

McQ, Mercy take track sectionals

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While McQuaid Jesuit pulled off a three-peat of sorts, Our Lady of Mercy went even one better than that.

Those two schools have seemingly cornered the market on Section 5 championships for the 1991-92 school year, with the crowning touch coming last Saturday, May 23.

That's when the McQuaid boys' track and field team captured the Section 5 Class AA crown, outdueling chief rival Fairport and 16 other schools at Canandaigua Academy. The championship marked the Knights' third sectional title since last fall, along with cross-country and indoor track.

Mercy also won a sectional track championship on May 23, taking the 17-school Class A division for the first time ever. The Monarchs have also earned titles this year in soccer, volleyball and basketball.

Mercy Head Coach Tim Jones noted that these accomplishments are even more astounding because both McQuaid and Mercy are single-sex schools and therefore compete in fewer varsity sports.

"We're trying to figure out if we've set some sort of a record for a girls' school," he said.

McQuaid won Class AA with 99 points, while Fairport, which had handed the Knights their only dual defeat this season, finished with 89 1/2 points.

The Knights' 1,600-meter relay of Mark Beresiewicz, Damon Wade, Shawn Watts and Les Bernard was in top form, recording a time of 3:26.5 to finish nearly 13 seconds ahead of second-place Pittsford. McQ's other event winner was Mike Keogh, who ran a 2:01.3 in the 800 meters.

Mercy scored 108 points to decisively win its division. Victor finished a distant second with 86 points.

The Monarchs won three events, beginning with the 1,600 relay of Gabby LaMagna, Colleen O'Neill, Amy Martin and Jenny Smith that posted a time of 4:06.7. LaMagna also won the long jump with a distance of 17 feet, 7 1/2 inches; and Martin took the 400 intermediate hurdles with a time of 1:08.3.

Several McQuaid and Mercy competitors will be back in action this Friday evening, May 29, for the Section 5 Meet of Champions state qualifier at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium.

In other recent sectional action, the McQuaid and Elmira Notre Dame golf teams, along with the ND tennis squad, turned in noteworthy performances.

Jeremy Fioravanti, a member of McQuaid's City-Catholic League championship team, tied with three other golfers for medalist honors in the Section 5 championships held May 21 at Clifton Springs Country Club. Fioravanti shot a 75 and now advances to the state tournament, May 30-June 1, at Cornell University Country Club in Ithaca.

One day prior to the sectional tournament, Fioravanti tied Knight teammate Chip Ranaletta for medalist honors in the league championships held at Penfield's Shadow Lake Golf Club. Both shot 73, while the Knights' Randy Teegardin placed third with a 76. All three qualified for sectionals.

Notre Dame's golf team finished in second place among seven teams at the Section 4 Class C-D tournament, held May 11 at Maple Hill Golf Club in Marathon. The Crusaders' team total of 443 strokes included four golfers with scores under 90. Brian Murray led the way with an 85.

In tennis, ND excelled at the Section 4 Class C-D West championships held May 15. The Crusaders' Stig Reinecke, along with the doubles teams of Pete Finnerty/Sunil Abraham and Dan Delany/Chris Hennigan, all won their respective divisions.

SPORT SHORTS



Rocky Bleier to speak

PENFIELD — Former football great Rocky Bleier will be the special guest at the ninth annual Tournament of Love, a fundraiser for Camp Good Days and Special Times. The tourney is scheduled for Monday, June 22, at Midvale Country Club, 2387 Baird Road.

Bleier will serve as honorary chairman and guest speaker. He started at running back for the Pittsburgh Steelers teams of the 1970s after recovering from injuries suffered during the Vietnam War.

For the first time, the event will also feature a tennis tournament to be played at Mid-Town Tennis Club, 55 Gould St.

Entry fee for golf is \$300. Hole sponsorships are available for \$1,200. The tennis tournament entry fee is \$200.

Softball squads sail into sectional play

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Private-Parochial League teams met at Irondequoit's McAvoy Park May 22, doing a little tune-up work for the Section 5 softball playoffs.

And, judging by the high seeds P-PL teams earned for sectional play, don't be surprised if they're still at high speed by week's end.

Bishop Kearney pulled down the No. 2 seed among 12 teams in the Class BB sectional classification. The Kings, who won the P-PL regular-season title with a 5-1 record and also captured the league tournament with a 5-4 win over Aquinas, entered sectionals with a 16-5 mark.

By earning one of the top four seeds in Class BB, Kearney earned a bye in the opening round May 26. The Kings are scheduled to play this Saturday, May 30, in a 7 p.m. game at McAvoy against the winner of No. 7 Wilson/No. 10 Pittsford Sutherland.

Aquinas Institute also gained a first-round bye in Class BB. The third-seeded Little Irish (12-7) are scheduled

to play May 30 in a 5 p.m. contest at McAvoy against either No. 6 Greece Arcadia or No. 11 Mercy (9-14).

Nazareth (12-7), which competes in Class B, is seeded No. 5. The Lasers were scheduled to play May 26 against No. 12 Attica, with the winner advancing to an 11 a.m. game May 30 at McAvoy against No. 4 Penn Yan.

Geneva DeSales (9-7) gained the No. 6 seed in Class DD. The Saints were set to play No. 11 Bolivar on May 27, with the victor playing May 29 at third-seeded Romulus.

Elmira Notre Dame (10-7), which competes in Section 4 Class C, will play its first tournament game either May 30 or June 2. Sectional seedings were to be announced Wednesday, May 27. If the Crusaders secured one of the top four seeds, they would earn a first-round bye.

In baseball, Section 5 playoffs are scheduled to begin next week with many Catholic high school teams in the diocese coming off excellent performances.

Bishop Kearney (11-7) ran its winning streak to six games with four

triumphs last week, including: a 9-7 win over McQuaid Jesuit on May 21; and 14-6 and 15-10 wins over Newark in a May 23 doubleheader.

Geneva DeSales (11-2) knocked off previously undefeated Dundee, 2-0, on May 19. The Saints went on to blast Bloomfield by a 9-3 count on May 21.

Aquinas (16-8), which has already clinched the City-Catholic League title, gained a pair of high-scoring wins last week: 16-1 over Edison on May 20 and 17-9 over Penfield on May 23.

McQuaid (12-8) won five of its six games last week, including: 10-6 over Marshall on May 20; and 12-3 over Edison on May 22.

Elmira Notre Dame (7-9) beat Horseheads 6-3 on May 18.

In boys' tennis, McQuaid scored a crucial 3-2 victory over Aquinas on May 20 at Maplewood Park. The win, combined with a 5-0 triumph over East the following day, enabled the Knights to tie AQ for the City-Catholic League championship. Both finished the year with 11-1 league records.



Erik Kunkel/Photo Intern
Aquinas Institute's Josh Gleason prepares to return a shot against McQuaid's John Tuttle during a singles match played at Maplewood Park in Rochester May 20. Gleason won the match 6-1, 6-3.

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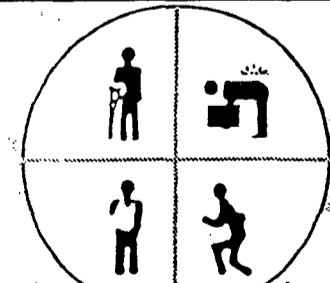
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