

McQuaid wins at Relays; wrestling teams triumph

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Score round one to McQuaid in its battle with Fairport for boys' indoor track supremacy.

The Knights broke their own meet record for team points in winning the 26th annual Rochester Relays, held this past Saturday, Jan. 11, at the University of Rochester.

McQuaid accumulated 77 points in the 20-team event to easily surpass last year's previous record total of 65. Fairport came in second place with 70.5 points, while third-place Greece finished well back with 39 points.

"We got close to maximum out of our relay people," said Knights Coach Bob Bradley.

McQuaid's first-place finishers included Damon Wade, Mark Beresiewicz, Kris Weldon and Les Bernard in the double four lap relay; Bernard, Mike Keogh, Wade and Weldon in the 800-meter relay; and Tim Kelley, Shawn Watts, Beresiewicz and Eric Garsin in the sprint medley relay.

The 800 relay turned out to be the key, with McQuaid holding a 10-0 scoring edge over Fairport in that event.

In the girls' portion of the Rochester Relays, Aquinas received a productive day out of Josie Walters. She placed second in the long jump and third in

the 40-meter hurdles.

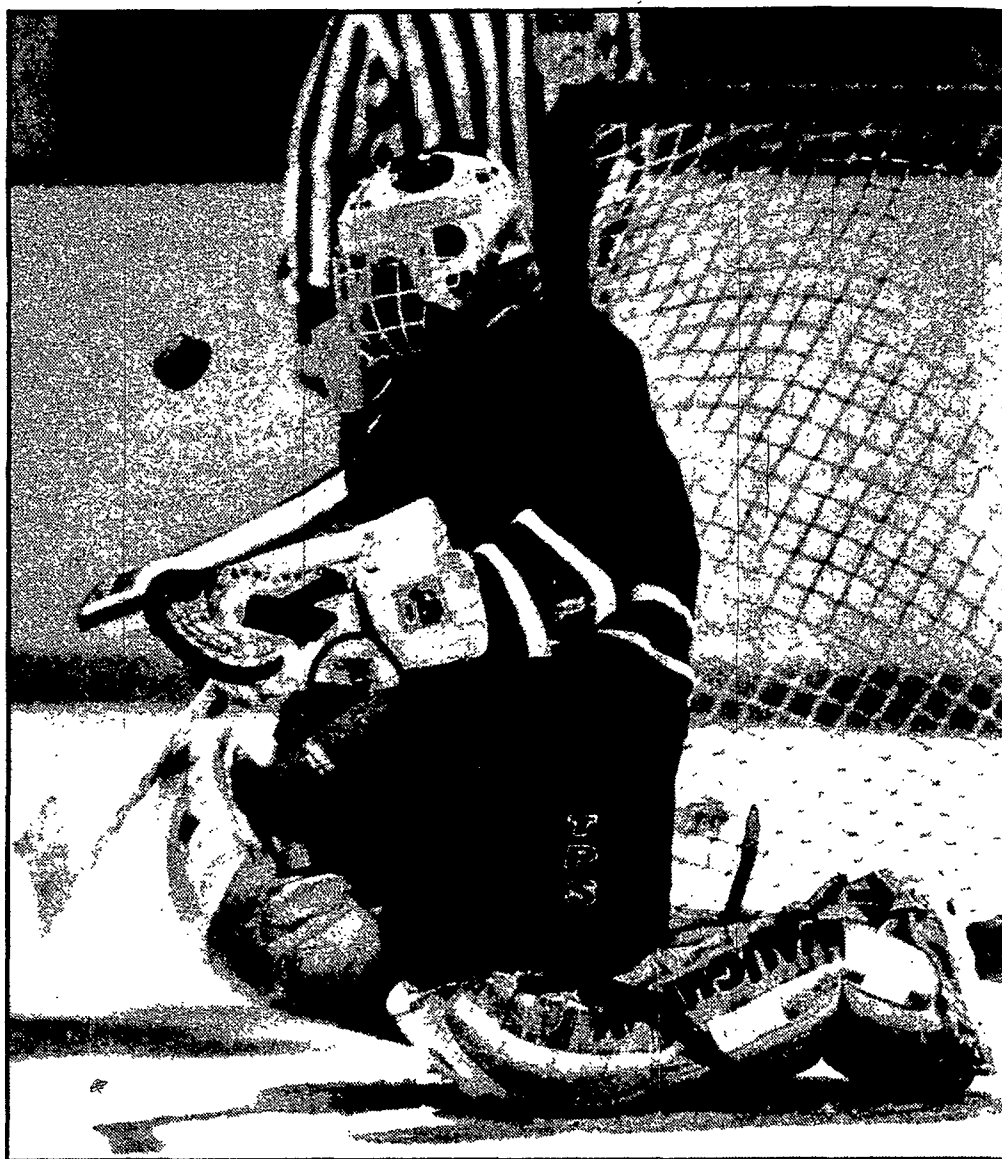
DIOCESAN WRESTLING SQUADS were in top form last week, starting with Elmira Notre Dame. The Crusaders kept their dual record perfect at 6-0 by winning 38-27 over host Elmira Free Academy on Jan. 8. Notre Dame trailed 27-20 heading into the final three matches, but received forfeit wins at 167 and 215 pounds as well as a technical fall by Dan Wilson at 177.

