

Knights, Irish take aim at indoor track crowns

Depth is the key in next month's sectional meet

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Outstanding depth could very well translate into Section 5 indoor track titles next month for both the McQuaid Jesuit and Aquinas Institute boys' programs.

Several familiar names make the Knights a threat to defend the sectional Class A championship it won last winter. McQuaid's success is built around the runners who were also sectional cross-country champs for Coach Bob Bradley this past fall.

"It should be between McQuaid and Fairport for (indoor track) sectionals," remarked Bradley. However, he cautioned that the Knights will have to come up big in running events since "Fairport seems stronger in the field events."

Aquinas, meanwhile, has versatility on both the track and in the field.

"We can cover the board," said Coach Ray Manuszak, whose AQ boys will battle Newark for the Class B sectional crown.

Both the A and B sectionals will take place at Roberts Wesleyan College in Chili on Saturday, Feb. 20.

McQuaid's running stars are seniors

Eric Garsin, Tim Kelley and Matt Bunce; and juniors Shawn Watts, Adam Reitz, Dan Lesser and Jim Barnum.

Reitz, Lesser and Bunce compete primarily in long-distance events. Watts and Barnum handle middle distance duties, and Garsin and Kelley are capable from a variety of lengths.

Senior Joe Tiffany is a standout in hurdling and jumping events. Sophomore Greg Schlachter is McQ's top pole vaulter, and Watts contributes in the triple jump. Other strong jumpers are juniors Brian Kubiak and Chris Curtin.

Senior Mark Beresniewicz, along with sophomores Tim Tyre, Alan LaChapelle and Alex Perez, are strong contributors in sprint relay events.

Aquinas, meanwhile, has one of the area's best shot putters in junior Joe Hayes. Another strong AQ event is in the 800-meter relay, which features senior Brian Callahan, juniors Mike Keller and Gabe Bauza, and freshman Ron Rayford.

Bauza and senior Shawn Hartman are talented hurdlers. Distance events are handled by Keller, Callahan, junior Mike Ciavarrri and sophomores Jason Hasert and Brian Harris.

Senior Rick Deegan excels in the pole vault, and junior Dan Hofford is a talented high jumper.

Manuszak also coaches the Little Irish girls' team. That unit is led by senior Mary Beth Bell (jumping events), junior Katie Clendenning



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Adam Reitz of McQuaid Jesuit rounds a corner in the 4x2 relay of the Section Five Winter Track League meet Jan. 15 at the University of Rochester.

(sprints), and sophomores Tricia DiQuattro (sprints and jumps) and Emily Lindsley (sprints and middle distance.)

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

McQuaid and Aquinas, rivals in the Monroe County Division I hockey race, each scored victories on Jan. 16. The Knights edged Irondequoit, 3-2, at Lakeshore Rinks; and the Little Irish stopped Gates-Chili, 5-2, at Genesee Valley Ice Arena.

Both McQuaid and Elmira Notre Dame produced first-place individual finishers in weekend wrestling action. McQuaid's John Pemaselli won the 177-pound weight class in the Clayton Barnard Memorial Tournament held Jan. 15-16 at Hilton High School, and ND's Dan Wilson captured the 167-pound division at the Canoe Landing Tournament which took place Jan. 16 in Hammondsport.

In boys' swimming, Aquinas was a 72-14 winner over Edison Tech on Jan. 14 as Chris Schramm (200-yard individual medley, 100 butterfly) and Mike McNelis (100 freestyle, 100 backstroke) took two events each.

The McQuaid swimmers also won big against Edison, taking a 55-22 decision over the host Inventors on Jan. 12. John Halligan (200 individual medley, 500 free) and Doug Kazley (100 free, 100 breaststroke) were double winners.

Mercy dominates BK in Private-Parochial showdown

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For the first time in recent memory, the Bishop Kearney girls' basketball team entered the Our Lady of Mercy gymnasium with a solid shot at winning.

"We were the underdog," admitted Mercy Coach Kathy Boughton, whose club pitted its 5-2 record against Kearney's lofty 10-0 mark.

Well, so much for a changing of the guard in the Private-Parochial League.

Mercy took a 24-point halftime lead en route to a 64-44 win over Kearney last Wednesday, Jan. 13. The Monarchs (8-2) went on to capture the Notre Dame of Utica tournament over the weekend with two more routs: 58-34 over Rome Catholic on Jan. 15 and 65-34 over the host school on Jan. 16.

Kelly O'Neill, a sophomore forward, scored 22 points to lead Mercy against Kearney. Jenny Zambito was BK's top scorer with 12.

