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AQ's last lead was 24-23 early in the third quarter before Mendon's Julie Balta hit back-to-back three-point baskets. Balta had six three-pointers and 20 total points for the game.

"Our game plan was to shut down their two big girls (Alicia Sheeler and Kim Jamison, who both stand 6-foot-2). The girls did exactly what I wanted them to do; it's a credit to Balta that she stepped forward and made those big shots," said AQ Coach Tim Reyn- ders.

Amy Reyn- ders finished her out- standing high school career with a 22-point night.

Aquinas had reached the champi- onship game with a 39-35 win over No. 2 Irondequoit two nights earlier at Roberts Wesleyan College. Reyn- ders led AQ with 28 points.

Finally, DeSales was stopped in its attempt at pulling off a third consecu- tive upset victory in its semifinal contest against Greenwood.

The Saints led 20-17 at halftime, but only scored four third-quarter points to fall behind by three. Greenwood then pulled away with a 20-point fourth quarter.

DeSales had reached the semifinals by upsetting No. 2 Prattburg and No. 7 Friendship.



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Kristen Burgmaster (center) and Sandy Petty (right) hide their heads in their hands, while Marcie Meagher (left) attempts to console her teammates following Aquinas' loss to Pittsford Mendon March 5 at the Rochester Community War Memorial.

Little Irish win sectionals; will roll in states Saturday

Scores like these often hold up in Professional Bowlers Association tour- naments, so it's no surprise that Dave Dobson's 213 average for three games was the highest at the Section 5 cham- pionships.

Dobson's 639 series enabled his Aquinas Institute squad to capture the 16-team Class A sectional boys' bowling title. The tournament took place on Saturday, March 7, at North Park Lanes in Irondequoit.

AQ had a total pinfall of 2,844, which ranked 124 ahead of second- place Wayne. Other Little Irish bowlers contributing to the victory were Joe DiMaria, 603 series; Paul Wilson, 556; and Ken Keilman and Chad Hummel, 523 each.

"We missed very few spares all day, and I don't think we had any splits. For high school kids, they really showed something," remarked AQ Coach Jim Scarfia.

In addition to having high series, Dobson finished with the day's sec- ond-highest game (244). McQuaid Je- suit's Brad Tucker came in with the second-best series (622).

The Little Irish will now advance to the state championships, which will be held this Saturday, March 14, in Shir- ley, Long Island.

Also qualifying for states, as mem- bers of the Section 5 composite team, were Tucker and Rich Pluta from Bishop Kearney along with Jared Laird from Sodus.

In the girls' bowling sectionals, also

held March 7 at North Park Lanes, the BK girls finished second behind Wayne with a 2,440 pinfall.

Laura Stockslader and Sarah Shea will represent the Kings on the Section 5 state composite team. Leigh Foes from Our Lady of Mercy is the third and final qualifier for that squad.

In other sports, the McQuaid boys' indoor track team competed in the state championships on Saturday, March 7, at Cornell University.

It was not a particularly grand day for the Knights, whose highest finish was 10th place by Adam Reitz in the 3,200-meter run and Eric Garsin in the 1,000 meters.

McQuaid's 800 relay team, which, according to Coach Bob Bradley, had an excellent chance at a high finish, was disqualified when the baton was exchanged outside of the designated passing zone during the event.

Some team members will be back in action this weekend at the National Scholastic Championships in Syracuse: the distance medley relay of Tim Kel- ley, Kris Weldon, Mike Keogh and Garsin; the 1,600 relay of Weldon, Keogh, Les Bernard and Damon Wade; and Reitz in the two-mile run.

In boys' skiing, McQuaid's Joe Huss took seventh place at the state champi- onships held March 4 in Lake Placid.

Huss' high finish enabled Section 5 to win the sectional team competition. He was the second-highest finisher from Section 5.

— Mike Latona

Notre Dame falls, 63-58, in title game

It took another giant-killer to finally halt Elmira Notre Dame's quest for the Section 4 Class C boys' basketball championship.

The Crusaders, who had upset three teams with a combined record of 54-6 to reach the finals, suffered a 63-58 loss to Seton Catholic of Binghamton in the Class C finals on Saturday, March 7, at Binghamton's Broome County Arena.

Notre Dame was seeded No. 8 for the sectionals, while Seton Catholic was No. 7. The Crusaders' final record this season was 11-12.

"I'm really proud. These guys are overachievers; nobody expected us to be at the arena," said Crusader Coach Mike D'Aloisio.

ND led 30-28 at halftime over Seton Catholic, but the Saints held a 20-11 third-quarter scoring edge to take a seven-point advantage into the final eight minutes.

The never-say-die Crusaders got to within 57-56 with 1:55 to go, but mis- sed the front end of three one-and-one free throw opportunities in the game's final 1:30.

Bryan Woodworth was ND's top scorer with 19 points, followed by Aaron Mekos with 17.

ND had gained entrance to the championship game with a convincing 51-36 victory over Waverly, the No. 2 seed, on Tuesday night, March 3, at Ithaca College.

The Crusaders led 20-4 after one quarter before Waverly, which came into the game with a 19-1 record, ral- lied to within 35-33 after three periods. ND's defense stiffened up again in the fourth quarter, limiting Waverly to three points.

Woodworth and Mekos tied for high-scoring honors with 12 points each against Waverly.

Prior to the Waverly victory, ND had won sectional games over Groton, which had a 19-2 record, and Tioga, which owned a 16-3 mark.

"Our style playing against larger schools (in the Sullivan Trail Confer- ence) is more of a fast-paced and phys- ical type. Our schedule really helped us prepare for sectionals," said D'Aloisio.

— Mike Latona



Aquinas' Amy Reyn- ders reaches above the crush in an attempt to capture a rebound.

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