

McQuaid, Kearney on the rebound in hoops

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Finally, McQuaid Jesuit is beginning to revert to its Section 5 championship form of a year ago.

The Knights, who had broken a five-game losing streak by defeating Aquinas Institute on Jan. 19, remained in high gear with a 58-47 home win over Marshall on Friday, Jan. 24.

Both victories represented paybacks for early-season defeats. In the case of Marshall, the 11-point win represented a huge turnaround from a 66-48 loss to the Jurists back on Dec. 6.

"I'm cautiously going to say that we're starting to put things together," remarked McQuaid Head Coach Joe Marchese, whose club improved its record to 6-9.

McQuaid took control early by outscoring Marshall 19-9 in the first quarter. The Knights were ahead 32-21 at the half, and put the contest out of reach with a 15-6 third-quarter scoring surge that put them up by 20.

Senior forward Steve Roehrig knocked down a season-high 20 points to lead all scorers.

BISHOP KEARNEY is another club on the rebound from early-season difficulties. A convincing 65-40 home win over Aquinas Institute on Jan. 24, the Kings' seventh victory in nine games, enabled them to reach the .500 mark (7-7) for the first time.

BK blew the Little Irish (1-13) right out of the gym, leading 58-25 after three quarters.

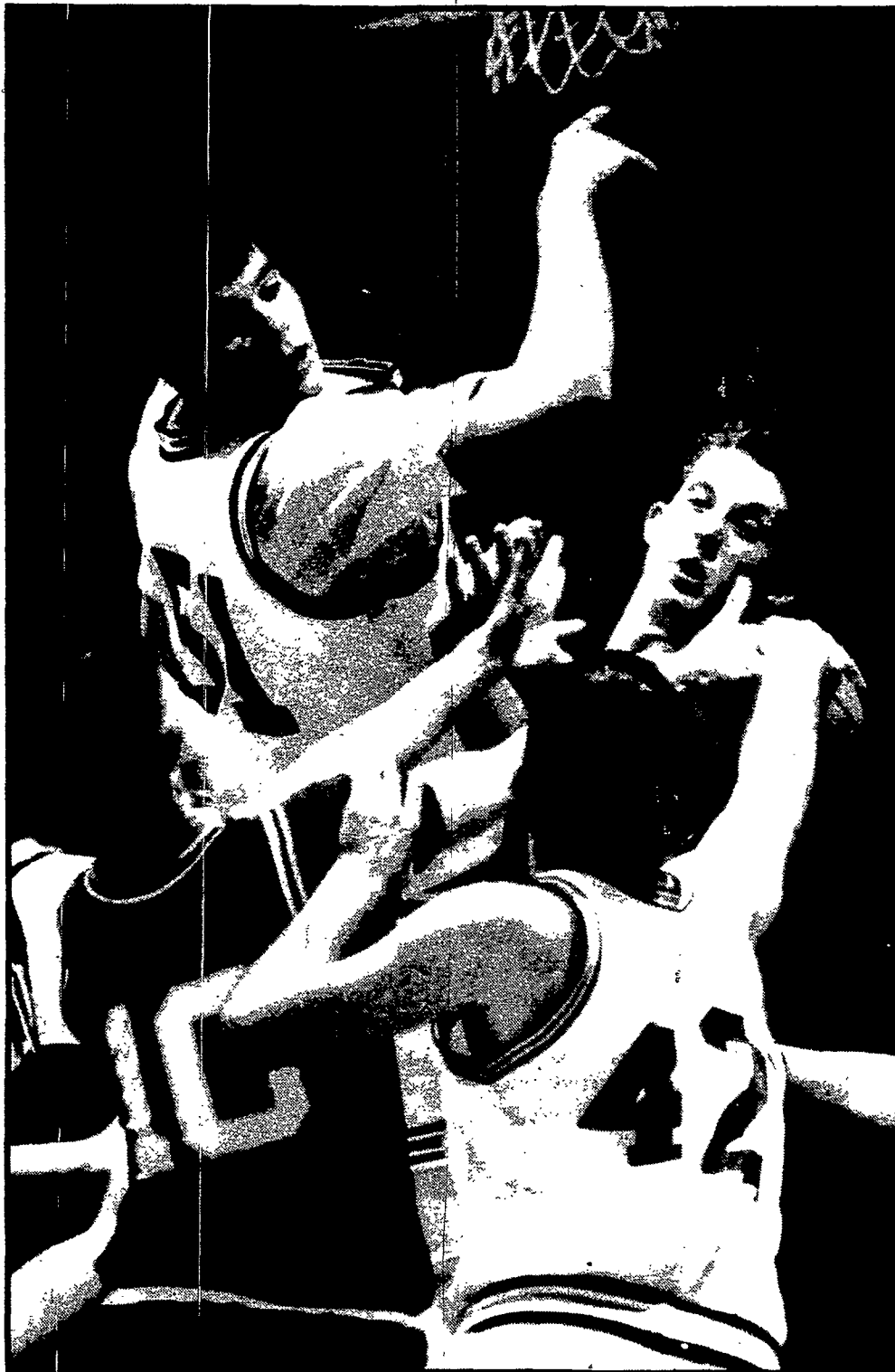
"We couldn't do too many things wrong," said Coach Ed Nietopski.

