

## McQuaid

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alternate as starters.

Other players up from the junior-varsity ranks include senior John O'Neil and junior Mark Higgins.

The Saints finished last season 16-6 after losing to Prattsburg in the Class D semifinals. Coach Tony Alvaro said he is looking for Marsteiner and Hardy to provide scoring inside, with Sweeney and Carroll pumping in points from the outside. Dendis will offer plenty of rebounding help.

After crushing Lima-Christian, 76-36, in the opening round of the DeSales Varsity Tournament Nov. 30, the host Saints took the tournament title by beating South Seneca, 65-52, Dec. 1.

McFadden poured in 29 points against Lima-Christian and Marsteiner added 23. McFadden poured in 25 points, Marsteiner iced 20 and Hardy tallied 10 against South Seneca in the championship game.

Elmira Notre Dame captured the Section 4 Class C title last year when the Crusaders smothered Moravia, 74-53. ND, which eventually lost in the quarterfinals of the state tournament to Syracuse Westhill, finished the season 17-8.

Senior starters returning to the Crusaders this year are 5-9 guard Geoff Woodworth, 5-10 forward Mike Bennett, 6-7 center Rick Shaw and 5-8 guard Brian Sheehan. Junior Bryan Woodworth, a 5-8 guard, is also back as a starter.

Four of the five returning starters averaged in double figures scoring last year, according to second-year coach Mike

D'Aloisio. Bennett (14.5 ppg), Geoff Woodworth (14.1), Sheehan (13.6 ppg) and Shaw (12.2 ppg) will give the Crusaders balance on offense.

"Those four guys were capable of scoring 20 points each per game," he said.

This season, D'Aloisio said his Crusaders will go as far as the bench will take them. Rounding out the squad are 5-10 guard Mike Ramich, 6-1 forward Eric Sira, 5-10 guard H.R. Domineske, 6-2 forward Josh Elias, 5-10 forward Andy Kane, 5-10 guard Chris O'Herron, 6-0 forward Mike Steed and 5-9 guard Aaron Meekos.

Rob Agan and Lee Heyward both graduated from last year's state quarterfinalist.

D'Aloisio said he will continue to stress defense in order to key the Crusaders' offense. The Crusader coach will throw numerous defensive schemes at opponents to control the game's tempo.

He will also give his players more freedom on offense. "If they are open for the shot, I want them to take it," D'Aloisio said. "If not, I want them to give it to someone closer."

Against stiff competition in the Sullivan Trail Conference, ND will not see any breathers this winter. Traditionally strong programs such as Trumansburg, Hornell and Horseheads loom for ND. But D'Aloisio said that tough competition only helps his team come sectional time.

In their first regular-season game on Nov. 24, the Crusaders crushed Niagara Catholic 78-52. Geoff Woodworth scored 19 points, Bennett iced 15 and Shaw recorded 10.

## Aquinas Institute seeking to put another title on ice

By Barbara Ann Homick  
Staff writer

ROCHESTER — Aquinas Institute, the defending Section 5 Class A champions, began its 1990 season on a positive note on Saturday, Nov. 30, by beating longtime nemesis and host Batavia, 7-4.

Forward Grady Monks scored the first goal only 16 seconds into the first period. Defenseman Mike Sloan added another score on that shift before the Blue Devils added two of their own to tie the game at the end of the first period.

AQ regained its lead on three consecutive goals by Brooke Lefler, Chris Schultz and Monks in the second period. The Blue Devils scored to trim the lead to 5-3, but freshman Jason Mallette iced another two scores to give the Little Irish a 7-3 bulge after two periods.

Batavia could only muster one goal in the third period.

The Little Irish outshot the Blue Devils, 31-13.

Coach Dave Montgomery will return for his second season at Aquinas. After winning the sectional title last season, AQ succumbed in the state semifinals to Albany Academy, 6-4, to close out a 17-7-1 campaign.

The Little Irish also lost four players to graduation — Jeff Nuccitelli, John Roskosky, Tim Tarantello and Eric Whalen. Nuccitelli is currently playing for Rochester Institute of Technology and Roskosky is a member of the Junior Amerks.

Returning players include forward Dave Perrotta, Monroe County League's top scorer last season, Monks, Sloan and goalie Brian Kelly. Newcomers include Mallette, Joe Zabawa and Dennis Anichino.

Montgomery noted that AQ's roster consists mostly of sophomores and juniors. He's looking for Perrotta and Monks for



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer  
Aquinas Institute's Grady Monks is among several key returning players for the defending Section 5 Class A hockey champions.

scoring, while Sloan will anchor the defense and provide occasional scoring from the point.

Perrotta and Monks will play on different lines to ensure a continuous offensive attack, Montgomery said.

Although the AQ coach said he plans to take this season one game at a time, he knows that Greece is among several teams capable of dethroning the Little Irish.

Bishop Kearney's hockey team has a new coach in Robert Liberatore, who replaces Lou DiMartino.

Liberatore joins the Kings after coaching

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## Players, coaches receive top honors

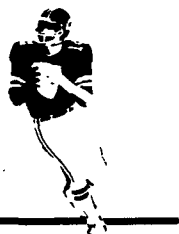
Players from diocesan high school girls' soccer teams were recently honored for outstanding seasons.

According to Aquinas girls' soccer Coach Gary Page, Our Lady of Mercy's junior striker Sheila Doyle was named Most Valuable Player.

The following players were named first-team Private-Parochial League all-stars: from league champion Our Lady of Mercy, junior stopper Gabby LaMagna, senior defender Sheila Lang, junior goalie Ellen Lennox, and sophomore midfielder Mimi LaMagna; for Bishop Kearney, senior midfielder Mandy Darlak, senior sweeper Melanie Sztanko, senior defender Beth Maring, and sophomore striker Janet D'Agostino; from Aquinas Institute, senior forward Lisa Messuro, junior forward Marcie Meagher, senior stopper Christy Prame, and senior sweeper Beth Kelly; and for Nazareth Academy, senior striker Jenny Olley and senior sweeper Becky Bachman.

Four players from the Elmira Notre Dame girls' soccer team were tabbed first-team all-stars in the Sullivan Trail

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Conference: Jenny Fagan, Melanie Crisco, Claire Ramich and Teresa Gardner.

Players named second-team all-stars from the Private-Parochial League were: junior forward Anne Carney, junior midfielder Carol Ganey, and junior midfielder Maureen McCarthy for Mercy; freshman goalie Jennifer Vito, junior striker Gina Pascarella, and freshman stopper Sandi Shoniker from Kearney; senior midfielder Mary Radford, senior defender Molly Meagher, and senior midfielder Kim Mason from Aquinas; sophomore midfielder Corrine Strassner, junior midfielder Trish Umiker, and senior defender Kerry Burke from Nazareth.

Bishop Kearney Coach Leo Teerlinck was named Coach of the Year in the Private-Parochial League.

Notre Dame's Megan Barbier, Kristina Brunner and Bobbie McMail were named to the STC's second all-star team.

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