

Three teams achieve big hockey wins

AQ defeats rival; Knights, BK rule

Based on the gigantic snowfall that recently hit western New York, it seemed fitting that the hockey teams from Aquinas Institute, McQuaid Jesuit and Bishop Kearney were busy snowing their opponents last weekend.

Aquinas, the defending Monroe County Division 1 and Section 5 Class A champion, recorded a 3-1 victory over arch-rival Greece in a game held Saturday, Dec. 12, at Lakeshore Rinks in Greece.

The win kept AQ's league record perfect at 4-0. Little Irish goal-scorers that day were Joe Zabawa, Shane Kavanagh and Jeremy Giordano, with goalie Alex Vigneri making 16 saves.

Earlier in the week, Aquinas recorded a 5-1 victory over Brockport on Dec. 9 at SUNY College at Brockport.

Also victorious in weekend action were McQuaid and Kearney, which each won by sizeable margins.

McQuaid (3-0) stayed unbeaten with an 8-3 rout of Gates-Chili on Dec. 12 at Genesee Valley Ice Arena. The Knights were led by Sean Ritchlin, Marty Reasoner, Larry Pierce and Greg Mulbury, who each scored two goals.

Five nights earlier, the Knights won an 8-5 non-league decision over host West Genesee of Section 3 (Syracuse area). Goalie Ron Lamendola had a busy evening, making 42 saves.

Meanwhile, Kearney (1-2) gained its first win of the season with a 9-2 shellacking of host Batavia Notre Dame on Dec. 12. The Kings' Trevor Smith played a part in seven of his team's nine goals, scoring five times and adding two assists.

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In other sports action from last week involving Catholic high schools in the diocese:

McQuaid's indoor track team won five events in a Rochester Winter League meet held at Hobart College on Dec. 12. First-place finishers were Shawn Watts in the 1,000-meter run; Eric Garsin, 1,500 meters; Dan Lesser, 3,000 meters; the 1,600 relay of Mark Beresiewicz, Tim Tyre, Alan LaChapelle and Watts; and the 3,200 relay of Matt Bunce, Jeff Clark, Jim Barnum and Dave Corsall.

During the same meet, Aquinas earned a first place in the 800 relay. That quartet comprised Dave Boyle, Mike Keller, Ron Rayford and Brian Harris.

The Aquinas boys' swim team won its season-opening meet, recording a 47-38 triumph over host Harley Alledale-Columbia on Dec. 9. Mike McNelis was a double winner for the Little Irish, capturing the 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard freestyle events.

