

SPORT SHORTS

Kahler gains 400th win for SJF women's team

ROCHESTER — St. John Fisher women's basketball Coach Phil Kahler recently gained his 400th career victory after his Lady Cardinals won the Lady Monarch Invitational tournament title at King's College in Pennsylvania.

With a lifetime record of 400-73 coaching collegiate basketball, Kahler becomes only the second National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III women's coach to reach 400 wins.

Under Kahler the women's basketball team at Fisher has won 85 percent of its games — better than any other Division III women's basketball program in the country — and has won four consecutive state titles.

Fisher has earned the NCAA East Regional title three of the past four years. The Lady Cards also were Division III runners-up two of the past three years.

Swimmers take strokes to help Cancer Society

ROCHESTER — The 22nd Annual "Length for Lives" — a swim-a-thon to benefit the Monroe County Unit of the American Cancer Society — will take place March 4-5 at participating area schools.

The swim-a-thon is open to swimmers of all ages. Participants raise money in the form of pledges from sponsors and enjoy a predetermined number of laps, ranging from a minimum of one lap to a maximum of 40.

Proceeds benefit programs of cancer research, public education and patient services in Monroe County.

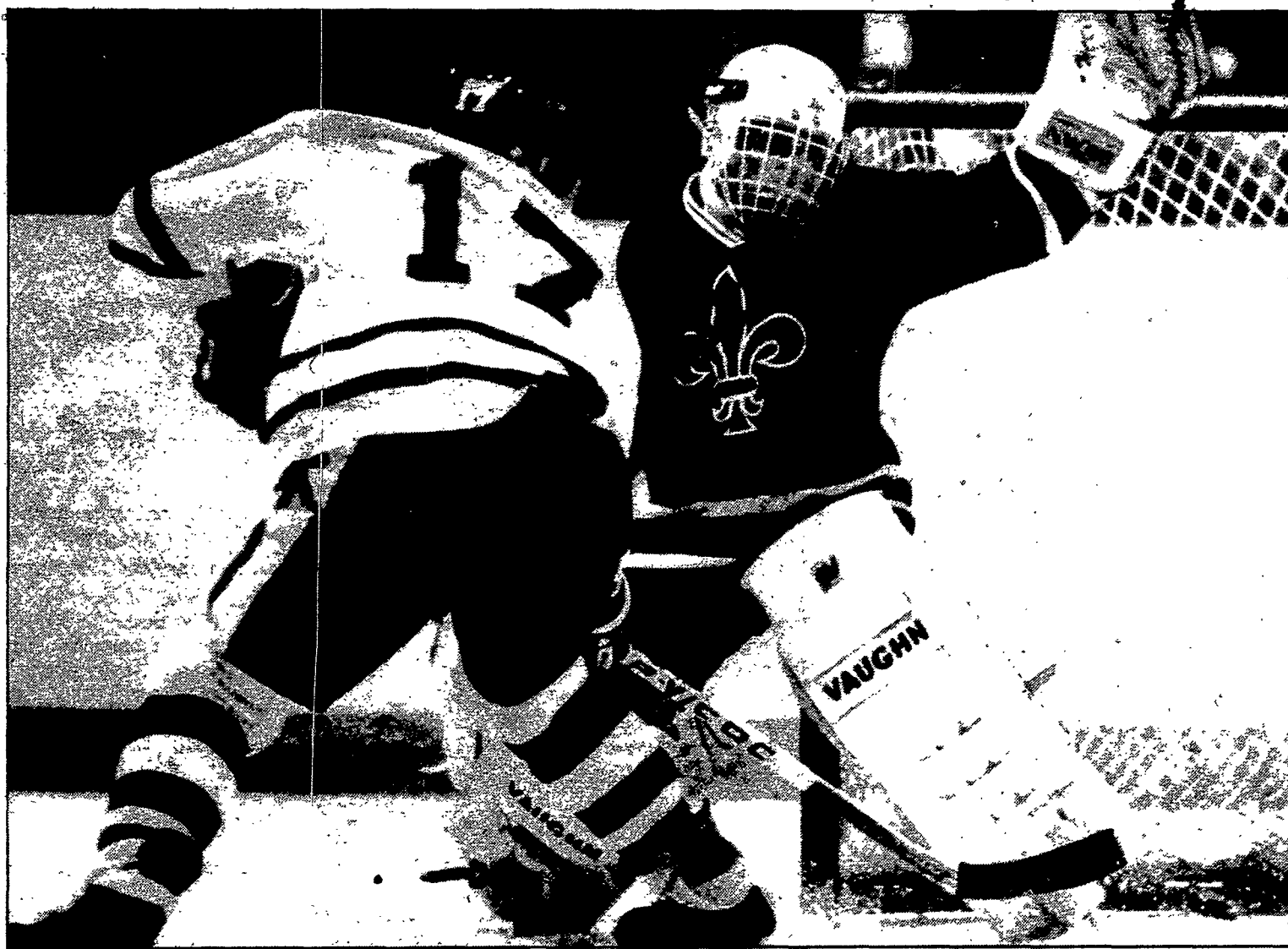
City and county schools, public recreation centers and health clubs will be donating their pools for the event and have pledge envelopes available. For more information, call 716/288-1950.

