

**All-star games net \$5,000 for area McDonald House**

ROCHESTER — The 1992 Ronald McDonald House Exceptional Senior All-Star Games raised \$5,000, according to game officials. The seventh annual games, held last March at the University of Rochester, recognized more than 50 high school male and female basketball stars throughout Section 5. The proceeds will go to the local Ronald McDonald House, 333 Westmoreland Drive, which provides lodging and support services for families of children with cancer.

**Tickets now available for Rochester Classic**

ROCHESTER — CYO basketball and cheerleading teams are selling tickets for the Rochester Basketball Classic, which will be held Dec. 4-5 at the Rochester Community War Memorial. Sale proceeds will directly support CYO's athletic programs. To order tickets, contact your parish's basketball or cheerleading coach or call the CYO office at 716/454-2030. The Rochester Classic will feature St. John Fisher and Nazareth colleges as well as Brock University of St. Catharine's, Ontario, and Muskingum College of Ohio.

**Golf tournament raises \$24,000 for CFC services**

PENFIELD — Approximately \$24,000 was raised from the Pat Gaffney Catholic Family Center Golf Tournament, held Sept. 14 at Penfield Country Club, 1784 Jackson Road. A field of 144 golfers participated in the 18-hole event. John Horvath won low gross honors in the men's division with a score of 79. Dr. Dutch Boerschlein took low net with a 66. Terry Wegman won women's low gross with a 95 while Judy Kinsky captured low net with a 66. Tony Mordaci won the Caloway competition. All proceeds will be used to support services provided by the Catholic Family Center.



Aquinas senior Patrick Lynd (left) manages to keep the ball from Honeoye Falls-Lima's Howie Fonda during the first half of the Class B regional qualifying match. The Little Irish went on to a 4-1 victory over the Cougars at Spencerport High School Nov. 10.

**AQ two wins away from state title**

By Mike Latona  
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It was a finish that defied any logic. But then again, the whole season has been kind of incredible for the Aquinas Institute boys' soccer squad. The Little Irish have reached the state Class B semifinals by prevailing through a bizarre ending this past Saturday, Nov. 14. After nearly an entire game of scoreless soccer, three goals were scored within the final five minutes of the state quarterfinal contest held at Fort Niagara Park, Niagara Falls. AQ notched the deciding goal, when junior defender Mike Keller's kick approximately four minutes into sudden-death overtime gave the Little Irish a 2-1 victory over Lewiston-Porter of Section 6. It marked the Little Irish's 16th consecutive win. Aquinas (20-1) now moves on to the state Final Four at Oneonta's Wright Field, site of the National Soccer Hall of Fame. The Irish will play East Syracuse-Minoa of Section 3 (Syracuse area) at 1:30 p.m. Should AQ win that game, it will compete for its first-ever state title the following day at 1:30 p.m., against either Wantagh of Section 8 (Nassau

County) or Maine-Endwell of Section 4 (Binghamton area). Aquinas was locked in a scoreless tie with Lewiston-Porter until — with 1:02 remaining in regulation — junior midfielder Dave Pereira gave the Little Irish what appeared to be the game-winning goal. Lewiston-Porter, however, countered with just :02 to go when the Lancers' Andy Leardini beat AQ junior goalie Josh Gleason, sending the game into sudden-death overtime. "We got caught napping. We knew we blew it; what are you going to do?" remarked Aquinas Coach Gary LaPietra. AQ shook off the potentially devastating turn of events and came away a winner when Keller scored off Pereira's corner kick. The win marked the second time this year that the Little Irish have defeated Lewiston-Porter in overtime. They also defeated the Lancers by a 4-2 count at the Honeoye Falls-Lima Tournament in September. With clutch performances like these, LaPietra believes that his team — which, earlier last week, became the state's No. 1-ranked Class B team for the first time this season — may be tough to stop.

"Each game, I get more confident. The players really feel they can't be beat," said LaPietra. "It's going to take somebody who's really on top of their game to beat us." Aquinas had advanced to the quarterfinals with a 4-1 win over Honeoye Falls-Lima last Tuesday, Nov. 10, at Spencerport High School. The game served as a Class B regional qualifier between the Section 5 champions in classes BB and B. Irish goal-scorers that night were senior midfielders Matt Poore and Ryan Petrillo, senior forward Jason Mull and junior forward Ralph DePerna. Four evenings prior to the Honeoye Falls-Lima win, AQ had captured the sectional Class BB crown with a 1-0 championship-game triumph over Pittsford Sutherland. In their last three games, seven different players have scored the Little Irish's seven goals. This achievement is especially astounding since sophomore midfielder Lin Douangtavilay, AQ's leading scorer during the regular season, is not included in that group. "That's the key to why we're here. Everybody is stepping up," said LaPietra.

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