

Squads start year with a big bang

Knights, AQ, BK earn hockey wins

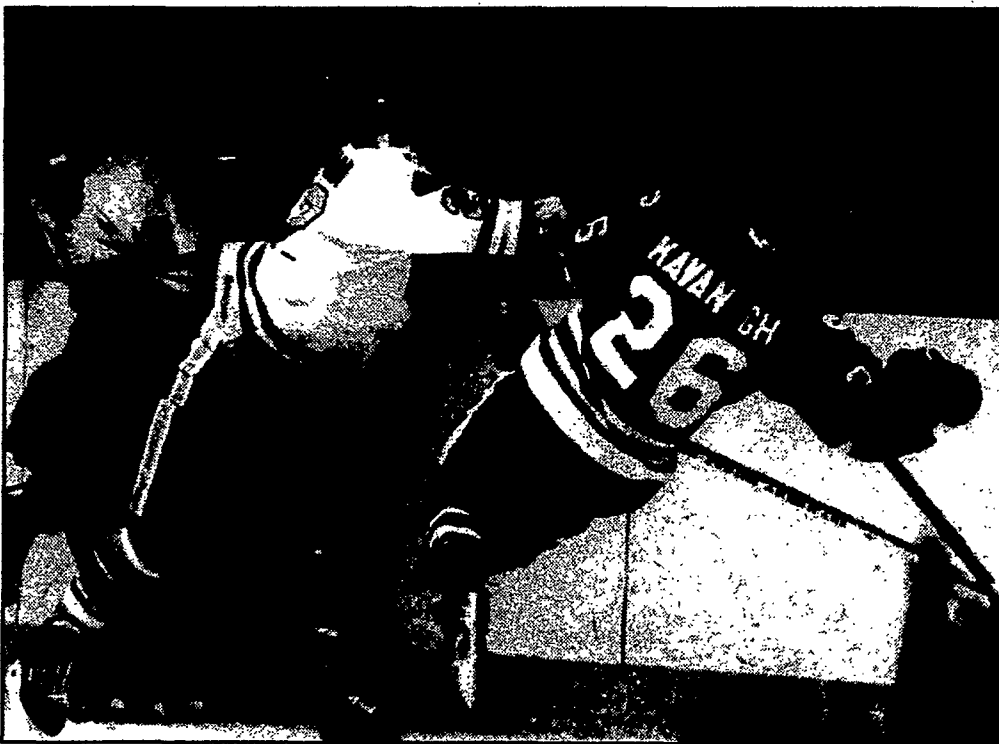
Being the new year, it was only fitting that the hockey teams at McQuaid Jesuit, Aquinas Institute, and Bishop Kearney played the role of noisemakers.

All three teams made an abundance of noise last Wednesday evening, Jan. 5, as each emerged victorious in their first games of 1994.

McQuaid's high-powered offense — which included two goals each from Nate Lukaszonas, Andy Hyatt and Pat Holden — carried the Knights to an 8-4 win over Gates-Chili at Genesee Valley Ice Arena. Three days later, McQ (3-7-1) continued to shed its early-season blues by downing Irondequoit, 5-3, at Lakeshore Rinks. Eric Mace scored two goals in that victory.

Also enjoying success on Jan. 5 was Aquinas, which received two goals from Shane Kavanagh in a 5-3 win over Fairport at Rochester Institute of Technology. AQ came back for a 6-0 shutout over Rush-Henrietta the following night at Lakeshore behind Chris Lattanzio's 19-save effort, but the Little Irish (7-5) were stopped by Greece, 4-1, on Jan. 8 at Lakeshore.

Completing the Jan. 5 trifecta was Kearney, which received two goals and an assist from Rich Dobosz in a 5-3 win over Hilton at Brockport State. The Kings then lost 8-4 to host Batavia Notre Dame on Jan. 8.



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Aquinas Institute's Shane Kavanagh (right) takes a hit from Greece's Bill Cosman during a Jan. 8 game at Lakeshore Rinks. The Lightning handed the Little Irish a 4-1 loss. AQ faces Greece again on Feb. 12.

Other sports highlights

In indoor track, McQuaid won three events en route to a first-place team finish at the Rochester Relays, held Jan. 8 at the University of Rochester. Winning combinations for the Knights included Shawn Watts, Jim Barnum, Dan Lesser and Adam Reitz in the 3,200 relay; Barnum, Andy Robertson, Reitz and Watts in the distance medley relay; and Alan Lachapelle, Robertson, Tim Tyre and

Watts in the 1,600 relay.

Also at the Rochester Relays, Aquinas' Joe Hayes gained an individual championship by winning the shot put.

