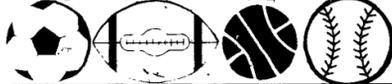


McQuaid keeps rolling; Aquinas falls to East

INSTANT REPLAY



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Although the snowy weather forced many schools to cancel weekend games, each diocesan boys' basketball team added at least one win to its record last week.

McQuaid Jesuit's Knights experienced a banner week, winning both of their games in a big way. On Friday, Jan. 11, McQuaid mauled host Bishop Kearney, 77-54.

The game was close in the first quarter, but McQuaid opened up a 10-point lead at the half, 30-20. After a pretty even third quarter, the Knights blew it open in the fourth to win by 23 points.

Jason McKinney had a stellar second half, scoring 22 of his 28 points after the break. He had 13 of those points in the third quarter alone. McQuaid was 19-for-22 from the charity stripe, and McKinney converted 10 of his 12 free throws.

Mike Montesano tallied 17 points for the Knights, and Ted Naylon added 12.

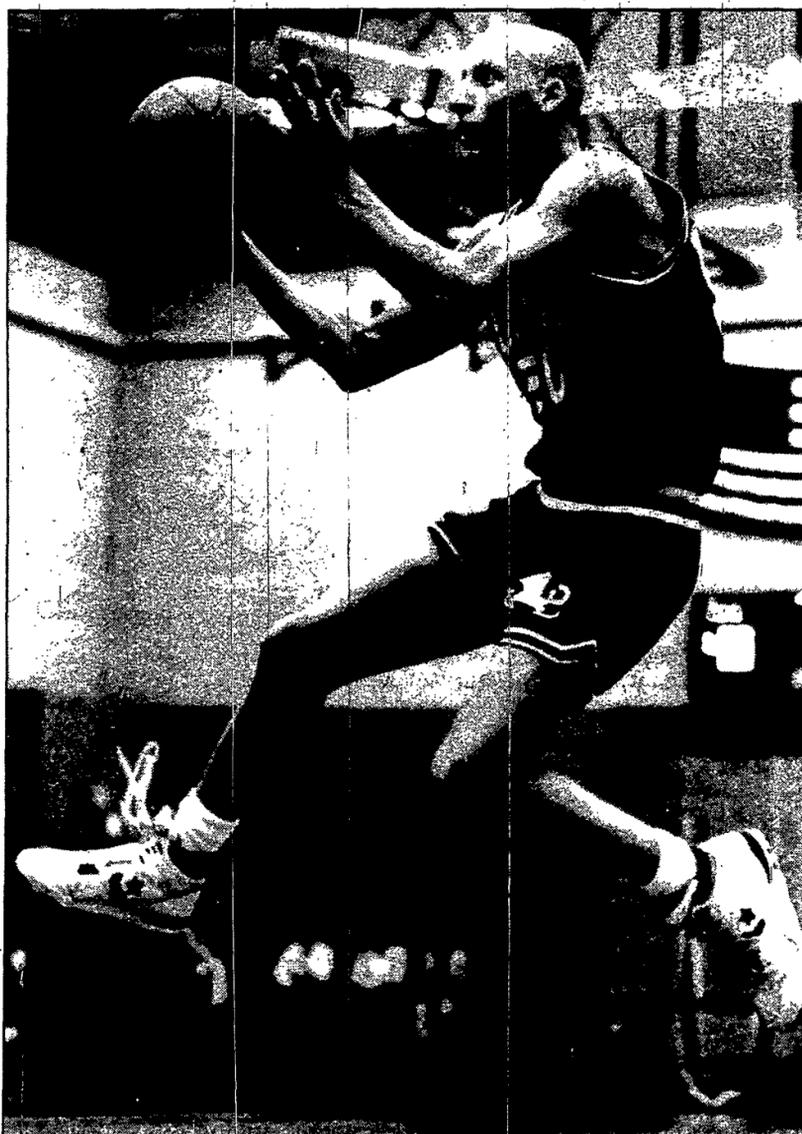
Earlier in the week, McQuaid defeated host Wilson, 71-60, on Jan. 8.

McQuaid Coach Joe Marchese said his team's tremendous play over the first three quarters enabled the Knights to secure a 60-38 lead heading into the fourth quarter. McQuaid put the game away with a strong 24-point third quarter.

Wilson trimmed the margin to 11 in the fourth quarter by applying full-court pressure on McQuaid's reserves, who turned the ball over several times.

Montesano collected 21 points — 11 in the third quarter, including a perfect 3-for-3 on three pointers. McKinney iced 16 points in the game.

Naylon, who didn't see much playing time, only scored four points in the game. Miles Webster picked up the slack by pouring in nine points.



