

Mercy gears for Kearney after tough victory

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The 1989-90 season is shaping up to be a banner one for the Private-Parochial League, as Mercy, Bishop Kearney and Aquinas continue to show that they are among the best girls' basketball teams in Section 5.

Local followers of girls' basketball already know that Our Lady of Mercy High School boasts one of the best Class A teams in the Rochester area.

The Monarchs (15-0) are making believers of basketball fans elsewhere.

The latest converts can be found at Buffalo Sacred Heart, which lost to host Mercy, 69-55, Saturday, Feb. 3.

The final score was not a true indication of the game, however, as Sacred Heart (7-3) battled Mercy all the way. The game was tied 44-44 as late as the end of the third quarter.

The Monarchs went on a 15-1 run in the fourth quarter to blow the game wide open.

The seeds of that run were actually planted earlier in the game. As they have all season, the Monarchs used their team speed and pressure defense to force turnovers, feed their own fast break, and get opponents into foul trouble.

Sacred Heart's two six-foot forwards — Texlin Quinney (who scored a game-high 30 points) and Kelly Schroer — were forced to the bench by fouls in the fourth quarter.

At that point, Mercy's inside duo took over. Catherine Robinson scored seven of her career-high 24 points, and Natalie White scored eight of her 17 points to lead the Monarch surge in the fourth quarter.

Robinson also grabbed 15 rebounds. Kim Caccamise added 14 points.

On Feb. 1, Mercy downed host Nazareth, 75-22. Robinson again led the way, scoring 20 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. White added 15 points.

Mercy was scheduled to host East on Feb. 6, and league-rival Kearney on Feb. 8.

The Monarchs will be playing those games without junior point guard Mary Beth Cleary, who is out with torn ankle ligaments. She is not expected to return for several weeks, and Mercy may have to begin sectional play without her.

Kearney, a Class B school, raised its record to 14-2 after trouncing host Harley-Allendale Columbia 65-22 on Jan. 30. The Kings have not lost since they fell to Mercy on Dec. 14.

And in Class BB, Aquinas (11-5) pulled out two more wins, defeating host Williamson (11-3) 53-48 on Jan. 30, and visiting Wilson (8-6), 48-35, on Feb. 1. The Irish were led in both games by Amy

Reynders, who scored 25 and 13 points, respectively.

Jill Banaszewski added 11 points against Wilson.

The Irish were scheduled to host Wayne Feb. 9.

For DeSales, the week's action mirrored the team's season.

The Saints (5-5, 7-7) suffered a 59-52 loss to host Honeoye (8-2, 12-4) on Jan.

30, then came from behind to beat visiting South Seneca 49-43 on Feb. 1.

Jeneane Donahue scored 13 points in the losing effort at Honeoye. Krista DeVaney added 12, and Danielle Boncaro, 10.

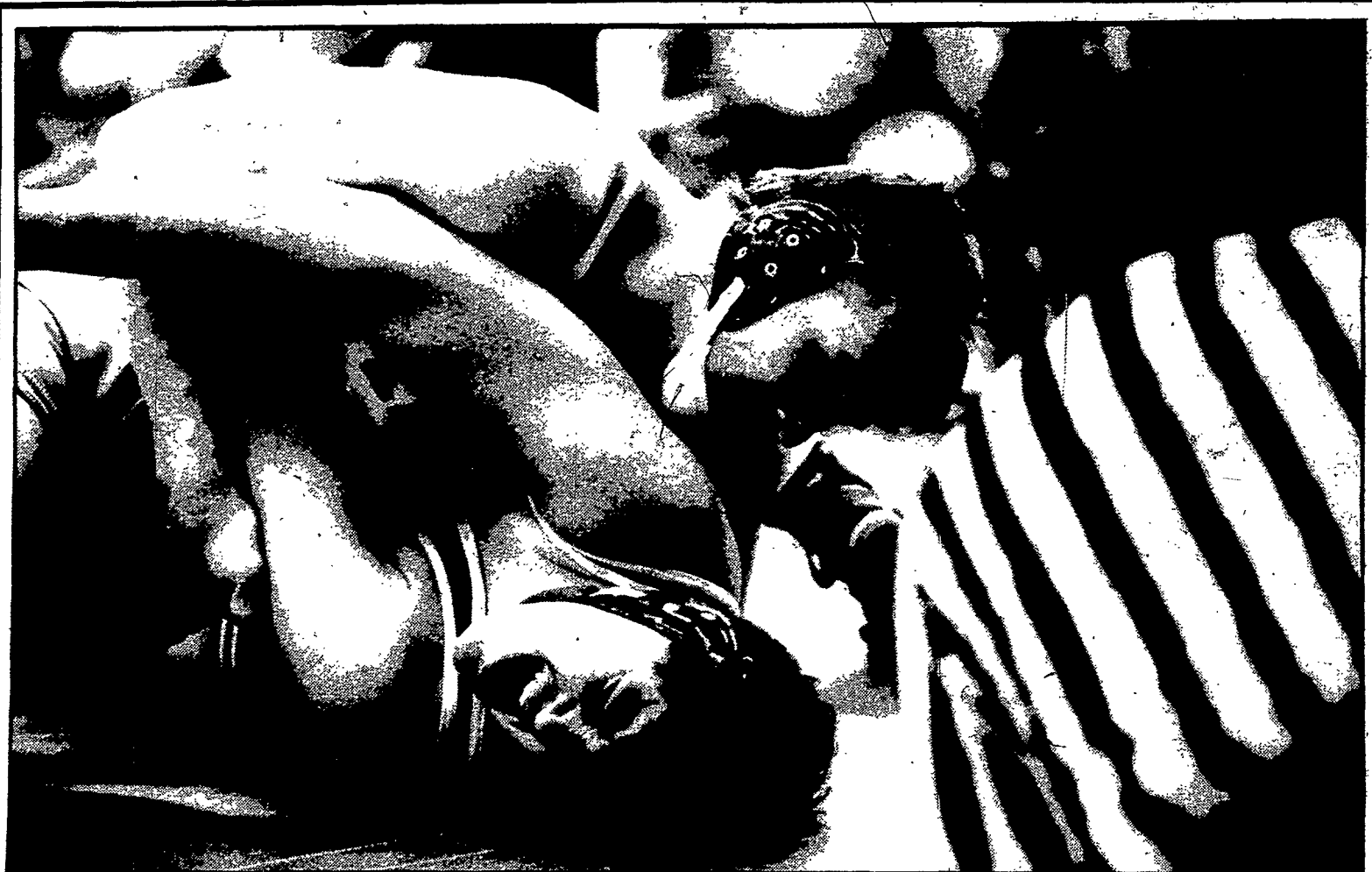
The Saints used defensive pressure to overcome the slow-down tactics of South Seneca (2-7, 4-9), turning a 10-6 first quarter deficit into a 21-17 halftime lead.