Elmira Notre Dame's wrestling team gained an impressive third-place showing at the 31-team Genesee Tournament held Jan. 7-8. Dan Wilson won the 167-pound weight class in helping the Crusaders to their highest finish since they began competing in this tournament two years ago. ND, the two-time defending Section 4 Class D champion, had placed seventh at Genesee in 1992 and 10th in 1993.

In boys' swimming, McQuaid (5-0) kept its unbeaten streak intact by dunking host East, 52-27, on Jan. 6. Chris Sterling and Brian Kazley were double winners for the Knights against the Orientals.

— Mike Latona

Fisher, Nazareth set for Chase tournament

ROCHESTER — St. John Fisher and Nazareth colleges are among the eight Rochester-area schools playing in the Chase Scholarship Tournament this week at the University of Rochester.

Other teams participating in the 28th annual event are: SUNY College at Genesee; Rochester Institute of Technology; SUNY College at Brockport; Roberts Wesleyan College; Hobart College; and the University of Rochester.

The championship game will be broadcast live on Saturday, Jan. 15, at 8 p.m. on WXXI-TV in Rochester (channel 21, cable channel 4).

Saints' cheerleaders take home top honors

NEWARK — The Geneva DeSales High School varsity cheerleading squad placed first in its division at the Tip-Off Tournament held Dec. 11 at Newark High School.

DeSales accumulated 796 out of a possible 800 points in the Varsity 1 division, and was the overall high scorer among nine teams in two varsity categories. Geneva won Varsity 2 with a total of 795 points.

DeSales grad named coach at Fordham U.

Nick Quartaro, a 1973 Geneva DeSales High School graduate, recently accepted his first college Division I head-coaching position when he was named the new football coach at Fordham University.

Quartaro, 38, was both a football and baseball star at DeSales. More recently, he has spent the past five seasons as an assistant football coach at Kansas State University.

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Hectic weekend schedule fails to faze Monarch girls

By Mike Latona
Staff writer

Thus far in 1993-94, Our Lady of Mercy's basketball schedule has been about as smooth as Chris Farley's shooting style on that ESPN commercial.

The Monarchs had 16 days off between games in early and mid-December. Then there was a five-day break at Christmas, and an eight-day gap at New Year's. All that was followed by ... three games in three days!

But Mercy wasn't about to complain about the sudden stretch of action after so much inactivity.

"Our players are usually in great shape," said Coach Kathy Boughton. Obviously.

Boughton's crew rolled up three victories over the weekend, starting with a 80-26 blowout over host Aquinas Institute on Jan. 6. The Monarchs added wins over two Section 6 schools in the Mercy Tournament, defeating Newfane 76-31 in the Jan. 7 opening round and Holy Angels 46-44 in the Jan. 8 championship game.

Mercy withstood a late comeback against Holy Angels, which nearly erased a 45-39 deficit with one minute remaining. Kelly O'Neill and Gina Montesano led the Monarchs with 17 and 14 points, respectively, as Mercy upped its record to 6-2.

Montesano had the hot hand earlier in the week. She topped Mercy with 20 points against Newfane, and exploded for 40 against Aquinas. Katya Metidieri led AQ (3-7) against Mercy with seven points.

More basketball results

The Elmira Notre Dame boys (3-6) pulled off a 56-52 upset over host Hornell on Jan. 8. Joel Stephens scored 26 points as the Crusaders wiped out a seven-point deficit early in the fourth quarter.

The Geneva DeSales boys (3-6) also achieved an upset victory on Jan. 8, soaring past visiting Romulus by a 61-50 count. Josh Kiley topped the Saints with 20 points and Bob Peters had 17.

McQuaid Jesuit's boys (7-3) earned a 50-45 road win over Wilson Magnet on Jan. 8. Greg Roehrig paced the Knights with 17 points — his fifth consecutive game of scoring at least 15.

Bishop Kearney's girls (8-1) sailed to two wins: 52-10 over host Nazareth Academy on Jan. 15 and 47-30 over visiting East on Jan. 7. Jennifer Zambito led BK's well-rounded attack in both games, scoring 12 points against Nazareth and nine against East.

The Aquinas boys picked up a 54-40 home win over Brighton on Jan. 5 before losing 95-68 at home to Edison Tech two nights later. Shawn Finein was AQ's leading scorer both nights, totaling 16 points against Brighton and 27 against Edison.

Patrick Goode topped the BK boys with 12 points in a 74-44 loss at Franklin on Jan. 5, and Jen Weineman led the Notre Dame girls with 12 points in a 47-41 home loss to Elmira Southside on Jan. 6.