

Plenty of tournaments to fill hoop lover's plate

Beginning this weekend, several Catholic high school basketball teams in the diocese will attempt to maintain the outstanding success they enjoyed last season.

The Geneva DeSales boys, defending Finger Lakes West league champions, begin the 1992-93 campaign this Friday and Saturday, Nov. 27-28, by hosting their own round-robin tournament. The Saints face Harley Allendale-Columbia at 8 p.m. on Nov. 27, and then go up against East Rochester at the same time on Nov. 28.

DeSales is also hosting a season-opening girls' tourney. The Lady Saints play Lima Christian at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 3, with Harley Allendale-Columbia facing Romulus in the preceding contest. The consolation game is at 1 p.m. on Dec. 5, with the title contest at 2:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Mercy, the defending Section 5 Class A girls' champion, begins its season at the Mynderse Tournament. The Monarchs face Waterloo at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 3, with Aquinas Institute and Mynderse competing at 8 p.m. that day. Consolation is at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 5, with the championship contest to follow at 8 p.m.

The AQ girls, runners-up in the 1992 Section 5 Class BB playoffs, are in this weekend's Penn Yan Tournament. They play Penn Yan at 5 p.m. on Nov. 27, with Greece Athena facing Perry in the next game. Consolation and finals

are at 1 and 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 28.

AQ's boys open this weekend with the Victor Tournament. They face Pittsford Mendon at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 27, followed by Honeoye Falls-Lima vs. Victor. Consolation and finals are at 6:30 and 8 p.m. on Nov. 28.

McQuaid Jesuit's boys play their first game on Nov. 28, when the Knights host Bishop Walsh of Olean in a 7:30 p.m. game.

Nazareth Academy's girls will be entered in the Franklin Tournament this weekend. They play Wheatland-Chili at 6 p.m. on Nov. 27, followed by Wayland vs. Franklin. Consolation and finals are at 6 and 8 p.m. on Nov. 28.

Bishop Kearney's boys are playing in the Waterloo Tournament next weekend. They face Waterloo at 8 p.m. on Dec. 4, with Marshall vs. Mynderse preceding. Consolation and finals are at 6:30 and 8 p.m. on Dec. 5.

The BK girls open with a home game on Dec. 4, when will oppose Webster at 8:30 p.m.

In the Southern Tier, Elmira Notre Dame's boys begin the 1992-93 season with a 7:45 p.m. home game against Greene on Dec. 3.

The ND girls open up with the Spencer-Van Etten Tournament. They face the host school at 8 p.m. on Nov. 27, with Corning West vs. Groton in the first game. Consolation and finals are at 6 and 8 p.m. on Nov. 28.

— Mike Latona



The Little Irish's David Pereira laments over his team's loss to the Spartans in sudden-death overtime. Aquinas finished with a 20-2 record for the 1992 season, which included winning the Section 5 Class BB championship earlier this month at Spencerport High School.

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speed," said LaPietra. "But I don't want to use that as an excuse, because the field was the same for both of us."

"We put some pressure on them, but I thought we may have tried to pass too much," LaPietra added.

Despite AQ's offensive handicaps, the defense managed to keep ES-M scoreless through 80 minutes of regulation play.

However, the Spartans' Keith Casey dribbled to the top of the AQ penalty area and dished off to teammate Tim Alexander, who fired a shot from 12 yards away that eluded Irish goalie Josh Gleason just 2:19 into sudden-death overtime.

Aquinas was ranked No. 1 in the state heading into the game before be-

ing dealt its first shutout loss of the year. ES-M had also defeated another former No. 1 team, Chittenango, in the Section 3 Class B championships. The Spartans were finally stopped by Wantagh of Section 8 (Nassau County), 3-1, in the state finals held one day after their win over Aquinas.

And so ends the best year ever for AQ boys' soccer. After an overtime loss to McQuaid in the season's fifth game, AQ bounced back to capture all of its remaining regular-season games — and nose out the Knights for the City-Catholic League championship in the process — before making its memorable post-season run.

"We had a great time. The kids may not experience anything like that in their lives again," LaPietra concluded.

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