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Kearney's Gracen Porrecca boasts a 13-1 this season after winning the 98-lb. division at the Irondequoit Tournament Saturday, Jan. 7.

Upstart Kearney wrestlers place second at wrestling tournament

Bishop Kearney's wrestling team continued its strong season with a second-place showing against nine other schools in the Irondequoit Tournament. The Kings finished second to the host school, 188-5-173.

Seven Kearney grapplers competed in the finals with three of them coming out on top. Gracen Porrecca (98 lbs.) out-pointed defending champion Anthony Cosmano of Irondequoit 5-1; Jamie Twist (177) edged Greece Olympia's

Rob Barrett 4-3; and Dave Bell (215) defended his title by defeating Olympia's Tom Parrone.

Mike Anderson (112), Sam Lopez (119), Jerry Lopez (147) and John Con-dello (167) all lost in the finals.

The second-place finish marked the best by the Kings in the tournament's four years. Last year, Kearney finished third behind Irondequoit and Eastridge.

The Kings (6-4) are currently in first place in the City-Catholic League.

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around is DeSales, which is 3-4 after an 0-3 start.

The turn-around began with the DeSales Holiday Tournament, Dec. 27-29, when the Saints defeated Waterloo 45-38 in the opening round and then whipped Romulus 57-40 in the title game.

Point guard Danielle Boncaro led the Saints' scoring in both contests, pouring in 21 and 28 points, respectively. Forward Jeneane Donahue, who had to sit out last season because of a knee injury, added 15 in the title game.

The Saints won their third in a row — and first in league play — with a 51-33 victory at South Seneca (1-2, 3-4) on Jan. 4. Donahue and Boncaro each poured in 15 points to lead DeSales. Donahue also had 15 rebounds. Krista DeVaney added 14 points.

The league contest was decided early on as the Saints scored the game's first 11 points on the way to a 14-5 first quarter lead. DeSales led 28-19 at the half. The Saints put the game out of reach with a 23-14 third quarter.

DeSales' winning streak came to an end at Hammondsport (5-4) on Jan. 5. Hammondsport held the Saints scoreless in the first quarter while jumping out to a 17-0 lead. The score was 27-11 at the intermission, as the Saints were never able to overcome the deficit.

Boncaro and Donahue each had 10 points for the Saints.

Coach Steve Muzzi said his team began the season slowly because only one starter returned from last year's squad. "(The players) are getting used to each other," he noted. "I think we're going to get stronger as the year goes on."

The next scheduled test for DeSales will

come at Romulus on Jan. 9.

Notre Dame coach Jeff Sobkowski thinks his Crusaders (5-0, 10-2) could also get stronger. Sullivan Trail Conference opponents hope he's wrong.

The Crusaders captured the Elmira Heights Holiday tournament with a 48-40 win over Southside in the title game Dec. 29. In the opening round Dec. 28, Notre Dame beat Elmira Free Academy 42-34.

Cara Cleveland earned MVP honors with 10 points, 12 rebounds, six steals and four blocked shots against EFA, and 12 points and 11 boards against Southside. Joining Cleveland on the all-tournament team was Jenny Fagan, who had 11 rebounds and five steals against EFA, and 11 points against Southside. Becky Sherman earned the "hustle" award for the tournament.

Dryden (10-2) put the brakes on the Crusaders on Wed., Jan. 3, handing Notre Dame — playing without a flu-stricken Fagan — a 39-31 loss. Kathy Lynch had 14 points in a losing cause.

Fagan returned to the line-up Jan. 5 against Corning West, and despite limited playing time still contributed nine steals as the Crusader express got back on track with a 37-33 win. Cleveland scored 14 points and Lynch had 13.

The following night, the Crusaders easily handled Trumansburg, downing the visitors 53-31.

Notre Dame built an early lead, jumping out to a 12-2 margin at the end of the first quarter and 25-13 at the half.

Lynch had 14 points and seven assists. Julie Cox scored 10, and Cleveland gathered 10 rebounds.

Despite the good start, Sobkowski said his players have yet to play to their potential.

"I'm just waiting for the four starters (Lynch, Cleveland, Fagan and Cox) to have a good game together," he said.

DeSales edges BK in OT; McQuaid stays unbeaten

By Lee Strong
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Bishop Kearney was coming off two thrilling victories after taking the Midlakes Tournament title.

DeSales was seeking to recover after two consecutive league losses before the Christmas holidays.

