

# Kearney stall can't stop McQ; DeSales falls

## INSTANT REPLAY



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Several diocesan high school boys' basketball teams played pivotal league games last week and emerged with mixed results.

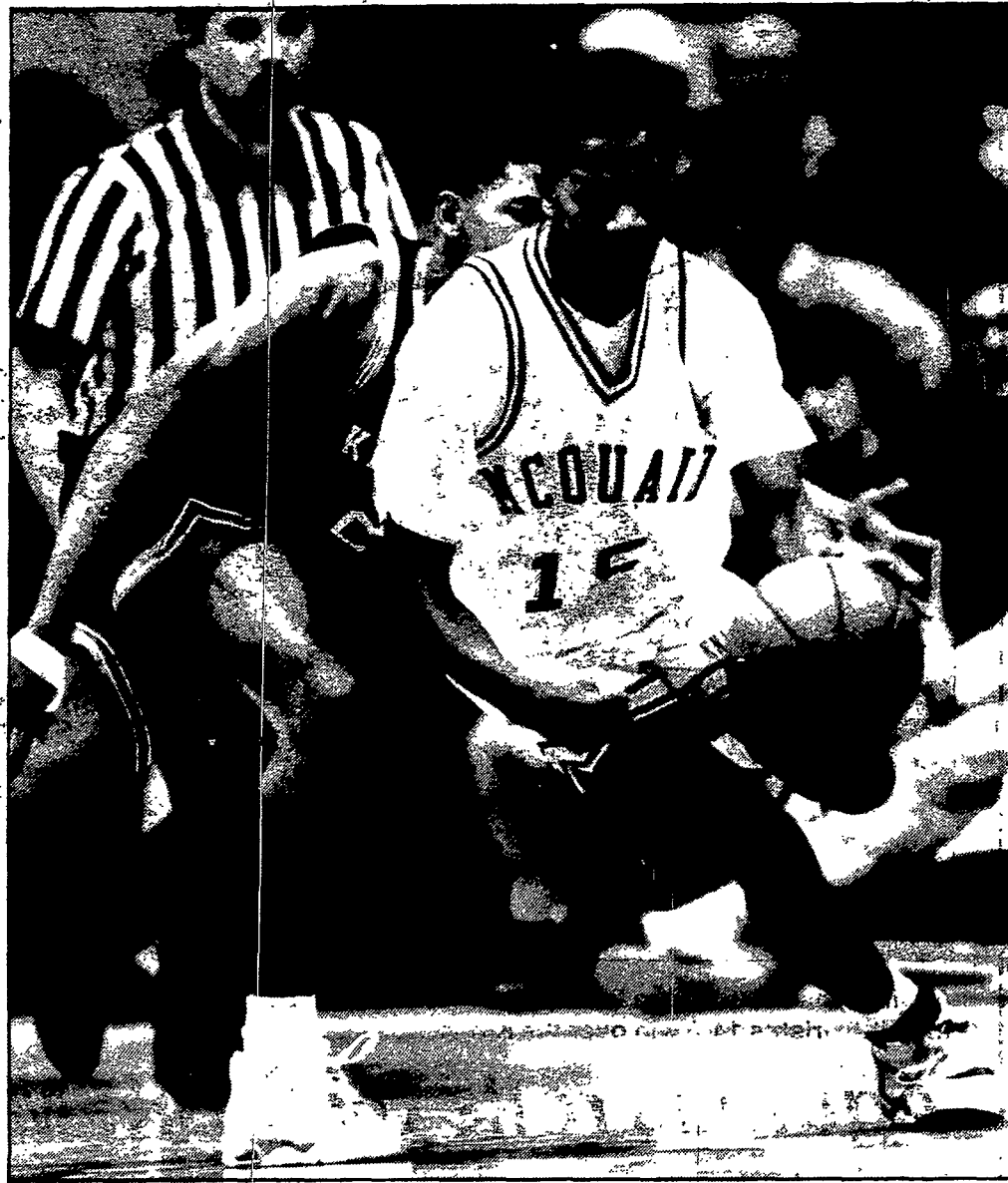
In a City-Catholic League game Jan. 25, host McQuaid clobbered Bishop Kearney, 45-33.

Although Bishop Kearney (2-5, 7-7) controlled the ball at the outset, McQuaid's Ted Naylon scored the first basket of the game with nearly a minute gone. As has been the case in other games between the two Catholic rivals, the Kings used a deliberate offense to frustrate the Knights. Taking as much time off the clock as possible, the strategy proved effective as the first quarter ended in an 8-8 tie.

