

Hoop teams take home titles in tournaments

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The boys' basketball teams at McQuaid Jesuit and Geneva DeSales and the girls' hoop team at Bishop Kearney ended the year in style after earning tournament titles in 1990.

Meanwhile, Our Lady of Mercy began the new year on a positive note when the Monarchs took top honors in the Mercy Invitational at Nazareth College.

McQuaid didn't fare too well in the Gonzaga Prep Christmas Tournament in Washington, D.C., on Dec. 20-22, when the Knights lost in an opening-round game to Baltimore-Dunbar, 83-62, and fell to St. Ann's of Charlottesville, Va., 75-60, in the consolation match. But the Knights managed to take the title in the Realtor's Classic at the Rochester Institute of Technology on Dec. 28-29.

McQuaid cruised past Rush-Henrietta, 68-58, in the finals to win the Classic on Dec. 29. Jason McKinney led the Knights with a game-high 30 points. Ted Naylon and Mike Montesano each poured in 19 points for McQ.

The Knights advanced to the title game by nipping Newark, 66-63, in what McQuaid Coach Joe Marchese called "a dog fight of a game that was close all the way." Naylon led the scoring for McQuaid with 33 points.

The Knights continued their winning streak in the new year. In a game against host Aquinas on Jan. 4, the Knights clobbered the Little Irish, 68-51.

Marchese noted that his team's ability to jump out to an early lead made the difference. Naylon poured in 23 points, Montesano and McKinney each had 12 and Montesano collected 11 assists.

McQuaid is currently enjoying a record of 8-2.

The Geneva DeSales' boys also experienced tournament success when they hosted the DeSales Varsity Tournament on Dec. 28-29.

The Saints mauled Harley-Allendale-Columbia, 95-31, in the championship game. Ed Marsteiner paced the Saints with 29 points, Bob McFadden scored 20 points, Mark Higgins popped in 12 and John O'Neil added 11.

DeSales advanced to the finals by defeating Canaseraga, 62-36. McFadden powered the Saints with 27 points. Marsteiner added 11 points and John Carroll poured in 10 points.

The Saints' record was 9-1 entering this week's action.

In addition to the Jan. 4 loss against McQuaid — in which Aaron Boucher tallied 18 points — Aquinas Institute fell to host Nicholson Catholic of Ontario, Canada, 80-54, on Jan. 6.

Little Irish Coach Mike Dianetti said that although the game was close at the half — Nicholson led 39-35 — his team didn't have a chance after being outscored 22-8 in the third quarter.

Boucher paced the Little Irish with 22 points and Jason Newton added 12 points.

In the Canandaigua Tournament on Dec. 27-28, Aquinas lost to the host Braves, 55-48, in a first-round game. Boucher poured in 19 points for AQ.

Penfield squeaked by Aquinas, 53-50, in the consolation match.

AQ's record stood at 3-8 entering this week.

Over in Section 4, Elmira Notre Dame nipped visiting Hornell, 66-65, on Jan. 4. Rick Shaw tallied 19 points for the Crusaders. Geoff Woodworth added 16 points, Bryan Woodworth and Mike Bennett each poured in 13 points, and Brian Sheehan scored nine.

Prior to that game, the Crusaders defeated visiting Athens — who entered the game undefeated at 10-0 — on Jan. 3, 65-59.

The Crusaders lost in the first round of the Elmira Christmas Tournament to Elmira Free Academy, 80-78, at Southside



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer
DeSales senior Beth Anne LeRoux battles for possession of the ball during the Saints' 53-40 loss to Naples on Jan. 4. The loss dropped DeSales to 4-4.

High School on Dec. 27. EFA made the game-winning shot just five seconds before the final buzzer.

In the consolation match on Dec. 29, Notre Dame succumbed to host Southside High School, 61-53.

The Crusaders' record was 7-2 coming into this week's games.

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boys' basketball team were unavailable as of *Catholic Courier* press time.

In girls' hoop action, Bishop Kearney destroyed host Eastridge, 49-26, to win the Eastridge Tournament on Dec. 29. The Fighting Kings routed Irondequoit, 46-21, in a first-round game on Dec. 28.

On Jan. 5, the Kings handed previously unbeaten Livonia a 44-32 drubbing. Eileen Jensen secured 22 points and 13 rebounds; Jenny Lynch tallied eight points and six rebounds; and Jenny Klee scored six points and collected 12 rebounds.

The Kings had a 7-1 record as of Jan. 7. Host Our Lady of Mercy captured the Mercy Invitational championship on Jan. 5 by smothering Private-Parochial League rival Aquinas, 51-36, in the final round.

Sheila Doyle — who was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament — paced the Monarchs with 21 points. Amy Martin collected seven points and 13 rebounds.

In the first round of the invitational, Mercy trounced Lewiston-Porter of Buffalo, 55-28, on Jan. 4. Doyle tallied 28 points and five steals, and Mary Beth Cleary collected 11 points and five assists.

Over Christmas vacation, the Monarchs traveled to Orlando, Fla., for the Bishop Moore Lady Hornet Classic from Dec. 27-29.

Despite Doyle's 25 points and Natalie White's 20 points, Mercy lost to Pinellas Park, 76-75, in double overtime on Dec. 27.

On Dec. 28, the Monarchs secured a 65-58 victory over Ursuline of New Orleans, La. White had a career-high 35 points. The Monarchs were 13-for-16 from the foul line.

In the final game of the tournament, the Monarchs fell to host Bishop Moore of Orlando, 52-45. Doyle — who collected 18 points and five steals — was named to the All-Tournament team.

The Monarchs were 8-2 entering this week's action.

Although the Aquinas girls lost to Mercy in the finals of the Mercy Invitational, the Little Irish clipped Holy Angels of Buffalo, 54-48, in the opening round of the tournament. Amy Reynders iced 15 points, and Jill Banaszewski, Kristina Dudley and Sandy Petty each poured in 11 points.

In the Greece Olympia Tournament, Aquinas lost to East Rochester in the finals, 39-33, on Dec. 28. The Little Irish crushed host Greece Olympia, 51-39, in a first-round game Dec. 27. Reynders propelled the Little Irish with 20 points and Banaszewski registered 16 points against Olympia.

The Aquinas girls were 1-0 in the league and 5-2 overall as of Jan. 7.

Despite 15 points from Danielle Bocarro and 12 points from Shannon Griba, the DeSales' girls lost at home to Naples,

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