

Mercy nips Fairport; ND tied for first in STC

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After a string of easy victories in recent weeks, Our Lady of Mercy (12-0) finally faced a challenge last week against Fairport.

Meanwhile, Bishop Kearney and Elmira Notre Dame continued to show they are teams to be reckoned with as the sectionals near in girls' basketball.

Mercy had to come from behind to pull out a 57-53 win over Fairport on Jan. 17.

The host Monarchs built a 33-24 lead at the half. Fairport fought back in the second half, however, and took a 49-48 lead in the fourth quarter.

The lead changed hands several times before Mercy clinched the game with 1:38 left. With the score knotted at 53, Mary Beth Cleary (17 points) scored off a rebound to give the Monarchs the lead for good.

Mercy had an easier time against host Aquinas (8-5) on Jan. 20, coming away with a 70-30 win. Mercy's pressure defense helped the visitors build a lead of 39-17 at the half.

The Monarchs' Sheila Doyle took scoring honors with 16 points. Robinson collected 14 points and nine rebounds.

Aquinas was led by Jill Banaszewski, who scored 11 points.

Mercy will travel to Wilson on Jan. 26.

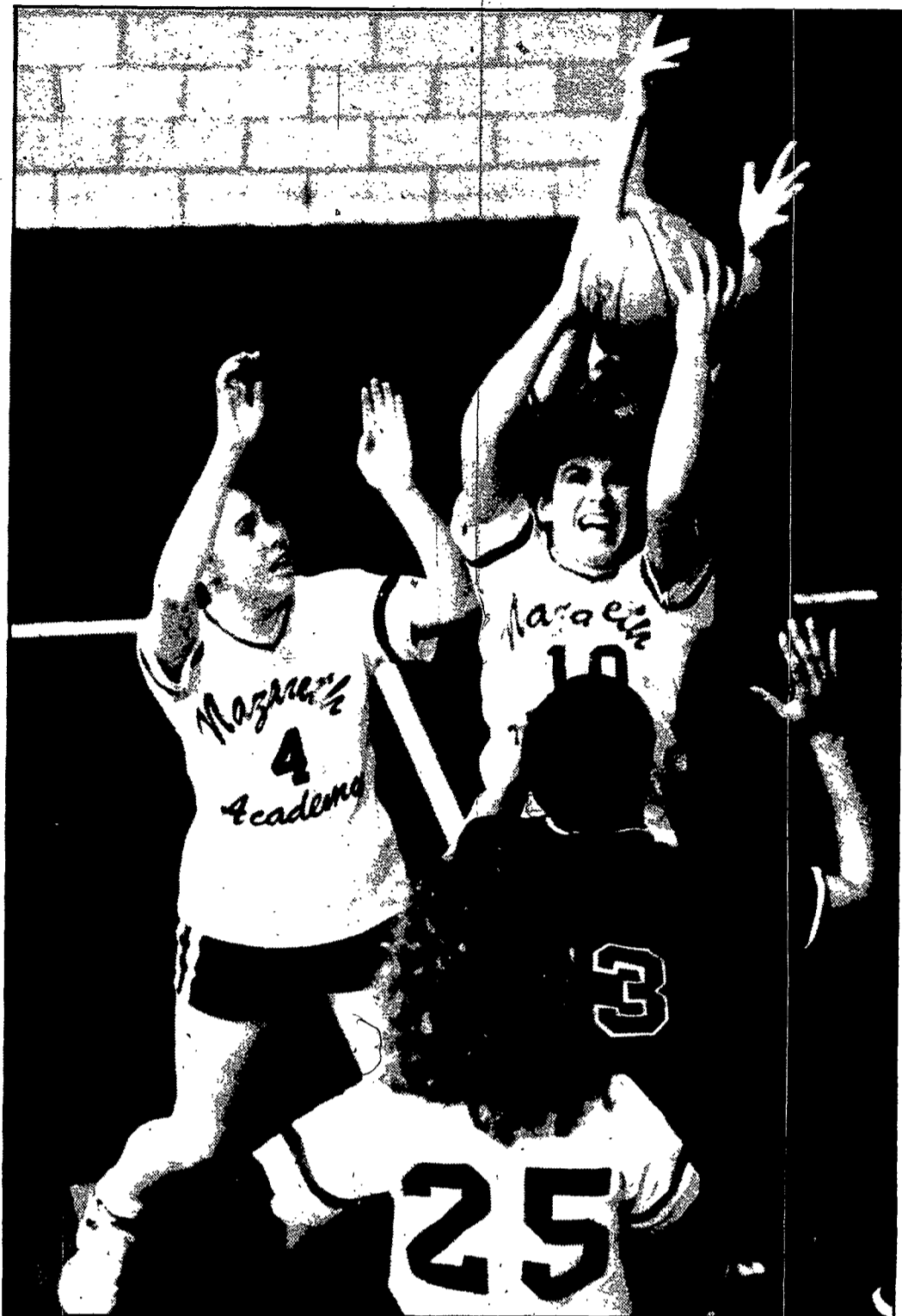
Aquinas had better luck earlier in the week, thwarting a strong Wayne squad, 40-31, on Jan. 16. Amy Reynders led the Little Irish with 12 points.