So it was only natural that when the two teams collided Jan. 3 at DeSales, both teams would be ready to battle.

The result was an exciting 65-64 overtime victory for the Saints, and high expectations for the scheduled rematch at Kearney Jan. 13.

The Kings (4-5) opened up a 10-point lead in the first quarter, and clung to a 21-15 lead at the end of the period. But DeSales chipped away at the lead before taking a 32-30 lead at the half.

The Saints (7-2) extended their lead to 46-42 at the end of the third quarter, but then it was Kearney's turn to rally. The Kings knotted the game, 59-59, with three seconds left on the clock.

In overtime, the Saints went six-for-seven from the charity stripe, and center Bob McFadden — who poured in 17 points and gathered 15 rebounds during the game — hit a basket to ensure the win.

Kearney can take some comfort in the loss because of the performance of Rene Ingoglia, who had been hampered earlier in the season by a leg injury. He paced the Kings with 19 points. Burt Richardson contributed 16, while Shaun Rhodes and Greg Mikell had 12 and 10 points respectively.

DeSales' Pat Mooney had 15 points, Ed Marsteiner notched 14, and Chris Ike nailed three three-pointers on the way to scoring 12 points.

Kearney found itself on the positive side of a close score on Jan. 4, when the Kings defeated visiting Irondequoit 49-45.

Ingoglia again led the Kings in scoring, this time with 10 points.

Next up for Kearney was a Jan. 9 meeting with powerful McQuaid.

The Saints, meanwhile, apparently rediscovered their scoring touch during their 100-40 pounding of Harley-Allendale-Columbia on Jan. 5.

Five Saints scored in double figures as DeSales built a 49-21 halftime bulge. Chris Ike led all scorers with 27 points; McFadden had 18, Todd Hardy 17, Jeff Taney 15, and Marsteiner 12.

DeSales was scheduled to return to league play Jan. 10 with a trip to Romulus.

Undefeated McQuaid remained that way with an easy 93-71 win over Penfield at home Jan. 3.

The Knights (10-0) raced to a 31-11 first quarter lead and never looked back. Center

Jason McKinney collected 10 rebounds and scored 14 points. Point guard Kevin Brown joined him for team-high scoring honors. Brown also dished out nine assists. Ted Naylon (14) scored in double figures along with Jay Moore (12) and Sam Owens (11).

Aquinas upped its record to 9-1 with convincing wins over Pittsford Sutherland and Edison.

The Little Irish roared to a 17-8 first quarter lead against host Pittsford Sutherland (7-2) on Jan. 3. Their lead ballooned to 35-18 at the half, and 63-42 by game's end.

Alan Schlageter set the tone for the game, popping in two three-pointers in the first quarter. He ended up hitting three trifectas en route to a 15-point game. Dwayne Postell paced Aquinas with 16 points, and Mike Enright contributed 14.

Aquinas made league-rival Edison its second victim of the week, as the Little Irish beat the Inventors 57-44 at Edison on Jan. 5. Aquinas again took the early lead, building a 29-18 halftime lead, and a 46-31 advantage at the end of three quarters.

Postell again took scoring honors, pouring in 14 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. Alcindor Coleman collected 11 points, six rebounds and three assists.

Aquinas was scheduled to travel to Greece Olympia on Jan. 10.

In Elmira, Notre Dame Coach Mike D'Aloisio tried a new technique to improve his team's defense: he promised his players ice cream sundaes if they could hold Edison to under 58 points on Jan. 2.

He's now out some money, as the visiting Crusaders (2-2, 8-4) defeated Edison, 81-56.

Mike Bennett's 18 points led a balanced attack that saw five Crusaders score in double figures. Rick Shaw (13), Mike Ramich (12), Brian Sheehan (11) and Geoff Woodworth (10) also reached double figures.

The Crusaders were obviously still hungry on Jan. 5 as they routed visiting Corning West 76-60. Once again Notre Dame got off to a quick start, racing to leads of 20-8 at the end of the first quarter and 35-22 at the half.

Bennett pumped in 22 points, Woodworth 19, and Sheehan had 12 points, eight rebounds and 12 assists.

Trumansburg (10-2) was next on the menu for the Crusaders, as visiting Notre Dame won 79-64 on Jan. 6.

Woodworth paced the Crusader attack with 19 points, and his brother Brian added 10. Bennett accounted for 18 points, and Sheehan added 12.

Notre Dame was scheduled to travel to Elmira Free Academy Jan. 9.



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