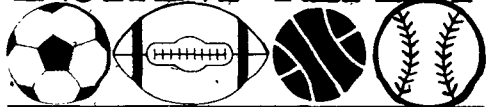


# Mercy, AQ capture wins; Nazareth struggling

## INSTANT REPLAY



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The girls' basketball teams at Our Lady of Mercy, Aquinas Institute and Bishop Kearney geared for sectional play last week as all three teams secured impressive wins.

Scoring troubles continued to plague Nazareth Academy, however, and Geneva DeSales and Elmira Notre Dame experienced a week of ups and downs.

Mercy (4-0 in the Private-Parochial League, 14-3 overall) had a light schedule last week, but the Monarchs made the most of their only game by handling visiting Franklin, 57-45, on Jan. 30.

The Monarchs jumped out to an early lead, cruising to a comfortable 30-13 margin by the end of the first quarter. Junior Sheila Doyle was unstoppable as she scored 21 points in the first quarter.

Mercy maintained a sizeable cushion, 37-22, at intermission. The Monarchs held off the Quakers in the third and fourth quarters to secure the win.

Doyle tallied a game-high 33 points, Natalie White poured in 13 points and seven rebounds and Mary Beth Cleary notched six points and dished out seven assists for Mercy.

Tina McClary led Franklin (8-3) with 13 points.

The Monarchs were 7-for-10 in free throws for the game.

Aquinas Institute (3-1, 12-4) notched two big wins at home last week.

On Feb. 2, the Little Irish crushed Webster, 60-38.

Amy Reynders, who reached the 1,000-point mark for her career earlier this season, had a game-high 15 points in what Aquinas Coach Dan Bates called "a balanced attack."

Bates said he was satisfied with the win and happy that he was able to play all his reserves in the non-league game.

Earlier in the week, Aquinas destroyed Wilson, 54-31, on Jan. 31.

The Little Irish jumped out to a big lead early and kept it going throughout the game. AQ's Stacie Pullinzi registered a game-high 18 points and 11 rebounds, while Reynders poured in 17 points.

Charmaine Cotton notched 10 points for Wilson (7-8).

Bates said his team is gearing up for what should be four tough games. AQ has Nazareth (Feb. 5), the Wellsville Tournament (Feb. 8-9), and Mercy (Feb. 12) to deal with over the next week.



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Nazareth Academy's Christine Staropoli lunges between Bishop Kearney's Jenny Klee, top, and Janet D'Agostino, bottom right, in an attempt to gain control of the ball during the Kings' 56-28 win over the Lasers.

Bishop Kearney (1-3, 11-5) enjoyed a 55-46 win over visiting Attica on Feb. 2.

The victory was sweet because Attica — which entered the game with a record of 15-1 — led throughout the first half.

The Blue Devils led 12-8 after the first quarter and 20-18 at the break, but the Kings stormed ahead in the second half.

BK Coach Paul Forte made some defensive adjustments in the second half, propelling the Kings to a 36-27 lead at the end of the third period.

Eileen Jensen poured in a game-high 21 points for BK. She also collected 14 rebounds and seven blocked shots. Dawn Wiegand also played a strong game offensively with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

On Jan. 31, Kearney trounced host Nazareth Academy, 56-28, in a Private-Parochial League game.

The Kings pulled ahead early, as a tight defense completely shut down the Lasers. Kearney led 20-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Kearney's offense continued to roll in the second quarter, enabling Forte to use his reserves and build a 28-6 lead at intermission.

—Another scoring binge in the third

quarter allowed BK to balloon its lead to 42-14 at the end of the third quarter.

The Kings finished 8-for-17 from the free-throw line, while Nazareth was only 3-for-13.

Junior Jennifer Klee scored a game-high 12 points for BK, while Jensen and Wiegand tallied 10 points each.

Nazareth's Christin Cottrell scored six points to lead the Lasers.

In their only other game last week, Nazareth (0-4, 2-14) fell to host Pavilion, 38-20, in a non-league affair on Feb. 2.

