

Mercy, McQuaid lead 1991-92 sectional blitz

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Mercy, Mercy, Mercy, Mercy.

That's an appropriate way of reacting to Our Lady of Mercy High School's athletic accomplishments from this past school year. It's also the number of times you'll see the school name on 1991-92 Section 5 championship trophies.

Soccer and cross-country in the fall, basketball in the winter, and track in the spring. An amazing four sectional titles made the all-female school from Brighton this year's sports leader among Catholic high schools in the diocese.

McQuaid Jesuit runners also made big contributions as the Knights won three Section 5 crowns of their own: in cross-country, indoor track and outdoor track.

Aquinas Institute took Section 5 titles in hockey and boys' bowling, while Geneva DeSales triumphed in baseball. And in Section 4, Elmira Notre Dame was the section's best in wrestling and boys' tennis.

Here's a brief look back at the accomplishments of this year's champs:

MERCY SOCCER — The Monarchs won their first-ever sectional title, scoring a 4-3 overtime victory over Penfield in the Class A finals and reaching the state semifinals. Mercy finished with a 13-3-2 record.

MERCY VOLLEYBALL — A 15-7, 15-12, 15-8 sweep of Wayne in the sectional finals gave Mercy the Class BB crown, another first for the school. The Monarchs' final record was 21-2.

McQUAID CROSS-COUNTRY — The Knights edged Greece Athena for the Class A title thanks to top-10 finishes from four runners; Adam Reitz,

fourth; Dan Lesser, sixth; Matt Bunce, seventh; and Tim Kelley, ninth.

AQUINAS HOCKEY — The Little Irish knocked off McQuaid, 9-5, in an all-diocesan sectional Class A final. AQ reached the state semifinals and finished with a 21-3 mark.

MERCY BASKETBALL — The Monarchs defeated rival Aquinas three times during the regular season and then won the sectional Class A title by defeating Brockport. Mercy's final record was 21-1, the best mark of any diocesan team this past year.

NOTRE DAME WRESTLING — The Crusaders' Tim Steed, Chris Kamas and Brad Seymour won individual sectional crowns in helping ND to the Section 4 Class D team title.

McQUAID INDOOR TRACK — The Knights set a sectional meet record for points (125) while easily capturing the Class A title; second-place Fairport could only manage 75 points.

AQUINAS BOWLING — Led by Dave Dobson's three-game series of 639, AQ claimed the Section 5 Class A championship.

DeSALES BASEBALL — It's five Section 5 titles and counting for the Saints, who took the Class D championship with a 10-7 defeat of Prattsburg. The Saints finished with a 16-2 mark.

McQUAID TRACK — The Knights took the Class AA championship by again reducing Fairport to bridesmaid status.

MERCY TRACK — The Monarchs completed their quartet of 1991-92 sectional titles by triumphing in Class A for the first time.

NOTRE DAME TENNIS — The Crusaders went 13-2 in dual matches and won the Section 4 Class C title.



File photo
Mercy's Mimi LaMagna (right), shown here racing for the ball against Nazareth Academy's Christine Starapoli last fall, was a force in helping the Monarchs capture their first-ever Class A title in soccer.



GRAAF plans benefit golf events this summer

ROCHESTER — Two golf tournaments have been planned to raise funds for the Greater Rochester Amateur Athletic Federation (GRAAF), a local organization which provides financial assistance for Olympic hopefuls.

The first tournament will take place in conjunction with the Brighton Restaurant on Sunday, July 26, at Shadow Lake Golf Club in Penfield. Entry fee is \$75, and hole and tee sponsorships are available for \$50 each. Call L.J. Bislow at 716/271-7380 for information.

A tournament will also take place in association with Bill Gray's Restaurants on Monday, Aug. 24, at Ontario Golf Club in Ontario. Entry fee is \$95, with hole/tee sponsorships set at \$100.

Those interested in playing or sponsoring a hole should call Lorraine Lachance or Gene Sweeney at 716/425-1150.

Nazareth names coach for volleyball, lacrosse

PITTSFORD — Denise Dewey, a highly successful coach at the high school level, has been named the new head women's volleyball and women's lacrosse coach at Nazareth College.

A native of Van Etten, Dewey played volleyball for four years at Ithaca College before graduating in 1987. Last winter she coached the Rush-Henrietta High School girls' volleyball squad to a 23-0 record and the state Class A title.

The Nazareth volleyball program produced three state titles of its own in the 1980s. Lacrosse will be making its debut as a women's sport at the college in the spring of 1993.

College alumni, friends to play in golf tourney

PENFIELD — St. John Fisher College alumni and guests are invited to play in the 19th annual Whackers and Hackers Invitational golf tournament, set for Friday, July 10, at Shadow Pines Golf Club and Shadow Lake Golf Club.

Entry fee is \$60, which includes greens fees, cart, golf balls, dinner, refreshments and awards.

Reservations are required by June 26. Call the St. John Fisher Alumni Office at 716/385-8001 for details.

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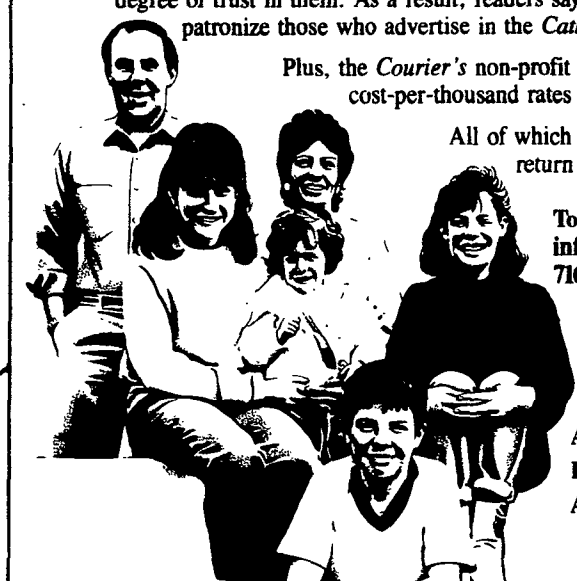
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