



S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer  
**Jeff Bushorr, Bishop Kearney's first singles player, keeps his eye on the ball during an April 27 match against H-A-C at The Harley School.**

## Little Irish, Knights vie for tennis supremacy

### ND eyes strong finish in the STC

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Championships are well within reach in 1993 for diocesan boys' tennis teams, as Aquinas Institute and McQuaid Jesuit launch a heated battle for the City-Catholic League crown and Elmira Notre Dame prepares to defend its Section 4 title.

Aquinas has compiled an overall record of 6-2 while McQuaid has gone 2-3, but both squads entered this week deadlocked in City-Catholic play with one loss each. McQuaid stayed in the running with a 3-2 win over the visiting Little Irish on Tuesday, April 27.

In the Southern Tier, Notre Dame has started 2-3 in Sullivan Trail Conference play and 3-4 overall, with three of the Crusaders' defeats by 4-3 decisions. ND coach Shawn Walsh predicts that his team will be a strong contender to successfully defend its 1992 Section 4 Class C-D title.

Back in Monroe County, Bishop Kearney has gotten off to an 0-5 start. The Kings compete on an independent schedule.

Aquinas' strength is at first and second singles, where junior Josh Gleason and senior Dave Wojtczak have gone undefeated thus far. Senior John D'Imperio plays third singles.

Coach Carol Potocki's most frequent doubles lineup consists of freshman Justin Hill and sophomore Rob Giambrone at first doubles, and sophomores Alfredo Encina and Enzo Maiola at second doubles. Other key team members are senior Bryan Horn, who is currently sidelined with a rotator-cuff injury; and sophomore Kevin Muir.

AQ picked up a crucial 3-2 league win over host Edison Tech on April 29. Wojtczak, dubbed "our clutch man" by Potocki, won the deciding match over the Inventor's Vinnie Loi, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5. Wojtczak played the entire match on a broken toe.

McQuaid's veteran lineup is led by seniors John Tuttle and Fred Zugibe at

first and second singles. Junior Jeff Ciccone, of whom Coach Chauncey Street remarked "has made a huge improvement over last year," is at third singles; and junior Dave Somers also fills in frequently as a singles player.

Seniors Jason Smith and Brendan Zugibe occupy the first doubles slot, with juniors Dan O'Connor and Craig Simonson at second doubles.

In the pivotal April 27 triumph over Aquinas, Somers won at third singles while the doubles teams of Smith/Brendan Zugibe and O'Connor/Simonson were also victorious.

Notre Dame's singles brigade includes seniors Sunil Abraham, Steffen Reinken and Dan Delaney in the top three positions. Freshman Marc Schimert is the fourth singles player.

Doubles units include: junior Chris Campanella and sophomore P.J. Vaughan at first doubles, sophomore Ryan Delaney and seventh-grader Tim Vaughan at second doubles, and the rotating trio of junior Joe Sullivan and seniors Ron Ferrara and Hagen Penkert at third doubles.

The Crusaders achieved a cumulative record of 25-5 in 1991 and 1992. Although they may not hit that level this season, their coach still expects a solid finish.

"We should be 10-6 or 11-5. We've played some of our toughest competition already," noted Walsh.

Kearney is currently suffering through growing pains, with no seniors on the varsity roster.

"The biggest goal is to keep the team spirit up and learn from the competition," remarked Coach Kevin Delehanty.

Junior Jeff Bushorr is the Kings' first singles player. He's followed by eighth-grader Dan King at second singles and sophomore Matt Kost at third singles.

Two female students compete at doubles for BK. Junior Judianne Slish pairs with freshman Steve Chard at first doubles, and junior Michael Williams is matched with sophomore Dave Jones at second doubles. Freshman Christopher Crysel also sees frequent action for the Kings.

## Award honors girls at Geneva DeSales

GENEVA — The Geneva DeSales girls' basketball squad was recently honored with an outstanding academic achievement award by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

The Saints posted an academic team average of 91.1, surpassing the 90.0 cutoff score for this honor.

The team comprised Stephanie Nearpass, Sara Madigan, Krista DeVaney, Cecilia McCann, Lindsay

Higgins, Emily Krakowiak, Emily Parshall, Sarah Cataline, Shannon Grifa, Stefanie Smaldone and Melissa Liberatore.

Under head coach Steve Muzzi, the Saints also enjoyed a respectable year on the basketball court. DeSales upset Avoca to reach the Section 5 Class DD tournament semifinals, and finished the season with a 10-13 record.

## Mimi LaMagna signs letter of intent to attend Canisius

BRIGHTON — Mimi LaMagna, an outstanding multi-sport athlete at Our Lady of Mercy High School, has accepted a full Division I college scholarship.

LaMagna recently signed a letter of intent to attend Canisius College in Buffalo. She will play basketball for the Lady Griffs.

The senior guard was the leading scorer on the 1992-93 Monarch bas-

ketball team that captured its second consecutive Section 5 Class A championship. LaMagna was also named this past season's Most Valuable Player in the Private-Parochial League.

In addition to her basketball prowess, LaMagna has excelled in soccer and track at Mercy, and is playing softball for the first time this spring.

## Nazareth College swimmer excels at national meet

PITTSFORD — Kim Schneider, a standout swimmer at Nazareth College, recently earned All-American honors in three events at the NCAA Division III championships.

Schneider recorded two second-place finishes, along with a sixth place, in the national meet held at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga.

The junior was runner-up in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 56.62 seconds, and she also took second in the 100 freestyle with a

:52.01 clocking. In addition, Schneider claimed sixth in the 50 free in :24.16.

Schneider became the first Nazareth swimmer since 1985 to post All-American times. She is a two-time state champion, having won both the 50 and 100 fly at the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association meet in February. Schneider, who also owns six school records, was named Most Valuable Swimmer of the state meet.

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