Aquinas is scheduled to play host to Nazareth on Jan. 25.

Bishop Kearney (12-2) captured the Greece Athena Tournament with convincing wins over Hilton, 57-33, and Athena, 55-40, in the title game.

In an opening-round game Jan. 19, Marisa Shackelford scored 16 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to ignite the Kings' win over Hilton (7-5).

Against Athena on Jan. 20, the Kings scored the game's first eight points, and kept that margin at the half, 24-16. The lead grew to 16 points in the second half.



Babette G. Augustin-Staff photographer
Kathy Doran (4) and Julie Sojka (25) look on as Maria Webster snares a rebound during Nazareth's 63-39 loss to Wilson Magnet at home.

Eileen Jensen, who made the all-tournament team, led the Kings with 17 points in the win over Athena (10-4). Shackelford, the tournament most valuable player, poured in 15 points.

Dawn Wiegand, who scored 12 points in the championship game, was also named to the all-tournament team.

The Kings are scheduled to visit Franklin Jan. 25.

Nazareth (5-7) raised its record to 3-0 this season against Harley-Allendale Columbia with a 44-24 win at Harley on Jan. 16.

Kathy Doran led Nazareth with 13 points and seven rebounds.

Against Wilson on Jan. 19, however, host Nazareth was not as fortunate.

The Wildcats (5-3) led 29-19 at halftime and never looked back during their 63-39 victory.

Doran again led the way with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Julie Sojka also collected 11 boards in the losing effort.

In Finger Lakes West girls' basketball, DeSales began the week on a high note after coming from behind in the final two minutes to beat Naples 53-47 on Jan. 16.

The Saints trailed the visitors 47-46 when Jeneane Donahue (15 points) and Krista DeVaney (11 points) hit back-to-back baskets to give DeSales the lead.

Danielle Boncaro added 14 points for the Saints.

On Jan. 25, however, the Saints (4-3, 6-5) ran into a buzz saw, as host Dundee (6-1, 9-1) crushed DeSales 63-27.

Donahue scored 10 points in the losing effort.

Next up for the Saints is Bloomfield at home on Jan. 26.

In Sullivan Trail Conference action, Notre Dame (8-1, 14-3) remained tied for first place after racking up two wins on the road — a 43-38 decision over Corning East on Jan. 16, and a 53-36 trouncing of Southside on Jan. 19.

The Crusaders jumped out to a 10-2 lead in the first quarter against East (2-5, 3-10), then let their defense take control in the second half, allowing the host team a mere 12 points.

Kathy Lynch bagged three trifectas on her way to a game-high 19 points, Cara Cleveland added 14 points and snagged nine rebounds. Jenny Fagan came up with nine steals in the game.

