



Matt Furbeck of Bishop Kearney collides with a Spencerport player during the first annual Kearney Invitational Hockey Classic at the Rochester Community War Memorial on Nov. 27. The Kings fell to the Rangers, 9-5. S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer

Weekend games mark new season

Season-opening action had its share of ups and downs for three diocesan high-school athletic teams this past weekend.

The Geneva DeSales girls' basketball squad came through with a 44-33 victory over Bath on Saturday, Nov. 27, in the consolation round of the Penn Yan Lions Club Tournament. Lindsay Higgins led the way with 16 points, and Stephanie Nearpass chipped in with 11. One night earlier, Wayland-Cohocton defeated the Saints 54-36 in the tournament's opening round.

In hockey, Aquinas Institute had a tough time against two Buffalo-area powerhouses. AQ, the defending Section 5 Class A champion, was defeated 7-3 by St. Francis on Nov. 26 and 6-3 by St. Joseph's the following day. Both games were played at Lakeshore Rinks in Greece. Dennis Annechino led the Little Irish with one goal in each game, and teammate Brian Gionta collected three assists during the two games.

Bishop Kearney served as host for the first-ever Kearney Invitational Hockey Classic at the Rochester Community War Memorial. Unfortunately, the Kings could not come up with a win as they fell to Spencerport, 9-5, in the four-game tourney's final contest. Other Kearney Classic results saw Greece down Irondequoit, 8-1; Brockport whip Brighton, 8-1; and Hilton and Webster end in a 4-4 deadlock.

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Trevor Smith carries the puck into Ranger territory. Mike Latona

Knights

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AQ awaits new gym

Aquinas Institute is hoping that its level of play in 1993-94 will be as flashy as its new facility — a gymnasium which is being added on to the existing school along with a new science wing.

The gym had originally been slated for completion in time for AQ's home opener on Dec. 11 against Marshall. However, according to school principal Father Dennis P. Noelke, CSB, construction delays have pushed the gym's opening date back to at least

early February. In the meantime, the Little Irish will hold their home games in their original facility at the school.

AQ's projected 1993-94 starters are senior guards Pat O'Toole and Tad Valentino, senior forward Shawn Finein, senior center Brad Kelly and junior forward Jamaal Walters.

Additional Irish are senior forward Matt Owens, junior guards Mike Setzer and Mike O'Toole, sophomore guard James Walker, junior forwards Pete Reynders and Sal Brimacomb, and senior guard Doug Crowley.

"We're not real big, but we've got a little bit of quickness," commented Coach Mike Dianetti, whose Irish finished 7-15 last season.

McQ's Reitz forced out of regional race

For the second straight meet, a McQuaid Jesuit runner experienced misfortune at the most inopportune time.

Coming off a first-place finish in the Jesuit Schools Championship, Adam Reitz appeared to have an outside chance of finishing in the top eight at the Foot Locker Regional Qualifier.

Yet Reitz never made it to the finish line in the Foot Locker competition, held this past Saturday, Nov. 27, at Van Cortlandt Park in New York City. The senior experienced stomach cramps early in the race, and was forced to pull out.

A top-eight finish would have been necessary for Reitz to advance to the Dec. 11 Foot Locker Nationals in San Diego, Ca.

McQuaid senior Dan Lesser, the team's No. 1 runner, missed out completely on the Foot Locker competition — as well as the Jesuit Schools meet on Nov. 20 — due to illness.

On a positive note, fellow Knight Jeff Clark put on a great performance in the freshman/sophomore portion of the Foot Locker Regionals. Clark, a sophomore, placed 12th among 266 runners with a time of 17 minutes, 30 seconds over the 3.1-mile course.

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Fisher, Nazareth in Rochester Classic

ROCHESTER — St. John Fisher College and Nazareth College are serving as co-hosts of the 31st annual Rochester Basketball Classic for the seventh consecutive year.

This four-team men's basketball tournament will take place Dec. 3-4 at the Rochester Community War Memorial.

St. John Fisher will face Susquehanna University of Selinsgrove, Pa., in a Dec. 3 first-round game at 6:30 p.m. Nazareth will take on the University of Toronto in the evening's second game at 8:30 p.m.

The consolation game is set for 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 4, with the championship contest to follow at 8:30 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit Camp Good Days and Special Times. Tickets are available at the War Memorial box office, St. John Fisher and Nazareth colleges, and Camp Good Days.

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