McQuaid (12-2) — which played an aggressive man-to-man defense throughout the game — was also plagued by shooting troubles. Knights' Coach Joe Marchese said his players had trouble finding the basket because the Kings' four-corner offensive kept McQuaid from playing its usual up-tempo style of basketball.

Kearney, unable to penetrate through McQuaid's size and strength inside, continued its offensive stall in the second quarter.

The Kings briefly strayed from their slow-down attack in the second quarter when Scott Delgatti raced for a fast-break



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McQuaid's Jeff Armbrister pushes the ball up the floor during the Knights' 45-33 over Bishop Kearney.

basket with two minutes left in the half. Delgatti's efforts enabled the Kings to stay close, 16-14, at intermission.

The lack of scoring continued in the third quarter — each team only scored four points — as McQuaid held an uncomfortable 18-16 lead heading into the final eight minutes.

But the Knights busted the game wide open in the fourth quarter as Jason McKinney iced two baskets early in the quarter. By the seven-minute mark, the Knights' lead ballooned to nine points, 27-18, after several Kearney turnovers.

Kearney's style of play made the Kings look sluggish early in the final quarter, prompting Kearney Coach Ed Nietopski to tell his team to "wake up." After McKinney made both ends of a one-and-one, the Knights were cruising for the first time in the game with a 35-25 lead.

The Knights poured in 10 points over the final two minutes of the game to win by 12.

Mike Montesano had a game-high 13 points and six steals in the low-scoring af-

fair for the Knights. McKinney added 12 points and 11 rebounds, and Naylon registered 10 points for McQ.

Kearney's Kelly Ryan paced his team offensively (10 points), while six other players — Joe Raniewicz, Demond Mack, Dan Finnegan, Kevin Pawlak, Monroe O'Dwyer and Delgatti — all got in on the scoring.

In other City-Catholic League action, Aquinas Institute succumbed to visiting Edison, 52-47, on Jan. 25.

Although the Inventors grabbed the early lead — Edison led 16-9 at the end of the first quarter — Aquinas (4-12) came back to grab leads of 17-15 at the break and 33-25 at the end of the third quarter.

AQ's edge didn't last, however, after Edison switched to a stiff man-to-man defense. The change in strategy in the last quarter led to many easy baskets for the Inventors. Edison also helped itself by going 14-for-15 shots from the foul line. The Little Irish hurt their chances by going a sloppy 9-for-21 from the charity stripe.

Aaron Boucher iced 15 points for the Little Irish, and Jason Newton added 12 points.

Over in the Finger Lakes West, Geneva DeSales lost a hard-fought battle to visiting Honeoye in overtime, 73-72, on Jan. 25.

DeSales (9-2, 13-2) dominated the game early, jumping out to a 17-9 lead at the end of the first quarter. By halftime, however, the lead had shrunk to 34-29. By the end of the third quarter, the Saints still controlled the lead, 53-49.

After tying the game, 65-65, at the end of regulation, Honeoye had enough to beat the Saints by one in OT.

Although DeSales outscored Honeoye 31 to 20 from the field, the Saints were only 9-for-17 from the foul line in comparison to Honeoye's 30-for-41 from the charity stripe.

Robert McFadden scored a game-high 31 points for DeSales, Ed Marsteiner tallied 22 points and Mark Higgins added another 13. Honeoye's Ralph Angelo poured in 30 points.

Over in Section 4, Elmira Notre Dame crushed visiting Edison, 97-53, on Jan. 26. Further details of the game were not available as of *Catholic Courier* press time.



Kearney's Demond Mack looks for someone to pass to during the Kings' Jan. 25 loss at McQuaid.

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SCHOOL	DATE	RESULT
Aquinas (3-1, 10-4)	Jan. 21	Newfane 52, AQUINAS 37
	Jan. 26	Mercy 50, AQUINAS 46
Bishop Kearney (0-3, 9-5)	Jan. 25	HORSEHEADS 40, Bishop Kearney 19
	Jan. 26	Bishop Kearney 46, ATHENA 30
DeSales (1-8, 6-9)	Jan. 24	DeSales 44, NORTHSTAR 29
	Jan. 26	BLOOMFIELD 45, DeSales 36
Mercy (4-0, 13-3)	Jan. 24	MERCY 49, Wilson 10
Nazareth (0-3, 2-11)	Jan. 23	Notre Dame 41, NAZARETH 31
	Jan. 25	PAVILION 41, Nazareth 26
Notre Dame (0-7, 4-10)	No Games	

\*First record is league, second is overall.

Home teams are in capital letters.