Lynch also scored 19 points in leading the Crusaders over Southside (4-4, 7-6).

Notre Dame took control of the game from the outset, outscoring the host team 19-4 in the first quarter.

Cleveland scored 14 points and Julie Cox tossed in 10.

Notre Dame is not scheduled to play again until Feb. 2, when the Crusaders travel to Hornell.

Upsetting week for boys' hoop teams

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The past week in diocesan boys' basketball was marked by upsets of McQuaid, Aquinas and Notre Dame, and a landmark victory for DeSales coach Tony Alvaro.

After suffering an upset 72-68 loss to Aquinas on Jan. 12, McQuaid (12-2) was upset again on Jan. 16, falling to City-Catholic League opponent Wilson Magnet, 64-57.

Despite trailing most of the game, McQuaid managed to knot the score at 46 two minutes into the fourth quarter. But Wilson (10-2) pulled away as the McQuaid defense was unable to stop the Wildcat offense.

Kevin Brown paced the Knights with 15 points. Jason McKinney had 12 points, and Ted Naylor and Jay Moore both had 11.

The Knights ended their two-game skid with a 74-65 win over host Franklin on Jan. 19.

McQuaid has an opportunity to avenge its two losses this season with a Jan. 23 game scheduled at Wilson, and a home game against Aquinas slated for Jan. 26.

After upsetting McQuaid, Aquinas got a taste of its own medicine on Jan. 16, when the Little Irish were stung by host Marshall, 63-51.

Marshall (2-2, 8-5) raced out to a 28-16 lead at the half. Aquinas (4-2, 12-2) battled back to cut the lead to three points with two minutes remaining in the contest, but the Jurists — who connected on 11 of 16 free throws in the fourth quarter — managed to turn the Little Irish back.

Aquinas had an easier time Jan. 20, when they destroyed visiting Bishop Cunningham of Oswego, 87-45.

Alan Schlageter and Richard DiMarco each scored 11 points.

The Little Irish were scheduled to host East Jan. 23.

Bishop Kearney (0-3, 6-7) fell to league-leading host East, 76-60, on Jan. 16.

The Kings got back on the winning track with a 72-56 crunching of visiting Edison on Jan. 19.

Burt Richardson had his best game of the season, scoring 26 points and grabbing 13 rebounds.

Kearney's next game is against McQuaid at the War Memorial as part of the Kearney Invitational Basketball Classic on Jan. 28.

DeSales' coach Tony Alvaro has enjoyed many victories in his career, but the Saints 71-39 crushing of visiting Naples was special: it was his 400th win over a 33-year high school coaching career.

Alvaro experienced win number 399 earlier in the week as the Saints (9-2, 11-3) defeated host Gananda 78-47.

Gananda (1-9, 3-9) slowed the game down and managed to stay close to the DeSales, trailing only 47-36 at the end of three quarters. But the Saints exploded for 31 points in the final eight minutes while holding the Blue Panthers to 11.

Bob McFadden paced the Saints with 22 points. Chris Ike accounted for 16 points, Pat Mooney tossed in 15, and Jeff Taney had 10.

The Saints used a stifling defense to beat Naples, limiting the Big Green (2-8, 2-11) just two points in the first quarter, and 19 points in the second half.

DeSales will travel to Dundee for another league game on Jan. 26.

Elmira Notre Dame (4-4, 10-6) was also an upset victim last week, falling to visiting

Southside 80-66 on Jan. 19.

The Crusaders trailed only 51-46 going into the fourth quarter, but Southside (4-4, 6-8) then outscored Notre Dame 29-18 in the fourth quarter to ensure the win.

Center Rick Shaw led the Crusader attack with 25 points.

On Jan. 16, visiting Corning East outscored the Crusaders 30-8 over the final eight minutes to erase a Notre Dame lead and steal an 85-71 win.

The Crusaders are not scheduled to play again until Feb. 2, when they host Hornell.



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