

## AQ girls clinch league with win over Kearney

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It couldn't have been a more fitting way to clinch the Private-Parochial League championship.

The Aquinas Institute girls' soccer team, arguably the best defensive club in Section 5, gained its 10th shutout in 12 games with a 5-0 win over visiting Bishop Kearney last Tuesday, Oct. 13.

That victory wrapped up the league title for the Little Irish, who finished with a 3-0-1 record in Private-Parochial play. Michele Khuns and Tricia DiQuattro led the offense with two goals each, and Alicia Burton added the other goal against BK (4-11).

AQ went on to record yet another shutout, 1-0 over host Greece Athena, in a non-league contest played Oct. 17. DiQuattro scored the game's only goal with 12:15 remaining as AQ boosted its overall record to 11-1-1.

The Elmira Notre Dame girls' soccer team was also on the verge of a league championship after its 3-0 home win

over Elmira Southside on Oct. 14. Lori Spaziani, Christina Brunner and Jillian Sekella were the goal-scorers as ND improved to 7-0-1 in Sullivan Trail Conference play and 14-0-2 overall. The Crusaders were scheduled to face second-place Horseheads (7-1-0 in the STC) on Wednesday, Oct. 21, in the regular-season finale.

In other girls' soccer action from around the diocese, Our Lady of Mercy and Nazareth Academy were both victorious last week. Mercy (9-5-2) got two goals from Gina Montesano in a 2-0 win over host Brighton on Oct. 13, and Nazareth (10-4-1) won 4-2 over host East the same day as Traci Sergeant scored a pair.

The McQuaid Jesuit boys' soccer squad (12-1-1) continued to chug along with a 2-1 victory over host Athena on Oct. 16. Marshall Goldman and Franco Bari were the Knights' goal-scorers.

The AQ boys (14-1) rolled to a 4-1 win over visiting Bishop Kearney (4-11-1) on Oct. 14 behind two goals each from Jeremy Giordano and Lin Douangtavilay.



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Aquinas' Nicole Pelletier (right) kicks the ball away from Greece Athena's Gina Masceri during the visiting Little Irish's 1-0 win over the Trojans Oct. 17. The win boosted AQ's overall record to 11-1-1 entering this week's play.



Tricia DiQuattro (right) celebrates her game-winning goal with teammates Alicia Burton (center) and Michele Khuns.

In cross-country, McQuaid cruised to a first-place finish among 17 schools at the Catholic Memorial Invitational, held Oct. 17 in Boston. Top-10 finishes for the Knights came from Adam Reitz, fourth place; Dan Lesser, fifth; and Eric Garsin, seventh. McQuaid finished with 62 points, while Plymouth, Mass., was well back in second place with 116 points.

Other weekend cross-country results saw the AQ boys place third among five teams in the small schools' division of the Fairport-Brighton Classic, held Oct. 17 at the Mendon Ponds Park East course. Jason Hasert led AQ by placing fourth individually.

In girls' volleyball, Kearney's

Paul Coppini gained his 200th coaching win when the host Kings swept Nazareth, 15-6, 15-7, 17-15, on Oct. 15.

Mercy (11-4) prevented Coppini from victory No. 201 by earning a 6-15, 15-10, 15-2, 8-15, 15-13 win over visiting BK (9-9) on Oct. 15. In addition, the Monarchs won 15-10, 15-5, 10-15, 15-5 over host Edison Tech on Oct. 13.

In boys' volleyball, McQuaid (12-3) won twice last week: 15-3, 15-11, 15-12 at Wilson on Oct. 13; and 15-7, 15-8, 15-12 over visiting Marshall on Oct. 15.

In girls' swimming, Mercy's Maureen Halligan and Katie St. Martin each won two events each during the Monarchs' 47-39 loss to host Wilson on Oct. 15.

## Hundreds pay tribute to Pete Pavia at memorial service

PITTSFORD — The "unwritten code" says that referees or officials aren't supposed to be on close terms with coaches.

But if you kept your distance from Pete Pavia, you were bound to lose out on something special.

That's why, every year since 1989, Mr. Pavia was able to round up some of the finest coaches and athletes in the country as guests for his sports celebrity charity dinner. They often came free of charge, even covering their own travel expenses.

Crowds would also flock to the Rochester Riverside Convention Center, not just to see the big names but also to affirm their personal or indirect friendships with Mr. Pavia.

In fact, when guests approached the head dais after each banquet's conclusion, the person most sought out for autographs was not a Big East coach or National Football League player. It was Pete Pavia.

These relationships grew closer each year as Mr. Pavia worked tirelessly on



File photo  
The late Pete Pavia flashes a smile during his Fourth Annual Sports Celebrity Dinner June 8.

raising funds and attention for cancer-stricken children through Camp Good Days and Special Times.

Hundreds of his friends and supporters gathered last Wednesday morning, Oct. 14, at St. Louis Church, 60 S. Main St., where Mr. Pavia was a

parishioner. They came out to honor the man whose 13-year bout with cancer finally ended when he died on Friday, Oct. 9, at the age of 54.

Among the notables who attended the Mass were Big East head coaches Jim Boehm (Syracuse), P.J. Carlesimo (Seton Hall), and Paul Evans (Pittsburgh), who all sat side by side.

They were just a few of the huge throng of people from the sports community who turned out to support Mr. Pavia's family and pay their final respects. And few left the church with dry eyes following an emotional tribute delivered by John Parrinello, a Rochester attorney and close friend of Mr. Pavia's since childhood.

In his eulogy, Parrinello detailed the final 18 months of Mr. Pavia's life. He emphasized that despite constant pain and discomfort, Mr. Pavia never complained — and he continued to smile during his many public appearances.

"Out of that whole congregation, I don't think there were any more than five or 10 people who really knew how

bad Pete had been," Parrinello later remarked to the *Catholic Courier*.

A Rochester native, Mr. Pavia starred in baseball and basketball at Aquinas Institute. He also played college baseball at Lafayette University.

Mr. Pavia served in the U.S. Army in the early 1960s. Upon his return to Rochester he became a city school teacher, and later the owner of a sporting goods store.

Yet it was basketball officiating through which Mr. Pavia was known best. He worked briefly in the National Basketball Association, and went on to spend several years as an NCAA Division I referee.

He worked the 1986 national championship game between Louisville and Duke, and continued a steady Division I schedule until his illness forced him to the sidelines following the 1990-91 season.

At the time of his death, Mr. Pavia lived in Brighton. He is survived by his wife of five years, Deborah.

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