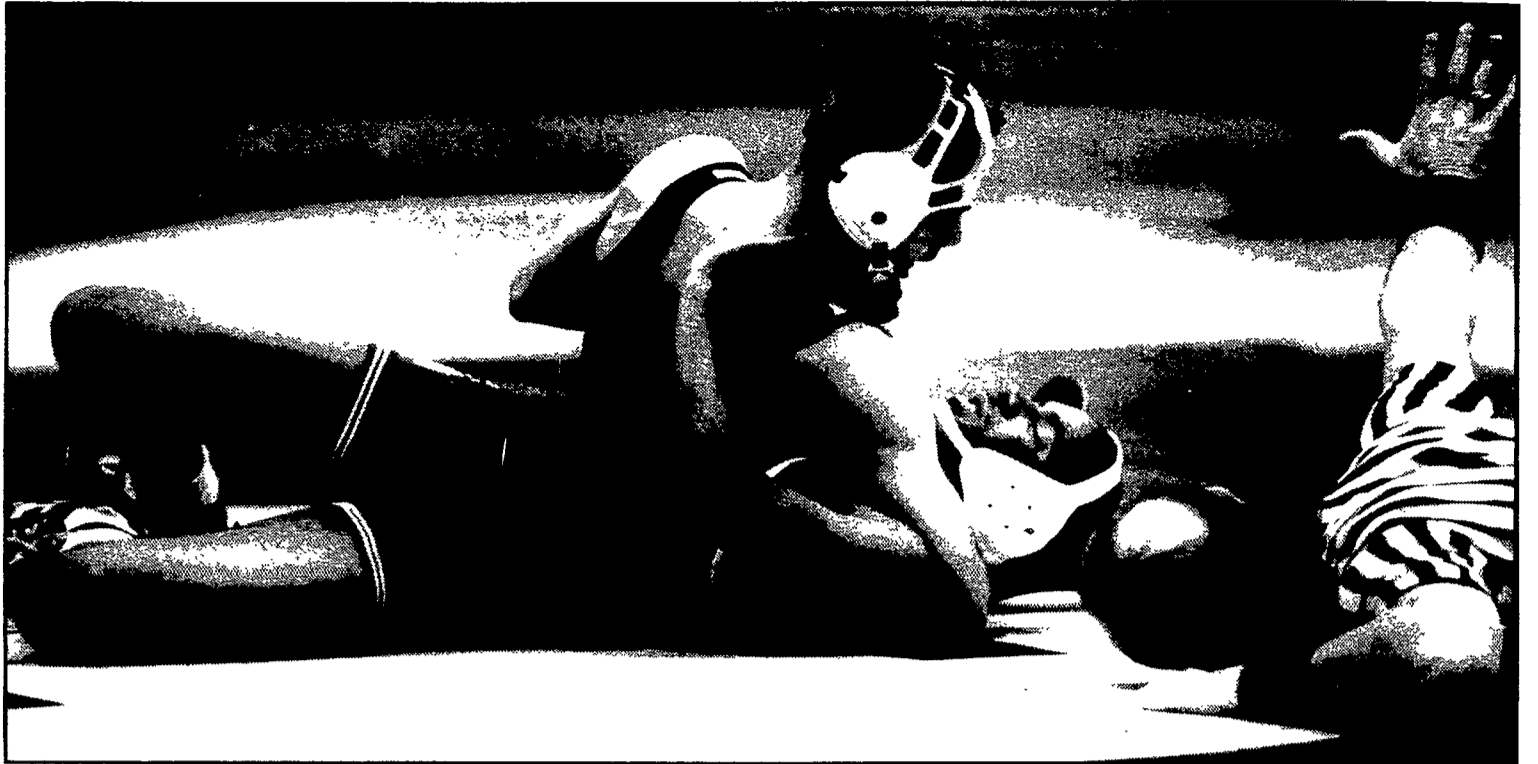
— Mike Latona

Sports coverage on hold during upcoming weeks

The *Catholic Courier* will not have any sports coverage over the next couple of weeks.

The Dec. 24 issue will be our annual Christmas edition, and — as is our custom — the *Courier* will not publish an issue on Dec. 31, the last Thursday in December.

We will resume sports coverage in the Jan. 7, 1993, issue.



McQuaid Jesuit's John Zicari is about to pin Franklin's Anthony Andrews during the host Knights' 34-28 win over Franklin Dec. 10. Zicari, one of McQuaid's three captains, collected six team points with the pin.

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Can ND wrestlers repeat title year?

By Mike Latona
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According to its head coach, the Elmira Notre Dame wrestling team may struggle this year with a number of new grapplers in the lineup.

So far, however, the Crusaders are performing just like the squad that won the 1992 Section 4 Class D title.

ND has begun the 1992-93 season with three victories in dual competition. Last week, the Crusaders won 59-6 over visiting Odessa-Montour on Dec. 7, and 45-16 over host Trumansburg on Dec. 9.

Also coming up victorious was McQuaid Jesuit (1-0), which won 34-28 over visiting Franklin in the Knights' season-opening meet on Dec. 10.

Bishop Kearney's season-opening meet against Batavia Notre Dame, scheduled for Dec. 11, was postponed due to bad weather. The Kings' next competition is the Churchville-Chili Tournament this Saturday, Dec. 19.

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Notre Dame may have a tough time with its Sullivan Trail Conference competition this year, but Coach Steve Weber thinks the Crusaders have what it takes to claim their second consecutive sectional title.

"I think we can win it if everybody

stays healthy. That's where we were lucky last year," said Weber, whose team also posted a 13-1 record in dual meets last season.

ND returns senior Chris Kamas, the two-time defending sectional champion in the 112-pound weight class. He'll wrestle at 132 this year.

Other top Crusaders are: eighth-grader Chris Steed at 91 pounds; eighth-grader Brett Owen, 98; seventh-grader Nate Hoffman, 105; sophomore Paul Tuite, 112; junior Alex Jordan, 119; sophomore Pete Fusco, 126; freshman Pete Kamas (Chris' brother), 132; freshman Adam Atwell, 138; sophomore Colby Audinwood, 145; sophomore Kevin Wilson, 155; junior John Thatcher, 167; junior Dan Wilson, 177; junior Paul Tomkins, 215; and senior Tim Wilsoncroft, 250.

