

East rolls over West in annual Meath game

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ROCHESTER — Led by running back Morrison Johnson's record-breaking 136 rushing yards, the East All-Stars crushed the West All-Stars, 27-8, in the Eighth Annual Eddie Meath All-Star football game on Saturday, Aug. 4 at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium.

After carrying the ball 20 times, the Clyde-Savannah graduate scored two touchdowns and easily surpassed the previous record for total yards rushing set in 1984 by the West's Tim Bommel (88 yards).

The benefit game was briefly marred by two bench-clearing brawls. During the second fight, which occurred late in the fourth quarter, officials ejected two players for fighting. Clearly embarrassed, officials admonished players on both teams and asked them to let the game proceed without incident.

The East All-Stars dominated the action on both sides of the ball throughout much of the game. Two plays after successfully converting a fourth-and-six situation early in the first quarter, Johnson scored his first of two touchdowns from nine yards out.

East increased its lead to 14-0 late in the first half when Jack Johnson of Rush-Henrietta scored on a seven-yard touchdown run. While the West Team was having trouble keeping up with the Johnsons, the East Team's defensive unit held its opponent to no points, 41 total



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer
West tackle David Bell of Bishop Kearney, left, tries to get by the East's Robert Sloan of Palmyra-Macedon during the Eighth Annual Eddie Meath All-Star football game on August 4.



East linebacker Todd Dorschel of McQuaid Jesuit flashes the 'No. 1' sign after his team won, 27-8, against the West All-Stars at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium.

Western brings home the gold in ice hockey, women's hoops

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The 1990 Empire State Games in Syracuse ended August 5 with the Western squad — which included diocesan high school athletes who compete in Section 5 — recording one of its best showings in recent years.

Western teams won eight gold medals at the annual competition, which was held August 1-5.

The Western scholastic men's ice hockey team (4-0) bounced back from a poor showing last year when it failed to earn a medal. In the Empire Games just completed, the Western Team pounded its four opponents by a combined score of 34-8 to claim the gold medal.

The last opponent for the Western scholastic men's ice hockey team was New York City, which was routed 10-1 on August 5. Aquinas' Dave Perrotta scored two goals in the first 32 seconds of the game to start the scoring barrage.

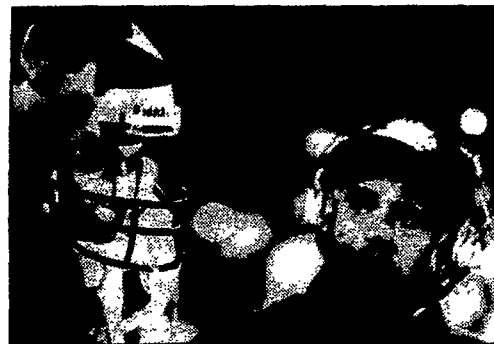
Just the day before, the Western hockey team downed Central 10-3. Aquinas' Jason Mucha registered a goal in the first period of the team's 5-0 win over Hudson Valley on August 3. Grady Monks of AQ also played for the undefeated Western team.

The Western scholastic women's basketball team (4-0), which included Aquinas standout Amy Reynders, also claimed a gold medal after defeating Central, 80-53, on August 5. Reynders had two points in the title game. The AQ player scored five points in preliminary round wins over Adirondack (77-64) on August 4, and New York City (62-61) on August 2.

The Western open women's basketball team (3-1) also advanced to the gold medal game August 5, but had to settle for the silver after losing to Central, 61-43. Mercy High School graduate Bernadette Fagan played on the Western squad.

Drew Henderson, a former McQuaid Jesuit basketball star who currently plays basketball at Fairfield University, played on the Western men's open basketball squad (1-2) which failed to earn a medal. Henderson scored 10 points during an 83-80 win over Central on August 4.

Among individual competitors from diocesan high schools, two wrestlers earned medals. Bishop Kearney's Gracen Porrecca won the gold in the scholastic men's Greco-Roman 106-pound class. McQuaid's Mark Voci earned the silver medal in the 115-pound Greco-Roman class.



East head coach Don Moretti of Waterloo, left, and assistant coach Ron Vitticore of Clyde-Savannah confer with running back Bernie Lippa of McQuaid Jesuit.

yards and just two first downs. Meanwhile, the East All-Stars rolled to 10 first downs and 161 total yards during the first half.

Three plays into the second half, an interception of a pass by West quarterback Chad Stoffer of Geneseo gave East the ball on the West's 33-yard line. Morris Johnson scored his second touchdown on a three-yard run moments later. A high snap on the point-after attempt forced kicker James Flanagan of McQuaid Jesuit to scramble for a two-point conversion, but his pass fell short and the score remained 20-0.

East ballooned the margin to 27-0 midway through the fourth quarter. McQuaid Jesuit running back Bernie Lippa kept the drive going after gaining a first down on a two-yard run. East's final touchdown came when quarterback Jason Carnevale of Clyde-Savannah teamed up with Red Jacket split end Mark Sainsbury on a nine-yard touchdown pass.

The West All-Stars notched their only touchdown of the game in the fourth quarter when Stoffer threw an eight-yard pass to Steve Prior of Hornell. The West added the two-point conversion to make the score 27-8.

Morris Johnson and Stoffer were named the outstanding offensive players of the game. The outstanding defensive players of the game were Canandaigua's Mark Outhouse of East and Gates-Chili's Tyrone McRay for the West.

The game, which benefits the Eddie Meath Children's Fund and features many of the top high school seniors from Section 5, drew a near-capacity crowd of about 5,500. The fund provides pediatric health care to young people in the Rochester area. Team cheerleaders also collected \$476 in donations during the game.

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