

BK girls cruise in Classic; Nazareth, ND win

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First-game jitters? No way. Nervous about playing in the Rochester Community War Memorial? Not a chance — in fact, the Bishop Kearney girls' basketball team probably wishes it could play all its games at the illustrious arena after its performance this past Sunday, Dec. 8.

BK scored the game's first 15 points and held Rush-Henrietta scoreless the entire first quarter en route to a 44-33 win in the opening contest of the Kearney Classic.

Ragged play marked the game's early moments; a free throw by Kearney's Jenny Klee marked the only scoring for either side in the first four minutes. Two baskets each by Janet D'Agostino and Jenny Lynch helped BK stretch its lead to 10-0 by the period's end, and it wasn't until R-H's Barb DeLeo scored 2:50 into the second quarter — making it 15-2 — that the Royal Comets finally got on the board.

R-H continued to rally and closed to within 22-13 by halftime, but Kearney held a 14-8 scoring edge in the third quarter to go back up by 15. The lead grew as high as 19 points, 40-21, early in the final period.

Lynch, a senior forward, led Kearney with 13 points and was named the game's Most Valuable Player. Jenny Zambito added 10 points for BK, while Janet D'Agostino had eight points and five steals.

"Generally I was pleased, considering it was our first game," said Kearney Coach Paul Forte. "We made some mistakes and let them back in it a little, but we're young and that's going to happen."

NAZARETH took an opposite ap-



Bishop Kearney's Kate Jensen (left) and Jackie Kolb of Rush-Henrietta jockey for position as the ball caroms off the rim during the Lady Kings' 44-33 win over the Royal Comets at the Rochester War Memorial Dec. 8.

proach from BK in its first game of the year, but still came away with a victory. The Lasers fell behind 10-0 against host Marshall before rallying for a 44-34 win on Dec. 3.

Nazareth shook off its early deficit by putting together a 13-point run to take a 13-10 lead after one quarter. The tight game saw the Lasers leading 24-22 at the half and 33-31 after three periods until freshman forward Dionne Robinson came through with three consecutive baskets midway through the final period to help the Lasers pull away.

Robinson finished with 11 points, and teammate Jennifer Zumath had 16 points and nine rebounds.

"I was very pleased. The kids executed very well at the end," said Nazareth Coach Walt Gordinier.

ELMIRA NOTRE DAME improved its record to 3-1 with a 51-16 rout of visiting Tioga on Dec. 6. That win helped ease the pain of a 49-36 defeat at Odessa-Montour two nights earlier.

The Tioga triumph was yet another game that started out on a one-sided note, with Notre Dame holding a 19-0 lead at the end of one quarter. The score was 31-8 at halftime and 39-10 after three periods.

"It was the first game in my four years of coaching that something like this happened. We didn't want to embarrass them," said ND Coach Jeff Sobkowski, who pulled all his starters after the first quarter.

Senior guard Kristen Tarantino led the Crusaders with 12 points, shooting 6-for-7 from the field. ND received scoring from all but one of its 11 players.

AQUINAS INSTITUTE, OUR LADY OF MERCY and GENEVA DESALES all had last week off.

Saints improve to 3-0; Knights' Marchese gets 100th

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As long as there are enough people to put on the floor, the Geneva DeSales boys are going to keep winning basketball games.

The Saints, who have only eight players on the roster, improved their record to 3-0 with a convincing 72-61 home win over Honeoye last Friday, Dec. 6. Honeoye is the defending Section 5 Class CCC champion.

Another notable victory last week was McQuaid's 72-57 rout of host Franklin on Dec. 3, which gave head coach Joe Marchese his 100th career win. However, the Knights went on to lose 66-48 at Marshall on Dec. 6 as their record fell to 2-2.

Elmira Notre Dame scored a 51-46 home win over Trumansburg in its Dec. 3 season-opening game. The Crusaders (2-1) then reached the finals of the Towanda Tournament, winning 45-43 over Towanda on Dec. 6 before falling 51-44 to Elmira Southside in the Dec. 7 championship game.

Bishop Kearney (0-3) had a rough time with Greece Arcadia on Dec. 8, losing 73-37 in the Kearney Classic at the Rochester Community War Memorial.

Aquinas (0-1) did not play last week. DESALES fell behind 9-0 to Honeoye, but made it 15-15 after one quarter and led 35-33 at halftime.

Coach Tony Alvaro's switch from a zone defense to man-to-man in the third quarter proved effective, as Honeoye, which had exploded for 10 three-point baskets in the first half, was limited to six third-quarter points.

DeSales scored 15 of its own to assume a 50-39 advantage.

Senior forward Mark Higgins had a huge game, scoring 27 points and adding seven rebounds. Other stars were Todd Hardy with 17 points, Bill Sweeney with 16 and Chris Dendis with 10.

"The kids all played super. They've come together real well," said Alvaro.

MCQUAID broke away from a 33-33 tie against Franklin with a suffocating pressure defense that forced several turnovers and enabled the Knights to hold a 23-8 third-quarter scoring edge.

Junior forward Jay Wandtke led the way with 23 points and nine rebounds. The win upped Marchese's six-year record at McQuaid to 100-21.

The Marshall contest also featured a successful press, except this one be-

longed to the Jurists. McQuaid committed 29 turnovers in that game.

"The bottom line is that we've got so many inexperienced people, we're going to be on a roller coaster ride. It may take us awhile to hit a consistent level of play," remarked Marchese.

NOTRE DAME bounced back from a 29-26 halftime deficit against Trumansburg behind the tremendous play of senior guard Aaron Mekos, who finished with 27 points.

The victory over Towanda, a Pennsylvania school, saw Notre Dame cling to a tiny lead most of the night. Towanda had a chance to force overtime in the closing seconds, but missed two free throws as well as a last-second shot. Bob Cavalier and Mekos were the Crusaders' top scorers with 14 and 13 points, respectively; and Bryan Woodworth made a big effort with 13

rebounds and nine blocks to go along with four points.

"For us to be successful we're going to have to play good defense, be patient on offense and keep the games in the 40s and 50s. So far we've done that," said Coach Mike D'Aloisio.

KEARNEY stayed close in the opening minutes against Arcadia, but the talented Titans pull away to an 18-9 advantage after one period. They led 33-18 at the half and 50-26 after three quarters.

Demond Mack and Joe Ranievicz topped BK with respective point totals of 14 and 11.

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