## Dickinson, Piccone star in Eddie Meath Game

By Mike Latona Staff writer

ROCHESTER — Kullen Dickinson didn't go through this game thinking about MVP awards.

"I was just having fun," remarked the 1992 McQuaid Jesuit High School graduate.

Dickinson's amusement added up to a 17-carry, 68-yard effort as he was named the East team's co-most valuable offensive player for helping his squad play to a 14-14 tie in the Eddie Meath All-Star Game. The 10th annual contest took place Saturday, Aug. 1, at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium.

The final score marked the first-ever deadlock for this game, which brought together the best high school seniors in Section 5 from the 1991 season.

On the other side of the field, Aquinas Institute graduate Matt Piccone made a valuable contribution to the West team by scoring the game's first touchdown.

Piccone's score came on the West's opening possession. He plunged one yard up the middle into the end zone with 7:16 remaining in the first quarter, culminating a drive in which he carried the ball several times.

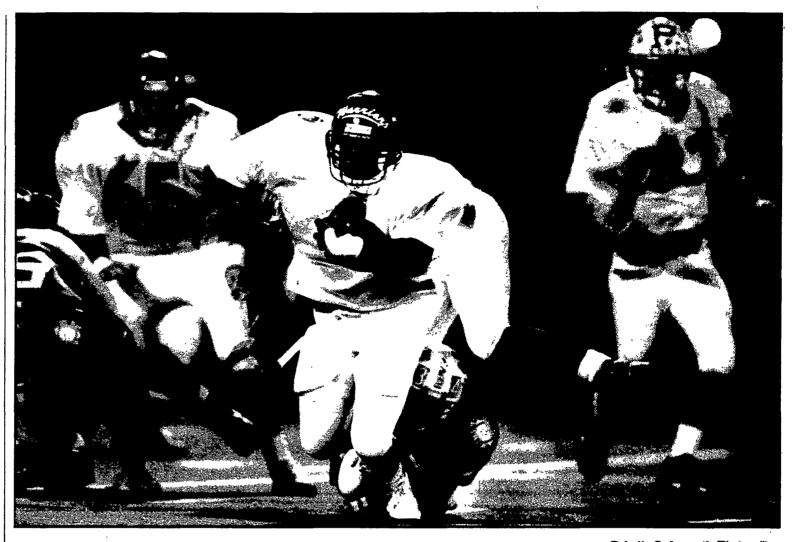
According to Piccone, he was unaware that the West coaching staff would utilize him so frequently during the initial drive.

"It just kind of happened that way. I don't know why I was getting the ball so much," he said.

The West saw its 6-0 lead cut in half on the East's next drive when Fairport's Mike DeMay kicked a 25-yard field goal with 1:40 to go in the first period. Dickinson helped set up the score by running for a first down inside the 10-yard line with his team facing a fourth-and-1 situation.

On the first play of the second quarter, the West increased its lead to 14-3 behind Batavia High graduates Rob Hale and Chris Reigle. Hale threw 11 yards to Reigle for a touchdown, and the pair also hooked up on the ensuing two-point conversion pass.

The night's most exciting moment



Former McQuaid running back Kullen Dickinson avoids a tackle during the third quarter of the annual Eddie Meath All-Star Game Aug. 1. The game, played at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium, ended in a 14-14 tie.

came with seven minutes left before halftime, when East Rochester's Mark Loria fielded a punt at the East's 33-yard line and broke down the right side for a touchdown. His 67-yard burst broke the all-star game's previous punt return record by eight yards.

Dickinson then pulled the East to within 14-11 by following up Loria's TD with a two-point conversion run to close out the first-half scoring.

Intermission seemed to dissolve the first two quarters' high-scoring tendencies, as neither team made any serious threat in the third quarter. The East finally tied the score with 9:17 remaining in the fourth period.

Set up with some nice runs by Dickinson, DeMay booted his second field goal from 21 yards out to make it 14-14. That turned out to be the game's final scoring, although the West did get down to the East's 20-yard line before fumbling the ball away with just under two minutes remaining.

For Dickinson and Piccone, the Eddie Meath Game marked a perfect ending to their high school careers.

"You get to play the best of the best," said Dickinson, who will play Division I-AA football at Howard University this coming fall.

"This has been a dream of mine since I started playing varsity foot-

ball," said Piccone, who led Aquinas to the 1991 City-Catholic League championship by gaining 1,154 yards during the Little Irish's undefeated regular season. Piccone plans to resume his football career in college — he hasn't yet decided where — after taking the upcoming year off.

In addition to Dickinson and Piccone, four other Catholic high school players participated in the Meath game. Center Mike Wolf and defensive lineman Andrew Leach, both McQuaid graduates, played for the East; and place-kicker Mike Sloan and tackle John Clendenning, both of Aquinas, competed for the West.



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#### Team to run for shelter

BRIGHTON — The McQuaid Jesuit High School cross-country team will host its 14th annual 25-hour relay this weekend.

The relay, which begins at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 7, is scheduled to conclude at noon on Saturday, Aug. 8. The event will take place at the McQuaid track, 1800 Clinton Ave. 5.

Runners are soliciting pledges for each hour they participate. Funds raised this year are earmarked for the Francis Hospitality Center, the CPC's year-round homeless shelter in Rochester.

Additional donations can be sent to John Nieboer at the Francis Center, 547 Joseph Ave., Rochester, N.Y., 14605.

### Baseball contest set

BRIGHTON — SOBER, Inc., a non-profit agency which promotes drug-free lifestyles for youths, will hold a baseball contest on Saturday, Aug. 22.

This hit, throw and run competition will take place on the field located behind the SOBER barn at 1200 Winton Road S. The contest will begin at 11 a.m. and is open to players ages 6 to 12

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Pre-registration will take place on Aug. 19, from 6-8 p.m., at the barn Registration will also be available the day of the event.

Call 716/334-0973.

#### Agency plans benefit

PENFIELD — Heritage Christian Home, Inc., has scheduled its inaugural golf tournament on Tuesday, Aug. 25, at Shadow Pines Golf Club, 600 Whalen Road.

The event begins at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start Cost is \$75 and includes golf, riding cart, dinner, gifts and prizes. Dinner-only registration is also available at \$25 per person.

Call Heritage Christian Home at 716/381-6550 or Don Schoessler at 377-2640 for details.