Although the game was close early on — Nazareth trailed by just two points at the end of the first quarter — Pavilion jumped to a 13-point lead by intermission. The lead increased to 16 points by the end of the third quarter and Pavilion cruised from there.

Becky Bachmann mustered six points for the Lasers.

Over in the Finger Lakes, Geneva DeSales (2-9, 7-10) was on the short end of a 53-43 loss against host Naples on Jan. 31.

The game was close in the first half — Naples led 9-6 at the end of the first quarter and 17-16 at intermission — but the Saints experienced problems against the press in the third quarter. Naples ballooned its lead to 40-25 entering the fourth quarter.

A fourth-quarter rally enabled the Saints to pull within 10 points at the buzzer.

Danielle Boncaro scored 20 points for the Saints, including 13-for-19 from the charity stripe. Diane Reilly added 11 points for DeSales.

Earlier in the week, DeSales nipped visiting South Seneca, 30-27, in a league

game on Jan. 29. The Saints had lost to the Falcons, 55-48, earlier in the season.

Although South Seneca enjoyed the lead throughout the first half — the Falcons led by one point, 15-14, at the break — DeSales bounced back to dominate the second half and take the lead after three quarters of play.

Boncaro played a strong offensive game with a game-high 24 points. The DeSales standout finished a brilliant 10-for-11 from the free-throw line.

Saints' Coach Steve Muzzi credited both Cecilia McCann and Beth Ann LeRoux for their excellent defensive play throughout the game.

In Elmira, Notre Dame mauled visiting Dryden, 49-36, on Jan. 31.

Dryden held an early lead, 12-10, at the end of the first quarter, but the two teams were locked at 18-18 by intermission.

The Crusaders (0-8, 5-11) dominated the third quarter, during which they opened up an 11 point lead.

Bobbi Jo McMail had a stellar offensive showing for ND with a game-high 16 points, two three-point baskets and four steals. Jenny Fagan registered 11 points and eight steals. Mary Valeant tallied four steals.

Notre Dame Coach Jeff Sobkowski cited guard Becky Sherman for her excellent defensive play.

The Crusaders finished the game 5-for-9 from the free-throw line.

On Jan. 29, Notre Dame fell to visiting league-rival Southside, 54-47.

Southside jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter. Although the Crusaders trailed 11-2 at one point, Sobkowski said



Christine Marchese of Nazareth got this pass off just before Bishop Kearney's Mandy Darlak try to intercept. The two teams will meet again Feb. 11.

his girls fought back and trimmed the margin to 11-7 by the end of the first quarter.

ND's momentum continued in the second quarter as the Crusaders pulled ahead, 22-21, at the half.

But Southside's offense proved too strong for the Crusaders in the second half.

Kristin Tarrino iced 13 points for Notre Dame, while McMail added 11 points, Valeant tallied eight and Fagan poured in seven. Both McMail and Valeant collected two three-pointers.

The Crusaders were 13-for-26 from the charity stripe.

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#### Boys' Varsity Basketball

SCHOOL	Date	RESULT
Aquinas Institute (NA, 5-13)*	Jan. 29	MCQUAID 105, Aquinas 61
	Feb. 1	AQUINAS 57, Oswego Bishop Cunningham 54
Bishop Kearney (2-7, 7-9)	Jan. 29	East 92, BISHOP KEARNEY 60
	Feb. 1	WILSON 83, Bishop Kearney 79
Geneva DeSales (11-2, 15-2)	Jan. 30	DeSales 80, SOUTH SENECA 59
	Feb. 1	DESALES 92, Gananda 63
McQuaid Jesuit (NA, 14-2)	Feb. 1	McQuaid 74, EDISON 59
Elmira Notre Dame (7-2, 14-3)	Jan. 29	Notre Dame 59, SOUTHSIDE 54
	Feb. 2	Notre Dame 71, YORKSHIRE PIONEER 54

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