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McQuaid achieved a 9-5 record and the City-Catholic League championship in 1991-92. The Knights feature three grapplers who are coming off excellent seasons: 126-pound junior John Zicari, who went 31-6; 132-pound senior Matt Temple, who finished 26-9; and 177-pound senior John Pernaselli, who ended up 26-5.

Additional prime performers for the Knights are: freshman Paul Carlos-Claus, 98 pounds; freshman Brian Bee-

cher, 105; sophomore John Morris, 112; senior Brian Smallwood (a transfer from Edison Tech), 119; sophomore Nick SanFilippo, 138; junior Jason Wollschleger and senior Matt Knollman, 145; sophomore Adam Lehmann, 155; senior Todd Hinz, 167; and junior Jamie Fishgold and sophomore Eric Mack-Davis, 215.

"If we develop as much the rest of the season as we did in the first month, then we could do quite well," said Coach Lou Teike.

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Kearney heads into the Churchville meet with just 10 wrestlers, but that number should increase after a handful of Kings come off the academically ineligible list.

BK's top man is senior Sam Lopez, a 138-pounder who went 17-4 last year.

"He's got a real good shot at winning (Section 5 Class B) sectionals. He should go in as the No. 1 seed," said Coach Vince Asito.

Rounding out the current BK lineup are eighth-grader Carl Zizzo, 98 pounds; junior Matt Kasten, 112; eighth-grader Joe Rozengota, 119; seventh-grader Shad Thomas, 126; sophomore Chris O'Connell, 132; sophomores Tito Torres and Jake Youngman, 145; sophomore Jeff Agnello, 155; and junior Bill Balch, 167.

Nazareth and Kearney triumph; DeSales boys win

The two teams combined to shoot 49 free throws. So it's not surprising that a last-minute foul played a key part in this game's outcome.

Nazareth Academy held on to defeat previously undefeated Geneva DeSales, 44-41, in a contest played last Saturday, Dec. 12, at DeSales. The win improved Nazareth's record to 2-2, while the Saints fell to 3-1.

Nazareth held a five-point lead until DeSales' Krista DeVaney hit a three-point basket with 1:30 to go to make it a 43-41 game.

However, with :28 left, the Lasers' Tamiya Powell was intentionally fouled. She made one of two free throws, and Nazareth retained possession due to the intentional foul and was able to run the clock out.

Mary Staropoli was Nazareth's big gun, scoring 21 points. Dionne Robinson added 10 points and 18 rebounds.

Nazareth was successful on 11 of its 18 free throws. DeSales had 31 at-

tempts, but only converted eight.

The victory was Nazareth's second straight. The Lasers also won 64-18 over host Northstar Christian Academy on Dec. 8.

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In other basketball results involving Catholic high schools in the diocese last week:

The DeSales boys (2-2) rallied for a 53-43 home win over South Seneca in a Finger Lakes West game on Dec. 9. After trailing by seven points at half-time, the Saints outscored the Falcons 32-15 in the third and fourth periods. Todd Hardy had a big night, scoring 19 points and adding seven blocks.

The Bishop Kearney girls (2-0) stayed unbeaten with a 36-27 non-league home victory over Edison Tech on Dec. 8. Top scorers for BK were Kate Jensen and Jenny Zambito with 13 and 11 points, respectively.

McQuaid Jesuit (2-1) went down to the wire with City-Catholic League

rival East before losing at home, 57-55, on Dec. 8. The Knights lost despite getting double-figure scoring from four players: Jay Wandtke had 13 points; Matt Podmenik and James DeLuca scored 12 each; and Tim Whelehan added 10.

In another Dec. 8 City-Catholic League boys' game, Aquinas Institute (1-3) dropped an 80-46 decision to host Franklin. The Little Irish went on to lose at Marshall, 58-57, on Dec. 11. Jeff Rice led AQ against Franklin with 16 points, and Brad Kelly scored 16 against Marshall.

The Elmira Notre Dame boys (1-2) lost twice in non-league play: 72-62 at Groton on Dec. 8 and 69-59 to Towanda in the opening round of the Towanda Tournament on Dec. 12. Joel Stephens topped the Crusaders against Groton with 19 points, and Brian Murray led the way against Towanda with 14.

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