

Nazareth to battle Hobart in semis

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PITTSFORD — Play it again, Naz. The 1993 NCAA Division III lacrosse playoffs are unfolding in an eerily similar fashion to last year — and Nazareth College is quite happy to be a part of these developments.

The Golden Flyers, who are gunning for their second consecutive national championship, must again get by bitter rival Hobart College to reach the finals. It was Nazareth which ended Hobart's unprecedented string of 12 consecutive national titles with a 13-12 overtime victory in last year's semifinals at Hobart. The East Avenue college went on to score a 22-11 win over Roanoke College (Va.) in the national-championship game.

The road to the finals will once again wind through Geneva, as Nazareth travels to Hobart's Boswell Field for a 2 p.m. semifinal game this coming Sunday, May 23. Whoever wins there will play for the national title on May 30 at the University of Maryland against either Ohio Wesleyan or Washington College (Md.).

The semifinal showdown will take on additional meaning since this is the clubs' first meeting since last year's nationals. Their regular-season rivalry ended when Hobart elected to drop Nazareth from its schedule this season.

Nazareth, ranked third nationally, is coming off a convincing 15-8 blowout of Alfred University in a first-round game held on Sunday, May 16, at Nazareth. Second-ranked Hobart, meanwhile, advanced with a 19-8 home win the same day over Gettysburg College (Pa.).

The Alfred triumph, which enabled the Golden Flyers to run their winning streak to 10 games, was even more one-sided than the final score indicated. Nazareth led 4-0, 8-2 and 14-4 at the quarter breaks before the Saxons scored four of the five fourth-period goals.

Junior midfielder Jeremy Hollenbeck was the day's hero on offense, collecting five goals and adding one assist. He now has 31 goals and 10 assists on the season, second on the squad behind sophomore attackman Pat Metzler's 31-goal, 24-assist total.

Defensively, the Golden Flyers continually stymied their opposition whenever Alfred got near the goal cage. If it wasn't the hard-nosed defense separating a Saxon's stick from a ball, it was senior goalie Kevin Kaffl coming through with one of his season-high 23 saves.



Brian Scott of Nazareth gets off a shot despite pressure from Alfred's Gary Marcoccia during the NCAA Division III men's lacrosse quarterfinals at Nazareth May 16. The Golden Flyers defeated the Saxons 15-8.

Nazareth now owns a 10-2 season record after beginning the year with two defeats.

Hollenbeck, who hails from Jordan-Elbridge High School near Syracuse, believes that, despite the loss of 11 seniors from 1992, the current Golden Flyers are as talented as the national champion squad he played on last year.

"We're about the same. We have so much depth that filtered over from last

year," Hollenbeck observed.

The Nazareth lacrosse program has become a powerhouse in an incredibly short period of time. Head Coach Scott Nelson, who began the program in 1986, has compiled a cumulative record of 85-26 for a winning percentage of 76.6.

This is the third consecutive season, and fourth time in five years, that the Golden Flyers have advanced to the Division III lacrosse Final Four.

Big-name items for bid at DeSales HS auction

GENEVA — An extensive list of celebrity-autographed items will be up for bid at an auction to benefit DeSales High School, 90 Pulteney St.

The event will take place at the school on Sunday, June 6, beginning at 2 p.m., with a preview of items at noon. Admission is free.

Among some of the notable articles to be auctioned: an autographed basketball by Michael Jordan; an autographed football by Dan Marino; an autographed T-shirt by Joe Montana; a Pittsburgh Penguins hockey puck autographed by Mario Lemieux; an autographed invitation by Barbara Bush to her husband's inauguration; two tickets to *Phantom of the Opera* in Toronto; an autographed poster from *Sister Act* by Whoopi Goldberg; and autographed photos of Dolly Parton.

In addition, a private collector has donated autographed and framed pictures of Bette Davis, Fred Astaire, Ava Gardner, Helen Hayes and Loretta Young.

Biking event to benefit cystic fibrosis research

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's annual "Bike for Breath" will take place at two Monroe County locations on Sunday, June 6.

Cyclists will bike through a course in Penfield, beginning at the town's Community Center building. The other course runs through Greece, starting at Canal Ponds Office Park.

Proceeds will support cystic fibrosis research. For details on the Bike for Breath, call 716/546-5890.

Amy Martin to play basketball at Fisher

PITTSFORD — Amy Martin, a senior athlete from Our Lady of Mercy High School, has announced that she will attend St. John Fisher College, 3690 East Ave., in the fall to play basketball.

Martin, a 5-foot-8-inch forward, was a key starter on Mercy's Section 5 Class A championship teams in 1992 and 1993. She will join another high-profile program at St. John Fisher, where the Cardinals have made eight consecutive trips to the NCAA Division III playoffs.

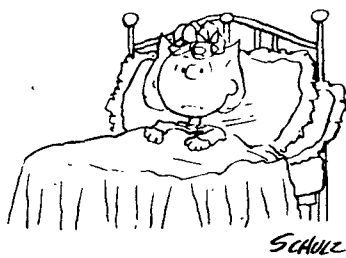
In addition to her basketball exploits, Martin is an exceptional track-and-field performer. She is the defending sectional champion in the 400-meter hurdles, and was also a member of last year's 1,600-meter relay team that won sectionals.

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