

# AQ hockey team puts league crown on ice

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ROCHESTER — Aquinas Institute's hockey team clinched first place in the Monroe County Hockey League after a 6-6 tie against league-rival Greece at Lakeshore on Jan. 30.

Dave Perrotta's third goal of the game during the waning moments of the final period against the Lightning gave Aquinas the edge in the County league. The tie gave Aquinas (13-1-2 in the league, 15-1-2 overall) 27 points for the season.

The Little Irish ended the week with 28 points — teams receive two points for a win and one for a tie — in the league compared to 20 points for Batavia, 19 for Irondequoit, 17 for Greece and 10 for McQuaid.

Perrotta started the scoring early for AQ against Greece when he burst down the ice and found the net only 10 seconds into play. Jason BonSignore answered back with a goal for Greece a few minutes later. But Grady Monks' pinpoint shot put Aquinas on top by the end of the first period, 2-1.

The Little Irish dominated the beginning of the second period thanks to goals by Monks and Chris Schultz. But BonSignore snuck one past AQ goalie Brian Kelly with only 21 seconds to go in the middle period, trimming Aquinas' lead to 4-2 at the end of the second.

Greece scored three unanswered goals early in the third period to take a 5-4 lead. BonSignore notched his hat trick on the Lightning's third goal of the period with only 3:30 left to play.

Perrotta then iced the equalizer 30 seconds later, only to have Mike Dossier score to once again put Greece up by one goal, 6-5.

Then with a minute left in the game, Aquinas Coach Dave Montgomery pulled Kelly from the goal. The extra attacker paid off for AQ when Perrotta notched his third goal of the game with only 12 seconds left in the period.

Aquinas outshot Greece 19-18 during the tie.

Kelly finished with 12 saves for Aquinas.

The Little Irish were fit to be tied again in their second game of the week, when AQ's league match against Batavia at Lakeshore on Feb. 2 ended in a 1-1 stalemate.

After Perrotta notched AQ's lone goal in the first period, the Little Irish's stingy defense kept Batavia off the scoreboard until the third period. Jack Staley notched the equalizer for Batavia with four minutes left in the third period.

Aquinas outshot Batavia for the game, 22-14.



Batavia's Jeremy Hunt delivers a hip check to Greg Mulbury of McQuaid during the third period of the league battle at Lakeshore.

Doug Evans made 21 saves for Batavia. Kelly stopped 13 shots for Aquinas.

In other league action from last week, McQuaid (4-8-2, 5-9-2) upset Batavia, 4-3, in a grueling league battle at Lakeshore on Jan. 29.

Jeff Kufta and Jim Viscardi teamed up to give the Knights a 2-0 lead in the first period. Batavia (9-4-1) trimmed the margin to 2-1 by the end of the opening period.

Viscardi notched McQ's only goal in the second period, but Batavia added two goals to lock the score, 3-3, at the end of the second.

Zach Wagner iced the winning goal for the Knights with seven minutes left in the third period.

Bishop Kearney's game against Hilton at Brockport on Feb. 2 was postponed due to scheduling conflicts between Brockport and the Monroe County Hockey League.

Earlier in the week, Kearney (6-6-2, 7-6-3) nipped host Brockport, 3-2, on Jan. 30.

Dan Flanigen iced the first Kearney goal at 3:58 of the first period.

After Brockport notched a goal only 1:31 into the second period, Dan Flanigen's brother, Dave, popped in a goal with eight minutes to go in the second.

Marcus Pace clinched the win for the Kings with 2:52 left in the second period. Brockport tried to rally back with a goal early in the third period, but the Kings' defense kept the Blue Devils in check the rest of the way.

Chris Lattanzio registered 22 saves for BK — 14 in the third period alone.



Bette G. Augustin/Staff photographer  
Jim Viscardi of McQuaid collides with Batavia's Jim Kujawaski during the Knights' 4-3 upset over Batavia Jan. 29.

## SPORT SHORTS

### Special Olympics set for festival at beach

ROCHESTER — Approximately 200 Special Olympians from Monroe County are expected to participate in the Monroe County Special Olympics Winter Games at Charlotte Beach on Feb. 10, from noon until 4 p.m.

Beginning with the athletes' march and opening ceremonies, the games are part of Charlotte's Winter Festival. The scheduled events will include cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hockey, sledging and sleigh rides.

In case of bad weather, alternative events will take place in warehouse #3. The Fairport Lions Club will provide food for the athletes.

### Nazareth coach to speak at basketball tournament

ROCHESTER — Mike Daley, the men's basketball coach at Nazareth College, will be one of 16 coaches to speak at the Division III Basketball Clinic at Wittenberg University in Ohio on March 16.

Daley will present a clinic on team defense. Sponsored by Youth Education Through Sports, the clinic takes place in conjunction with the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Final Four. Daley will be one of 16 coaches to speak at the Division III Basketball Clinic at Wittenberg University in Ohio on March 16.

In his first season as head coach of the Division III team, Daley has already won three games. The first game was a 70-57 victory over the Division III team from Ohio on Jan. 29.

### Spots still available for teams in marathon

ROCHESTER — Teams can still register for the Easter Seal volleyball marathon scheduled for Sunday, March 3, from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The event will take place inside the National Technical Institute for the Deaf gym at the Rochester Institute of Technology. The marathon will include both power and recreational volleyball. All teams will be awarded T-shirts, baseball caps and sweat shirts. In addition, trophies will be awarded to winning teams. Pizza and refreshments will be available for participants.

Proceeds of the marathon will benefit such Easter Seal programs as the Easter Seal Center for Children with Physical Disabilities at Strong Children's Medical Center.

To reserve playing time, call the Easter Seal office at 716/232-2340.

### University program set for coaches and athletes


ROCHESTER — The University of Rochester Medical Center will present seminars on the throwing motion and the importance of conditioning for athletes and coaches later this month.

Entitled "Throwing: Physical Conditioning for Maximizing Performance and Reducing Injuries," the seminars will take place at University Sports Medicine, 2180 S. Clinton Ave. The program for athletes will take place on Feb. 11, and the seminar for coaches is set for Feb. 13. Each will run from 7:30 p.m.

Both events will focus on developing and understanding the throwing motion and the importance of conditioning.

Ray Woods, trainer for the Rochester Red Wings, and Alan Pappard, director of sports therapy for University Sports Medicine, will speak at the free programs.

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