Diane Reilly combined 13 points and 11

rebounds to lead the Saints. Donahue chipped in 12 points, Boncaro tossed in 11, and DeVaney scored 10.

DeSales was scheduled to play crosstown rival Geneva on Feb. 5.

Elmira Notre Dame's away game against Hornell on Feb. 2 was postponed until Feb. 8 because of bad weather. The Crusaders were also scheduled to host Corning West on Feb. 6.



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Wrestlers ready for sectionals

Bishop Kearney's Dave Bell crushes Philip Provenzano of Northstar Christian Academy in the semifinal rounds of the Edison Tournament, Feb. 3. Bell won the match and the title for the 215-pound weight class. The third-place Kings had one other winner, Rick Spaker, who edged McQuaid's Matt Temple in the 105-pound finals. McQuaid, which finished fourth in the tournament, boasted four winners: Mark Vocci (91 pounds); Felix Medero (112); Matt Kramer (119); and Bryan Knauss (126). The sectionals begin Feb. 16.

Red Jacket deals hard blow to DeSales' title hopes

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The snow storm on Feb. 2 wreaked havoc on boys' basketball games throughout western and central New York, forcing postponement of several games.

DeSales was one of the snow storm victims as the Saints had two games snowed out. DeSales' Finger Lakes West League home game against Bloomfield on Feb. 2

was rescheduled for Feb. 5 and its Feb. 3 game at Harley-Allendale Columbia has been postponed indefinitely.

Unfortunately, the Saints fell victim to another storm at Red Jacket on Jan. 31.

The Indians (10-2, 12-4) scored the first 11 points of the game en route to a 52-47 win over the Saints (10-3, 12-4).

The loss dropped DeSales into third place in the West, and may have ended the Saints' chance for the league title.

Red Jacket's run was fueled by its defense, which forced the Saints into making six turnovers in the opening four minutes.

The Saints did not give up though. Down 22-4 early in the second quarter, DeSales put together a 15-4 run and managed to close the gap to 32-23 at the half.

The third quarter saw DeSales unleash a storm of its own: 6-6 center Bob McFadden.

The Saints began getting the ball into the hands of their big man, and McFadden responded by scoring DeSales' first 10 points of the second half. The scoring surge allowed the Saints to claw their way to a 37-36 lead at the end of the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Indians shifted to a zone defense to keep the ball away from McFadden. The teams played even until the final two minutes when Red Jacket pulled away.

McFadden finished with a game-high 18 points. He also grabbed 18 rebounds and blocked six shots in the losing effort. Jeff Taney added 10 points.

In addition to their rescheduled game against fourth-place Bloomfield, the Saints

were slated to visit league-leading Honeoye on Feb. 7. Both games are must wins for DeSales if the Saints are to have any shot at a league title.

In City-Catholic League action last week, McQuaid's Mike Montesano (26 points) nailed five three-pointers to lead the Knights over Marshall 87-74 on Jan. 30.

Four players scored in double figures for the visiting Knights (15-3). Jason McKinney collected 18 points and 18 rebounds. Ted Naylor added 14 points, and Jay Moore tossed in 10.

Edison will visit McQuaid Feb. 9. Aquinas (13-4) won its only game of the week, thrashing visiting Franklin, 61-49, on Jan. 30.

Mike Enright and Dwayne Postell each scored 13 points for the Little Irish. Alan Schlageter added 11.

Alcindor Coleman tallied 10 assists and 11 rebounds to go with his eight points.

The Little Irish were scheduled to play host to Wilson on Feb. 6.

Bishop Kearney (6-10) had the misfortune of hosting Wilson on Jan. 30. The Wildcats (16-2) mauled the Kings, 69-42.

Greg Mikell was the sole Kearney player to score in double figures as he tossed in 14 points.

Kearney was scheduled to host Marshall on Feb. 5, a game that was postponed from Feb. 2.

Section 4 boys' basketball teams also felt the effects of the weekend storm. Elmira Notre Dame's home game against Hornell on Feb. 2 was postponed until Feb. 8.

The Crusaders were also scheduled to play at Corning West on Feb. 6.



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