

Monarchs' win streak reaches 11

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By Christmas, the 1992-93 edition of Our Lady of Mercy girls' basketball had only produced a 2-2 record. The shadow of last season's accomplishments, which included a 21-1 record and the Section 5 Class A title, appeared to be lengthening.

Yet as Groundhog Day (Feb. 2) passed last week, there were no longer any shadows in sight for the Monarchs.

Mercy celebrated that day with a 54-53 road victory over Sacred Heart, a Section 6 (Buffalo area) power. The Monarchs then eased to a 67-35 Private-Parochial League win over visiting Aquinas Institute on Feb. 4.

The week ended with a 64-48 defeat of host Newfane, another Section 6 school, on Feb. 6. That triumph raised Mercy's winning streak to 11 games and its overall record to 13-2.

Amy Martin and Gina Montesano led the Monarchs against Sacred Heart with 17 and 15 points, respectively. Mimi LaMagna was Mercy's top scorer in the next two wins, collecting 16 against Aquinas and erupting for a career-high 30 against Newfane. The senior guard's hot week raised her season scoring average to 16.8 points per game.

During its 11-game run, Mercy has outscored opponents by nearly 25 points per game. So, in light of the potential complacency factor, Coach Kathy Boughton was thankful that Sacred Heart presented such a stiff challenge for her troops last Tuesday.

"They gave us a real good scare. It was nice to learn a few lessons while still winning," Boughton remarked.

In other sports highlights among diocesan high schools last week:

The Bishop Kearney girls (13-3) defeated host Aquinas by a 48-29 count on Feb. 6. Janet D'Agostino and Kate Jensen were the Kings' leading scorers with 10 points each.

AQ's girls (5-11) preceded their losses to Mercy and BK with a 58-33 home win over Marshall on Feb. 2. Kristen Burgmaster paced the Little Irish with 14 points.

Points came in big bunches for the Geneva DeSales girls last week. The



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Aquinas Institute's Kristina Dudley attempts to gain control of a loose ball as she gets tangled up with Mercy's Teresa Hartman during the host Monarchs' 67-35 win over the Little Irish on Feb. 4.

Saints (6-10) hit their season high in a 65-62 upset victory over host Bloomfield on Feb. 2, and then made another strong effort in a 65-60 loss at Honeoye on Feb. 4. Krista DeVaney scored 22 points and Lindsay Higgins had 18 in the win over Bloomfield, a team that had defeated DeSales by 32 points earlier this season.

The Kearney boys' basketball squad (13-4) gained two home wins: 61-45 over Wilson Magnet on Feb. 2 and 50-45 over Aquinas on Feb. 6. Joe Raniewicz led BK against Wilson with 20 points, and Jason Randall topped the Kings with 14 against Aquinas (6-11). Shaun Barnett was AQ's leading scorer in the Feb. 6 loss with 14 points.

McQuaid Jesuit (10-5) received big performances from brothers Ben and Jay Wandtke to defeat visiting Syra-

cuse Bishop Ludden, 63-55, on Feb. 7. Ben, a sophomore, scored a career-high 20 points, and Jay, a senior, had 18. Teammate Tony Porretta added 17.

Aquinas maintained its slight edge over second-place McQuaid in Monroe County Division 1 hockey. The Little Irish (12-2, 14-2-2) won two games last week: 5-2 over Irondequoit on Feb. 3 at Lakeshore Rinks, and 6-0 over host Batavia on Feb. 6. Jeremy Giordano and Chris Sichak contributed two goals and two assists each against Irondequoit, and Giordano scored four goals while goalie Jared Zambito made 20 saves during the shutout of Batavia.

McQuaid (11-2, 14-3) kept pace with AQ by winning 7-2 over Fairport on Feb. 2 at Thomas Creek and 10-5 over Brockport on Feb. 6 at Genesee Valley.

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SPORT SHORTS



Stars to hit the ice for benefit game at War Memorial

ROCHESTER — Several entertainment celebrities and hockey greats will appear at the first Rochester American Alumni Celebrity All-Star Hockey Challenge. The game will take place at the Community War Memorial on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program at St. Mary's Hospital.

This event will pit former Rochester American players against a group of celebrity "All-Stars" featuring Hollywood entertainers, National Hockey League legends and former Olympians.

Notable guests tentatively scheduled to appear are Jason Priestley ("Beverly Hills 90210"), Alex Trebek ("Jeopardy!"), Kelsey Grammer ("Cheers"), Alan Thicke ("Growing Pains"), Jason Hervey ("The Wonder Years"), Jerry Lawler (Star Stud and Winner of C), John Smoltz (NHL) and Mike Knuble and Eric Staal from the 1998 U.S. Olympic gold medal-winning hockey team.

This celebrity event will include a special 15-minute performance by the Rochester Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets are on sale for \$15, \$13, and \$15 at the War Memorial or any Ticketmaster location. Tickets also may be charged by phone at 716/232-1900.

A post-game reception at Midtown Plaza, featuring Nix and the Nix Guys, is open to the public for \$5 per person. Tickets can be purchased at any of the above locations.

CFF sets 'Stair Climb' at Marine Midland Bldg.

ROCHESTER — Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will hold its 1993 "Stair Climb" on Thursday, March 4, at the Marine Midland Building, 1 Marine Midland Plaza.

Individuals and teams will race up 21 flights of stairs to compete for medals and prizes. The competition is open to both competitive and recreational athletes.

Volunteers are being sought to assist with the event. For details, call the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at 716/546-5890.

Stella Maris will offer ski package Feb. 14-19

LIVONIA — Downhill skiing will be a part of Camp Stella Maris' annual Winter Camp, scheduled for Feb. 14-19.

Students ages 11-16 are invited to participate. The ski program will be held at Swain Ski Center.

For registration or cost information, call Camp Stella Maris at 716/346-2283.

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