McQuaid Jesuit (3-3) picked up a pair of wins, 57-5 at Franklin on Jan. 9 and 34-28 at Rush-Henrietta on Jan. 11. John Pemaselli's victory at 215 clinched the Knights' team triumph against R-H.

Bishop Kearney (1-5) also won, defeating visiting Churchville-Chili 42-36 on Jan. 11. Gracen Porreca improved his record to 11-0 with a win at 119 pounds.

IN HOCKEY, Aquinas blasted its two opponents last week. The Little Irish (8-2) won 13-2 over Bishop Kearney at Lakeshore Rinks on Jan. 8, and were equally impressive in a 12-1 decision over host Batavia on Jan. 11.

Aquinas' top guns compiled staggering totals: Chris Schultz combined for eight goals and five assists (5-2 and 3-3) in the two games; Jeremy Giordano had six goals and seven assists (4-3 and 2-4); and Grady Monks had three goals and 10 assists (1-7 and 2-3).



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Bishop Kearney netminder Chris Lattanzio keeps an eye on the puck as he makes a save on an Aquinas shot during the Kings' 13-2 loss to the Little Irish at Lakeshore Rinks Jan. 8.

McQ swimmers look to stay near top; Irish are building

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If a team wins the Super Bowl or World Series three years in a row, observers start using the word dynasty.

So what could you call McQuaid Jesuit boys' swimming program? Is there a word in the dictionary that can adequately describe a team that's won or shared 20 City-Catholic League championships in a row?

The Knights have attained all their success under John Tobin, who has served as head coach since 1969. At one point during Tobin's stellar career, McQuaid won a state-record 161 consecutive dual meets.

It'll be difficult to keep the league-title string going in 1991-92 following a 44-42 loss to host Wilson Magnet last Thursday, Jan. 9. That defeat dropped the Knights' record to 2-1 in the league (2-2 overall); however, the narrow

defeat may have been avoided had McQuaid not been disqualified in an event. Plus, the Knights will get another crack at the Wildcats on Feb. 4.

Aquinas Institute (2-2) may not challenge for the league title this year, but the Little Irish are heading in the right direction. The program had only four swimmers two years ago but is now up to 15.

Last week, AQ won 46-27 over host Harley-Allendale Columbia on Jan. 7 before falling 53-33 at East on Jan. 9.

McQuaid and Aquinas are the only diocesan schools with boys' swim teams. The two rivals met back on Dec. 19, with McQuaid scoring a 47-37 decision at Nazareth College.

Knight relay sets record

McQuaid ended last week by competing in the Elmira Invitational on Jan. 10-11. Highlighting the meet was the Knights' 200-yard medley relay

team, which set a school record of 1:39.78. Sophomores Doug Kazley and Michael Byerts, freshman John Halligan and junior Patrick Simpson swam the event.

