



Babette G. Augustin/Photo editor
 Aquinas Institute's Joe Glonta goes airborne after being checked by McQuaid's Jon McConville (center). Meanwhile, McQ's Brian Felber (far right) skates in pursuit of a loose puck during the Little Irish's 4-3 win over the Knights Feb. 10 at Lakeshore Rinks in Greece.

AQ ices division title; Knights settle for 2nd

Irish post 4-3 win in key showdown

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Regardless of what transpires in the upcoming Section 5 Class A hockey tournament, Dave Montgomery is convinced that his team's most challenging hurdle has already been cleared.

"You play 16 league games, but it only takes three games to win sectionals. So I always felt the real distinction of a good team is to win the league," said Aquinas Institute's head coach.

And, for the third year in a row, Montgomery's club holds that illustrious honor.

The Little Irish clinched the 1992-93 Monroe County Division I title by scoring a pair of one-goal victories last week: 4-3 over McQuaid Jesuit on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Lakeshore Rinks in Greece; and 3-2 over Pittsford on Feb. 13 at Thomas Creek Ice Arena in Fairport.

The Irish finished their regular season with a 14-2 league record (16-2-2 overall) to earn the No. 1 seed for the sectional playoffs, where they are also defending champs. AQ will play this Saturday, Feb. 20, against either No. 8 Gates-Chili or No. 9 Brockport.

McQuaid, meanwhile, settled for second place in Division I. The Knights (12-3, 15-4) bounced back from the Aquinas loss to win 3-0 over Greece on



McQuaid's Marty Reasoner tries to skate away from Aquinas' Jeremy Giordano. The second-seeded Knights will take on No. 7 Fairport in a Feb. 20 sectional game.

Feb. 13 at Genesee Valley Ice Arena in Rochester.

McQ is seeded No. 2 for sectionals and will oppose seventh-seeded Fairport on Feb. 20.

In its league-clinching victory over Pittsford, Aquinas grabbed a 2-1 lead after one period on two goals by Jeremy Giordano. Then, with the score

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SPORT SHORTS



Crusaders' John Maio is All-State first team pick

ELMIRA — John Maio, a lineman for the 1992 Elmira Notre Dame High School football squad, was recently selected to the Classes C-D All-State first team by the New York State Sportswriters Association.

Maio, a 5-foot-11-inch, 230-pound senior, was recognized by the state sportswriters for his superior play on the Crusaders' offensive line. He also excelled at linebacker, making 127 tackles for the season.

Maio's efforts enabled ND to post a sparkling 9-1 record this past fall. The Crusaders won the Section 4 Division 5 regular-season championship before falling in the Section 4 Class C Bowl Game.

Tourney raises \$36,000 for Rochester homeless

ROCHESTER — The fourth annual Greater Rochester Realtors Classic raised approximately \$36,000 for the city's homeless people.

The four-team basketball tournament, held Dec. 28-29 at the Rochester Institute of Technology, was won by East High School. Other participating schools were Fairport, Gates-Chili and Wilson Magnet.

Money raised from the event will provide financial assistance for the Volunteers of America Men's Shelter, located at 175 Ward St. The 62-bed facility provides emergency housing, support services and meals for those in need.

Tickets still available for benefit hockey game

ROCHESTER — Tickets remain for the Rochester Amerks Alumni Celebrity All-Star Hockey Challenge. The benefit game takes place this Saturday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. at the Community War Memorial.

Anticipated celebrity guests include Kelsey Grammer ("Cheers"), Alan Thicke ("Growing Pains"), Jason Hervey ("The Wonder Years"), Jerry Houser ("Slap Shot and Summer of '42"), John Saunders (ESPN) and 1980 U.S. Olympic team gold medalists Mike Eruzione and Eric Strobel.

These stars will oppose a team of former Rochester American players. Proceeds will go toward the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program at St. Mary's Hospital.

In addition, former E Street Band saxophonist Clarence Clemons is scheduled to perform at a post-game reception at Midtown Plaza.

Game tickets, which are \$11, \$13 and \$15, can be purchased at the War Memorial or any TicketMaster location or charged by phone at 716/232-1900. The Midtown Plaza reception is also open to the public at \$5 per person. Tickets are available at any of the above locations.