O'Neill added 16 points against Rome Catholic and 14 more against

Utica Notre Dame. Also having a big week was senior guard Mimi LaMagna, who totaled 50 points over the three-game stretch as her club improved its winning streak to six games.

The Kings (10-2) went on to lose their second straight contest, 31-30 to Rush-Henrietta, during the Jan. 17 Kearney Classic at the Rochester Community War Memorial.

Mercy is not the only hot basketball squad among Catholic high schools in the diocese. The following teams also enjoyed success last week:

The Geneva DeSales girls (5-6) invaded Rochester on Jan. 16 and came away with a 53-40 triumph over Nazareth Academy (5-9). Stephanie Nearpass and Emily Parshall led the Saints with 19 and 15 points, respectively; and Dionne Robinson topped the Lasers with 15.

DeSales was forced to hang on after vaulting out to a 10-point halftime lead. Nazareth, which had recently outscored Marshall 18-0 in the fourth quarter to earn a nine-point victory,

rallied again and closed the deficit to two before DeSales pulled away late in the final period.

The McQuaid Jesuit boys (8-1) continued their season-long surge with a 69-27 blowout over visiting Edison Tech in City-Catholic League action on Jan. 12. McQ's well-balanced offense featured nine Knights scoring between five and 11 points.

The Knights' City-Catholic showdown at East, scheduled for Jan. 15, was postponed by four days due to a time conflict with the funeral of long-time assistant coach Larry Leon. Mr. Leon, who also served as the Knights' junior varsity head coach, died on Jan. 13 after a long illness at the age of 64.

"I didn't feel good about playing the first day (Mr. Leon) was laid out. We couldn't have come to pay our respects," explained McQuaid Coach Joe Marchese.

In the Southern Tier, the Elmira Notre Dame boys (8-5) ran their victory string to six games with two Sullivan Trail Conference road wins: 59-56 in overtime over Corning West on Jan. 12,

and 71-60 over Horseheads on Jan. 15. The Horseheads triumph featured a 30-point performance from sophomore forward Joel Stephens.

Bishop Kearney's boys (9-3) responded mightily following an 82-38 loss at Franklin on Jan. 12. The Kings came back to crush previously undefeated Newark, 80-39, on Jan. 15 at BK. They also gained a 51-37 win over Greece Olympia in the Jan. 17 Kearney Classic. Senior guard Joe Raniewicz scored 31 points against Newark and 25 against Olympia.

The Geneva DeSales boys (3-8) ended a six-game skid with a 53-52 home win over Honeoye in Finger Lakes League West action on Jan. 15. Sophomore forward Bob Rose, who was starting in place of Saints leading scorer Todd Hardy (out with a knee injury), canned two free throws with :04 left for the victory.

The Aquinas Institute girls (4-9) were 49-32 winners over East on Jan. 15 as Sandy Petty scored 14 points and Kristina Dudley chipped in with 12.

Aquinas grad leads Yale

Michael Compisi, a 1989 Aquinas Institute graduate, recently completed an outstanding collegiate soccer career at Yale University.

Compisi, the Elis' starting goalkeeper, was named to the All-Ivy League first team for the second straight year. In addition, he was picked as his team's Most Valuable Player in 1992.

During Compisi's four years in goal, Yale won two league championships and also reached the final eight of the NCAA Division I playoffs in 1991.



GRAAF awards \$23,450

ROCHESTER — The Greater Rochester Amateur Athletic Federation has made grants totaling \$23,450 since it began the practice

in July, 1991.

A non-profit organization, GRAAF provides financial assistance to Rochester-area athletes who are in training for competition in national and international sporting events.

Seven athletes were awarded cash gifts totaling \$5,500 in October, 1992: cross-country skier Kimberly Baumer, sailor Michael Ingham, diver Josh Luber, Alpine skier Julie Minahan, biathlon skier Joan Smith, equestrian John Williams and fencer Alexander Wood.

Athletes wishing information on GRAAF's services should call 716/425-1150.

Kearney conducting raffle

IRONDEQUOIT — Bishop Kearney High School students are selling raffle tickets to help cover the cost of outdoor athletic facility renovations.

First-prize for the raffle will be four round-trip tickets to Orlando, Fla., plus four days and three nights in Orlando.

Tickets are \$5 each, or \$20 for a book of six. The drawing will take place during halftime of the Kearney varsity boys' basketball game on Saturday, Feb. 6.

To buy tickets, call Sister Alma at 716/342-4000.