



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer
Bishop Kearney's Jon Lester checks Brent Bivona of Fairport, while BK goalie Chris Lattanzio attempts to recover the puck during the Kings' 7-4 loss to Fairport on Feb. 16 at Genesee Valley Park.

BK, McQ finish season early

ROCHESTER — Aquinas Institute received a No. 1 seed and a first-round bye in the Section 5 Class A hockey sectionals and must beat Greece on Feb. 19 at Lakeshore in order to advance to the semifinals.

McQuaid Jesuit and Bishop Kearney wrapped up their seasons on Feb. 16, when both recorded quarterfinal losses on the ice.

Before advancing to the sectionals, McQuaid succumbed to Irondequoit, 3-2, on Feb. 13 at Lakeshore Rinks.

In Section 5 Class A quarterfinal action, the Knights (No. 5) fell to Greece, 6-1, at Lakeshore on Feb. 16.

Jason Bonsignore scored four goals for Greece (No. 4), including a hat trick in the first period. Rick Rambaldo iced the lone goal for McQuaid.

The Knights finished the season at 5-12-2.

Bishop Kearney (No. 5) defeated Fairport (No. 4) twice during the regular season, but the Kings weren't so lucky on Feb. 16, when they received a 7-4 drubbing from Fairport at Genesee Valley Arena.

In the Section 5 Class B quarterfinal game, the Kings skated close on the heels of Fairport until the third period. In fact, Kearney only trailed 3-2 at the end of the second period.

But things heated up in the final period as Fairport's John Lewis notched his hat trick on a breakaway goal 25 seconds into play, and teammates Jese Kwiek and Jason Perry tallied scores by icing two consecutive power-play goals.

Marcus Pace scored two of Kearney's four goals, and Chris Lattanzio registered 25 saves for the Kings.

— Barbara Ann Homick

McQ seizes top seed; ND earns league title

By Barbara Ann Homick
Staff writer

As diocesan high school boys' and girls' basketball teams ended their regular seasons last week, two boys' squads — McQuaid Jesuit and Elmira Notre Dame — received top billings in the sectional seedings.

In addition, the DeSales boys and Mercy girls will enter the sectional fray as second seeds.

After crushing visiting Marshall, 100-77, on Feb. 12, McQuaid garnered enough points to become the number one seed in Section 5 Class A. The Knights narrowly beat out East High (No. 2) and Greece Athena (No. 3) for the top spot.

After the game against Marshall — in which Ted Naylon poured in 37 points, Mike Montesano tallied 28 and Jason McKinney added 13 — the Knights ended their regular season with a record of 9-1 in the league and 17-2 overall.

Since it drew a first-round bye, McQ will play its first post-season game on Feb. 23, against the winner of the Rush-Henrietta (No. 8) and Webster (No. 9) game to be played Feb. 20.

McQuaid Coach Joe Marchese said his team is really enjoying the honor of clinching the top seed.

"It's difficult for a team in our league to get to No. 1," said Marchese, who noted that the Knights will face a tougher second-round game than will most of the other seeds.

In section 4 Class C, the top-seed honor — as well as the Sullivan Trail Conference League title — was bestowed on the boys of Elmira Notre Dame.

The Crusaders secured both the league championship and the top seed after upsetting visiting Horseheads, 76-69, on Feb. 12. In the league battle, Geoff Woodworth secured 24 points, Brian Sheehan iced 20 and Mike Bennett added another 19.

According to Crusader's Coach Mike D'Aloisio, this season marks the first time Notre Dame has won the STC basketball title since 1982. The Knights finished their regular season 10-2 league and 17-3 overall.

In the first round of sectionals, the top-seeded Crusaders were scheduled to meet Sidney (No. 16) on Feb. 20 at Owego.

During the last week of regular-season play, the Geneva DeSales boys defeated host Bloomfield, 59-39, on Feb. 12, and visiting Romulus, 90-54, on Feb. 14. The two victories earned the Saints the second seed for Section 5 Class DD.

With a season-ending record of 14-2 and 18-2, the Saints have to surpass No. 15 Savona at home on Feb. 19 to advance to the second round of play.

The boys at Bishop Kearney geared up for sectionals by mauling Franklin, 61-41, on Feb. 12.

The Kings controlled the scoreboard throughout the game, with nine players — including Kelly Ryan (26 points) and De-

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mond Mack (11) — scoring for Kearney.

BK ended the season at 4-7 and 10-9, earning the No. 5 seed in Section 5 Class BB. In the first round of play, Kearney was to host Brighton (No. 12) on Feb. 19.

Also in Section 5 Class BB, Aquinas Institute trounced host Wilson, 81-62, on Feb. 12, to end the season with a record of 1-9 and 5-15.

Jason Newton poured in a career-high 32 points and Aaron Boucher registered 13 points for Aquinas.

The 11th-seeded Little Irish squad was slated to travel to Batavia (No. 6) for a first-round game on Feb. 19.

Girls' action

In girls' basketball, Mercy secured the second seed for Section 5 Class A and the Private-Parochial League title after nipping visiting Aquinas 50-48 on Feb. 12.

The Monarchs trailed by as many as 12 points in the first half. But by the final minute of the fourth quarter, Mercy had pulled to within one point of the Little Irish.

After Mercy's Amy Martin hit both ends of a one-and-one and Aquinas' Mary Radford's shot hit the rim, the Monarchs took a 49-48 lead with 11 seconds on the clock.

Mercy's Mary Beth Cleary added another point from the charity stripe to bring the margin to two points. AQ could have tied the game, but Amy Rynders' desperation shot missed the basket at the buzzer.

Sheila Doyle and Cleary iced 15 points each for Mercy, while Reynders (15 points) and Kristina Dudley (13 points) paced the Little Irish.

Mercy earned the league title with the win, finishing the season with a record of 6-0 and 16-3. If the game had tipped in AQ's favor, the two squads would have ended the season as co-champions.

With a first-round bye, the second-seeded Monarchs will face the winner of the Feb. 19 game between Henrietta (No. 7) and Webster (No. 10) on Feb. 22 at Penfield.

Despite the loss to Mercy, the Little Irish captured the No. 4 seed in Section 5 Class BB.

After ending the season with a record of 4-2 and 14-6, Aquinas received a first-round bye. The Little Irish are scheduled to play Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. in Hilton against the winner of the Feb. 19 Bishop Kearney and Brighton game.

AQ Coach Dan Bates said he is 99-percent sure his team will be facing Kearney in that game.

The Lady Kings peaked for sectional play after earning the championship title at the Mendon Tournament Feb. 15-16.

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SPORT SHORTS

BK Cheerleaders earn top honors at tourney

ROCHESTER — Bishop Kearney Varsity Cheerleaders captured first place in the Section V Class BB Finals on Feb. 9. The team was ranked first and entered the competition with the highest score of any team.

Previously, the junior varsity and freshmen teams competed in Wilson, N.Y., on Feb. 2. The freshmen team placed third among junior varsity

teams, and the JV cheerleaders finished second.

Kim Dieter and Sandy Crane placed among the top 10 individual senior cheerleaders.

In addition, Kearney's varsity cheerleading team took home second-place honors in the varsity "A" division during the Greater Rochester Cheerleading Tournament at the Community War Memorial on Jan. 26.

Kearney's junior varsity cheerleaders also placed second in the "A" division among JV squads in the tournament. BK's freshmen cheerleaders captured first place in their respective division.

In individual competitions, Kearney seniors Dieter and Aissa Gunnara finished in the top 10 on Jan. 26.

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