Leading the way was red-hot junior guard Joe Raniewicz, who poured in 25 points. He had 27 in each of BK's previous two games, both victories.

Jeff Rice was Aquinas' top scorer against the Kings with eight points.

ELMIRA NOTRE DAME (6-8) emerged triumphant in a thriller on Jan. 21, winning 43-42 over visiting Corning East.

Senior guard Chris O'Herron made one of two free throws with :01 re-



Babette G. Augustin/Photo editor
Bishop Kearney's Jason Randall (51) keeps close watch as Scott Delgatti (42) struggles for control of the ball with Aquinas' Nick Reisinger (left) and Steve Spenser. The host Kings won 65-40 over the Little Irish Jan. 24.

maining to break a 42-42 tie. The Crusaders, who were paced by Aaron Mekos' 14 points, survived despite being held to their third-lowest point total of the season.

ND also played well in a 52-46 loss at Elmira Free Academy on Jan. 24. In two prior games with EFA, the Crusaders had lost by 27 and 26 points.

"It looks like we're making progress," said Coach Mike D'Aloisio.

GENEVA DeSALES (8-4) split its two games last week, winning 51-46 at home over South Seneca on Jan. 22 but losing 72-47 at Honeoye on Jan. 24.

Senior forward Mark Higgins scored 25 points in the victory over South Seneca, which avenged a 64-61 loss from Dec. 11.

In girls' basketball, **NAZARETH ACADEMY** improved its record to 6-7 by recording two narrow wins last week: 45-42 over visiting Lima Christian on Jan. 21, and 42-38 over host Marshall on Jan. 25.

Corinne Strassner was the Lasers' leading scorer in the Lima Christian game with 10 points. Mary Staropoli had a team-high 12 points against Marshall, but the catalyst down the stretch was freshman Dionne Robinson, who got all 10 of her points after halftime and added 13 rebounds for the game.

"When the upperclassmen are playing better, Dionne plays better," Coach Walt Gordinier remarked.

OUR LADY OF MERCY kept its record perfect at 10-0 with a 95-24 blow-out of host Dunkirk on Jan. 25. The top Monarch scorer was Mimi LaMagna with 24 points.

The **BISHOP KEARNEY** girls (7-4) had a good outing against host Webster on Jan. 24, playing tough defense in a 32-22 victory.

Sophomore Jenny Zambito was BK's leading player, collecting 16 points and seven rebounds against the Warriors.

Over in Section 4, **NOTRE DAME'S** girls (6-8) put up a good fight against undefeated Corning East — trailing 22-19 at halftime — before going down to a 50-37 road loss on Jan. 21.

Nazareth's Carey re-elected as NCAA regional chairman

ROCHESTER — Bill Carey, athletic director at Nazareth College, has been re-elected to his second three-year term as East Region chairman of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III men's basketball selection committee.

Carey's reappointment came at the annual NCAA convention held earlier this month in Anaheim, Calif.

Carey and seven other regional chairmen will determine the 40-team field for the Division III national tournament.



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