advantage of a chance to play a week before the regular-season began, Notre Dame won the Spencer-Van Etten Tip-off Tournament with a 41-27 victory over the host team Saturday, Nov. 25.

The title game followed a 30-27 win over Corning West in the first round in Nov. 24.

And in Rochester, Bishop Kearney is off and running after a 66-15 trouncing of Brighton on Nov. 28.

Notre Dame started off its season with a hard fought win over Corning West. After taking a 10-2 lead in the first quarter, the Crusaders watched Corning West fight back to within one point, 21-20, by the end of the third quarter. The Crusaders managed to hold on for the win behind point guard Kathy Lynch's 10 points.

Against Spencer-Van Etten, Lynch — the tournament's Most Valuable Player — scored seven points and Cara Cleveland poured in 14 as the Crusaders took an early 12-2 lead en route to the 41-27 win. Cleveland and Jenny Fagan — who had six points and eight steals in the title game — were named to the all-tournament team.

The Crusaders were not as fortunate in their opening season game, a 52-47 loss at home to Odessa on Friday, Dec. 1.

Odessa controlled the first half, building

a 27-20 halftime lead before extending the margin to 14 points midway through the fourth quarter. But the Crusaders fought back, pulling to within four points with 30 seconds to go.

Cleveland combined 20 points and 18 rebounds in the losing effort. Fagan continued her tough defensive ways with five steals to go along with 10 points and nine rebounds.

Notre Dame began league play with a game at Trumansberg on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

Marisa Shackelford began her playing career at Kearney — after three years at Cardinal Mooney — by scoring 21 points in the Kings' romp over Brighton.

But her teammates did not give Shackelford — one of the premier girls' basketball players in Section 5 — the game ball.

That honor went to junior center Eileen Jenson, who snared 16 rebounds, rejected six shots, and tossed in 19 points.

Kearney led all the way, jumping out to a 15-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Kings scored 21 points before Brighton got on the board.

The win proved costly for the Kings, however, as Shackelford suffered strained ligaments in her knee. She is currently on crutches and wearing a brace. Her status is day-to-day.

— Lee Strong


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