According to Tobin, Kazley is McQuaid's best individual swimmer, having lost just once in dual competition thus far this season. He swims in several events, with his strongest being the 200 individual medley, 100 backstroke and 50 and 100 freestyle.

Byerts' best events are 200 IM, 500 free and 100 backstroke. Halligan excels in the 100 butterfly and 200 and 500 free; Simpson in the 100 back and 100, 200 and 500 free.

Other leading McQuaid swimmers are junior Kevin Golembeski and senior Bill Ernst, who both swim the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke; freshman Brian Kazley, 100 breast and 100 and 200 free; and sophomore Chris Roman, 100 back and 100 fly.

Tobin noted that his toughest task is molding his 26-member squad into a cohesive unit.

"In the City-Catholic League there are no JV teams, so our program is combined of seventh-graders through seniors. Just getting the age groups to work together is a chore in itself," he said. "We try to get the older boys to pass things down to the younger ones."

McNelis leads Aquinas

Junior Mike McNelis has been Aquinas' No. 1 man, having already qualified for Section 5 competition in several events. His main areas of expertise are in the 100 breast, 200 IM and 500 free.

Other leading Little Irish swimmers are freshman Will Curtis, 50 free; freshman Kris Schramm, 50 free and 100 fly; sophomore Steve Cudzilo, 100 back and 500 free; senior Jason White, 100 breast and 100 fly; junior Mike Buckpitt, 100 free and 100 back; and sophomore Erik Gustafson, 200 and 500 free.

Top relays are Buckpitt, White, McNelis and Cudzilo in the 200 medley; and Schramm, Cudzilo, Curtis and McNelis in the 200 free.

The Jan. 7 triumph over HAC was highlighted by a double-victory turned in by McNelis, who won the 200 IM and 500 free. Other winners included Gustafson (200 free), Curtis (50 free), Schramm (100 fly), Buckpitt (100 free) and the 200 free relay.

"We may not be winning all of our meets, but as long as we improve on our individual goals that's the important thing," said second-year Coach Mary Jo Phillips, who also coaches the combined Aquinas-Nazareth girls' swim program in the fall.

"We should be able to finish at least .500," Phillips added.

Mercy, Aquinas girls continue to dominate foes in basketball

Some are close and some are lopsided, but one factor hasn't changed about Our Lady of Mercy girls' basketball games so far this season: they've all been wins.

The Monarchs (7-0), who were coming off a one-point decision over Aquinas Institute two days earlier, scored a 68-62 victory in overtime over host Penfield last Monday, Jan. 6.

Mercy went on to capture the title in the Utica Notre Dame Tournament, winning 72-51 over Rome Catholic on Jan. 10 and 65-52 over Utica Notre Dame on Jan. 11.

Senior guard Sheila Doyle was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. She exploded for 32 points in the game against Rome Catholic and added 16 in the Utica Notre Dame

contest. Amy Martin had 20 points against Notre Dame.

AQUINAS improved its record to 8-1 with a 59-44 win at Wilson Magnet on Jan. 6 in its only game of last week. Senior guard-forward Amy Reynders had her usual all-around great game, combining 25 points and 15 rebounds.

BISHOP KEARNEY'S boys and girls each won one game last week. The boys (5-7) nipped visiting Greece Olympia 56-54 on Jan. 10, and the girls (5-2) won 39-29 at home over Nazareth Academy on Jan. 7.

GENEVA DeSALES pulled out a 59-56 boys' basketball home win over Romulus on Jan. 10. The Saints' record climbed to 6-2 with the victory.

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SPORT SHORTS



Radford wins top rookie

Mary Radford, a 1991 Aquinas Institute graduate, has been named Rookie of the Year for the LeMoyne College varsity women's soccer team.

Radford, a freshman, started for the Lady Dolphins this season. LeMoyne finished with a record of 10-6.