



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer
McQuaid began its lacrosse season with a 12-4 loss to visiting Pittsford on April 14, but the hustle of such players as midfielder Toby Bowers (left) promises better things for the Knights as the season goes on.

McQuaid falls to Pittsford, 12-4, in first game of lacrosse season

By Lee Strong
 Staff writer

ROCHESTER — After the weather forced the cancellation of its first three games, the McQuaid lacrosse team finally got its 1990 season underway April 14.

Unfortunately, that first game was a 12-4 loss to visiting Pittsford.

The Knights registered the first score of the game, going up 1-0 in the first quarter on a Steve Paul goal. Pittsford

netted the next three goals to take a 3-1 lead at the end of the quarter.

Paul, who finished the game with three goals and one assist, scored again in the second quarter, and the Pittsford lead at the half was just 5-2.

Pittsford took control of the game in the second half, however, and pulled away for the win.

Despite the loss, Knights' coach Tony Levin was not discouraged.

"This was our first game," Levin said. "We never had a scrimmage. For some of these kids, this their first experience of playing."

Levin cited Paul especially for his play. "For the first time, I think Steve started to realize that he could be a good player. I think he played really well."

The Knights were outshot 30-19 for the game, and Levin noted that his team did not test Pittsford's goalie. McQuaid began the game with Ben Hiraikowa — who had never played lacrosse before — in the crease. He registered nine saves in his baptism of fire.

In the second half, Paul Magerkurth, last year's goalie, took over net-minding duties and recorded five saves.

Rob Warren recorded McQuaid's other goal.

The Knights were scheduled to play Finger Lakes teams during Easter break, traveling to Mynderse April 17 and Geneva April 19, and then to host Bloomfield April 21.



Susan S. Peterson
McQuaid assistant varsity lacrosse coach Tom Sufin offers last-minute advice and encouragement to his players.

Nazareth

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 and seven freshmen.

The team was hurt by outfielder Stacie Cook's decision not to play this season, taking with her a .357 batting average.

DeVaney said that at this point the team's chief weakness is hitting. But, she said, the team's pitching and its solid infield guarantee that it will be competitive.

Because of poor weather and field conditions, the Saints have yet to play an opponent. Their next scheduled game is April 23 at Romulus, which, along with DeSales, Honeye, and Red Jacket, will likely be in the thick of the league's title fight. The Saints are also scheduled to play some tough non-league opponents, including Canandaigua, Penn Yan, and Marcus Whitman, and Nazareth (twice).

IN SECTION 4, Elmira Notre Dame (9-10 last season) will also have a new coach, Dave Potter. Last year's coach, Bruce McMail, will still be around to help, but found that coaching took too much time away from his business.

Potter has already watched his team jump out to a 4-1 record, beating opponents by a combined score of 40-11.

Leading the charge is sophomore pitcher Bobbi McMail, who has already compiled a 4-1 record. Junior Melanie Crisco will also help out on the mound, when she's not playing first.

"Pitching is going to be our strength this year," Potter predicted. Senior Kathy Lynch is back at shortstop, and sophomore Becky Sherman will prowlf left field again.

The new coach's chief questions surround the team's offense. "We have been getting some timely hits, and we've been capitalizing on shoddy defense and walks," Potter said, explaining the team's start.

The season began with a 17-1 thrashing of visiting Sayre on April 6.

McMail and Crisco combined for a nine-hitter and nine strikeouts. Sherman went two-for-two and drove in four runs.

On April 9 at Canton, the Crusaders produced only three hits, and left 12 runners on base in just five innings in a 3-1 loss. In the second game of the doubleheader, Sandi Pace knocked in a run to break a 4-4 tie in the bottom of the fourth inning, and Notre Dame claimed a 6-4 win — despite only getting three hits.

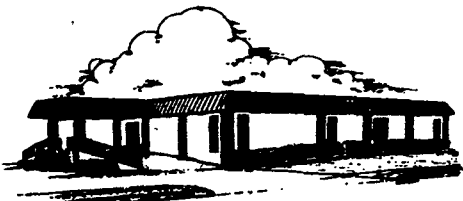
In another doubleheader, this one against visiting Edison on April 12, the Crusaders posted 10-1 and 6-2 wins.

Potter tabbed Horseheads, Southside and Corning West as teams to beat in the Sullivan Trail Conference, but acknowledged that his team has a shot.

"If we can get our bats going, we should have a chance," he said.

The Crusaders are next scheduled to travel to Horseheads for a league contest on April 23.

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