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer
Aaron Boucher of Aquinas drives for two of his 15 points against East, which handed the visiting Little Irish a 68-46 setback on Jan. 11.



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AQ's Shawn Barnett dives after a loose ball during East's win. Despite Barnett's efforts, the Orientals gained possession and went on to score.

The two wins pushed McQuaid's record to 10-2 for the season.

Aquinas Institute trounced Brighton, 49-38, in a non-league game at Monroe Community College on Jan. 13.

The star of the game was Maurice Price, according to Aquinas Coach Mike Dianetti. Price nailed two three-point buzzer beaters at the end of the second and third quarters to propel the Little Irish.

"That really gave us a lift," said

Dianetti.

The Little Irish were 17-for-23 from the foul line for the game, and 7-for-10 in the fourth quarter. Price was 4-for-4 from the charity stripe in the final eight minutes.

The Little Irish sealed the victory when they converted two crucial one-and-one situations down the stretch.

Aaron Boucher and Price tallied 16 points each for AQ, which played without Jason Newton due to illness.

On Jan. 11, Aquinas fell to host East, 68-46.

Even with three starters out for disciplinary reasons, the Orientals were able to maintain the lead throughout the game.

Dianetti acknowledged that Aquinas is not on the same level with East, one of the top teams in the Rochester area.

"We battled, we played deliberately, but we just don't have a strong inside game that can compete with their size and strength," the Aquinas coach said.

Newton poured in 21 points. Boucher

added 15.

The Little Irish entered this week's action 1-3 in the league and 4-9 overall.

Details of game's involving Bishop Kearney were not available as of *Catholic Courier* press time.

Over in the Finger Lakes League, DeSales wore down visiting Naples, 75-64, on Jan. 9. The Saints won the game at the foul line, according to DeSales Coach Tony Alvaro.

DeSales was 25-for-30 at the foul line, compared to Naples' myopic 14-for-36 showing. The Big Green, however, registered four three-point baskets to DeSales' two.

Naples led by one point, 13-12, at the end of the first quarter, but DeSales made up for the deficit in the second quarter. The Saints' scoring run produced a six-point lead, 32-26, at the half.

DeSales led throughout the second half, but ran into foul trouble in the fourth quarter. Ed Marsteiner — who had a game-high 23 points — along with Bob McFadden (21 points) and Todd Hardy (11 points) fouled out of the game.

DeSales' home game against Bloomfield on Jan. 11 was postponed due to inclement weather. The Saints were 6-1 in the league and 10-1 overall entering this week's games.

Over in Section 4, the Crusaders cruised past host Corning West, 64-53, in a Sullivan Trail Conference game played on Jan. 8. The win marked ND's first win over Corning West in four years.

After roaring to a 16-5 lead after one quarter, the Crusaders maintained their advantage in the second quarter to go into the locker room leading 37-26.

"It was probably our best first half of the year," said Notre Dame Coach Mike D'Aloisio.

Mike Bennett — who collected 25 points and 21 rebounds for the game — was the only Crusader to reach double figures. D'Aloisio said Bennett was Chairman of the Boards on the offensive and defensive ends of the court.

The 5-10 Bennett had no problem scoring against a Corning team made up of players 6-0 or bigger, said D'Aloisio.

The Crusaders were just 2-for-4 from the foul line. "The officials let us play the game," said D'Aloisio.

Brothers Geoff and Bryan Woodworth each registered one three-pointer for ND.

The Jan. 11 STC game between Notre Dame and Horseheads was postponed due to the weather. It will be played at Horseheads on Jan. 31. The Crusaders were 4-1 in the league and 8-2 overall going into this week.

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SCHOOL	DATE	RESULT
Aquinas (2-0, 7-2)	Jan. 8	Aquinas 82, NAZARETH 48
	Jan. 12	AQUINAS 49, Midlakes 41
Bishop Kearney (0-2, 7-2)	Jan. 10	Mercy 42, BISHOP KEARNEY 31
DeSales (1-5, 4-6)	Jan. 8	Dundee 54, DESALES 17
	Jan. 10	Honeoye 48, DESALES 41
	Jan. 11	DeSales, NORTHSTAR ppd
Mercy (2-0, 10-3)	Jan. 8	NOTTINGHAM 76, Mercy 36
	Jan. 11	Mercy 62, FAIRPORT 46
Nazareth (0-2, 2-6)	Jan. 11	Nazareth, PAVILLION ppd
Notre Dame (0-5, 4-8)	Jan. 8	Corning West 44, NOTRE DAME 40
	Jan. 11	NOTRE DAME, Horseheads ppd

*First record is league, second is overall.
Home teams are in capital letters.

ppd-postponed due to poor weather.

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