Benefit golf tourney set for course in Macedon

ROCHESTER — The fourth annual Ronald McDonald Ladies Professional Golf Association Pro-Am Tournament has been scheduled for Monday, July 22, at Blue Heron Hills in Macedon.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Ronald McDonald House, which is located at 333 Westmoreland Drive.

For information, contact Tom Blank, 716/586-1340, or call 442-5437.



Aquinas Institute's Dave Perrotta shoots the puck past Bishop Kearney's Chris Lattanzio during the second period of the Little Irish's 14-0 win over the Kings.

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Aquinas rolls over BK; McQ rebounds

By Barbara Ann Homick
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ROCHESTER — After high school exams pushed last week's ice hockey games to the weekend, Aquinas Institute tested the scoreboard operator by handing Bishop Kearney a 14-0 blowout during a Monroe County Hockey League game on Jan. 26.

Aquinas (13-1, 15-1) began the demolition just 30 seconds into the first period when Dave Perrotta iced an unassisted goal. With 7:23 gone in the opening period, Tony Ewing found the back of the net with the help of Grady Monks and Joe Zabawa.

While Kearney (5-6-2, 6-6-3) scrambled to get its defense together, Perrotta skated to another score with 5:03 left, thanks to an assist by Mike Sloan.

Chris Schultz capped off the Aquinas scoring blitz in the first period with a short-handed goal — on assists by Sloan and Monks — with six seconds left, to give AQ a 4-0 lead.

Aquinas had no intention of easing up on the Kings in the second period as Ewing took a pass from Monks and popped the puck in the net with just 2:45 off the clock.

The two players combined on yet another goal just 15 seconds later to balloon the margin to 6-0.

The fast and aggressive Little Irish — last year's Section 5 Class A champions — added two more goals before the end of the period. Perrotta iced one on an assist from Schultz, and Ewing fired in a goal thanks to assists from Dennis Annechino and Monks. The goals gave AQ an insurmountable 8-0 lead heading into the third period.

The Little Irish were unstoppable in the third. Zabawa proved that would be the case early on as he collected a goal on an assist by Sloan only 33 seconds into the period. Two minutes later at the 12:14 mark, Schultz scored his second of the game from Jeremy Giordano and Perrotta. Just a minute after his second tally, the fired-up Schultz notched the hat trick on assists from Giordano and Barry Hussar.

Kearney continued to have trouble mounting much of an attack against AQ's stingy defense in the third period. The Little Irish cruised to the 14-goal win thanks to goals by Ewing (10:10), Mark Simmons from Paul Camelio and Bob Nuccitelli (6:36) and Schultz from Perrotta

(5:19). Two AQ goalies combined for the shutout. Chad Hess had eight saves in the first two periods, and Matt Reynolds stopped five Kearney shots in the final 15 minutes.

Kearney goalie Chris Lattanzio played a respectable game with 24 saves in the first two periods. Jason Leavy, who relieved Lattanzio in the third period, turned away 17 shots.

In other Monroe County Hockey League action last week, McQuaid Jesuit surprised Pittsford with a strong third-period comeback on the way to a 4-3 win for the Knights on Jan. 26.

Although Geoff Kufta iced the first goal of the game for McQuaid (3-8-2, 4-9-2), Pittsford (8-5-1) scored twice at the end of the first period to take a 2-1 lead.

Pittsford scored the only goal of the second period to take a 3-1 lead into the third.

But McQuaid shook off its sluggish play and dominated the third period. After goals by John McConville and Matt Wambach tied the game, the Knights pulled off the comeback when senior Rob Clark scored with only 2:11 left in the game.

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