

## Girls' squads heat up on weekend

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While the temperatures plummeted outside, things really heated up inside the gymnasium for diocesan girls' basketball teams.

Four squads earned victories over the weekend. One of the most exciting finishes came during Nazareth Academy's 51-50 win over visiting Harley Allendale-Columbia on Jan. 15.

The Lasers surrendered the game's first eight points, but rallied behind Margaret Grabowski's 20-point, 15-rebound effort. Amy Bohan scored the most decisive points when she converted a three-point play with 37 seconds remaining in the game to erase a 50-48 deficit. The win raised Nazareth's record to 4-6 on the season.

Also winning on Jan. 15 was Our Lady of Mercy (9-2), which earned a 49-39 decision over Madison in the Notre Dame of Utica Tournament's championship game. The Monarchs had advanced to the finals with a 92-41 thrashing of Bishop Ford one night earlier. Kelly O'Neill collected 43 points over that two-game stretch, while Mercy teammate Gina Montesano had 39.

Last Saturday proved to be successful as well for Bishop Kearney (9-2), which recorded a 37-27 road win over Franklin. Kate Jensen led BK with 14 points.

Aquinas Institute (4-9) emerged victorious over the weekend by routing Marshall, 49-22, on Jan. 14 at Aquinas. Jenny Werner paced the Little Irish with 15 points.

### More hoop results

The Geneva-DeSales girls (7-4) scored a 49-41 home victory over Naples on Jan. 13. Emily Parshall compiled a career-high 23 points that night, and Lindsay Higgins finished with 12 points and 14 rebounds.

Earlier last week, Mercy held off Kearney, 39-33, in a Private-Parochial League battle on Jan. 11 at BK. The Monarchs only led by one point with 1:30 to go, but used strong free-throw shooting to pull away.

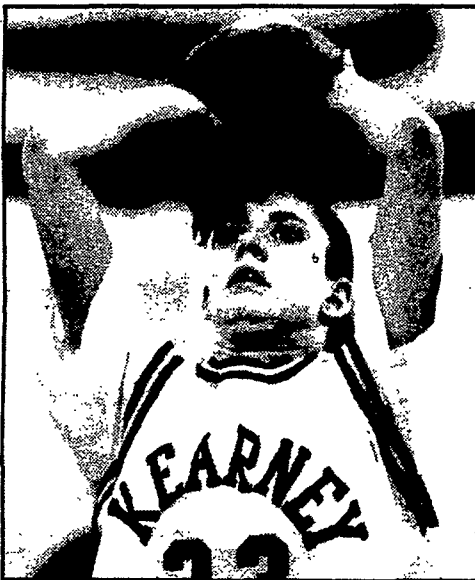
In the Southern Tier, Christie Garwood topped the Elmira Notre Dame girls (2-12) with 11 points and 10 rebounds in the Crusaders' 47-33 loss at Horseheads on Jan. 14.

Boys' basketball action saw two diocesan squads emerge victorious recently.



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Bishop Kearney's Kate Jensen (left) wrestles the ball away from Our Lady of Mercy's Kelly O'Neill (right) as Jenny Zambito gets caught in the scuffle. The host Kings fell to the Monarchs, 39-33, on Jan. 11.



Bishop Kearney senior Jenny Zambito concentrates while taking a foul shot during the first half.

McQuaid Jesuit's Greg Roehrig scored 22 points as the Knights (8-5) defeated host Canisius, 64-51, on Jan. 16. Teammate Ben Wandtke scored 23 points in a 58-56 loss at Edison Tech on Jan. 11, and

Roehrig led the Knights with 15 points in a 55-50 loss at East on Jan. 14.

Elmira Notre Dame (4-7) rolled to a 60-46 home win over Corning West on Jan. 11, as Joel Stephens led the Crusaders with 22 points.

Shawn Finein, averaging 18 points per game for the Aquinas boys (3-9), scored a team-high 25 in AQ's 84-71 home loss to East on Jan. 11.

Jayson Lamson scored 19 points and Bob Peters added 18, but it wasn't enough for the Geneva DeSales boys (3-8) as the Saints were stopped by host Bloomfield, 69-49, on Jan. 11.

The Bishop Kearney boys (6-4) were idle last week.

### St. John Fisher takes Chase tourney title

ROCHESTER — Erasing an 11-point deficit with 5:23 to go, the St. John Fisher College men's basketball team edged SUNY College at Geneseo, 65-63, in the Chase Scholarship Tournament finals. The game was held Saturday, Jan. 15, at the University of Rochester.

Adam Moore scored 20 points and Chris Sullivan added 18 as the Cardinals raised their season record to 11-1 while handing the Knights their first loss in 11 games.

### Reynders leads upset of nation's No. 1 team

Amy Reynders, a 1992 Aquinas Institute graduate, played a key role as her Rutgers University women's basketball team shocked Tennessee, the nation's No. 1-ranked squad, by an 87-77 count on Jan. 17 in Piscataway, N.J.

Reynders scored 12 points as the Scarlet Knights hiked their record to 9-3. The Lady Vols fell to 14-1.

### Tickets still available for Kearney Classic

ROCHESTER — Six games are on tap for the fifth annual Bishop Kearney Invitational Basketball Classic, set for this Sunday, Jan. 23, at the Community War Memorial.

Pairings and times are: Greece Athena vs. Trumansburg, 11:30 a.m.; Greece Arcadia vs. Irondequoit, 1 p.m.; St. Joseph's of Buffalo vs. Franklin, 2:30 p.m.; Pittsford Sutherland vs. Mynderse, 4 p.m.; Webster vs. Kearney (girls), 5:30 p.m.; and Greece Olympia vs. Kearney, 7 p.m.

Advance tickets are \$4 and can be purchased at any participating school or at the War Memorial.

For details, call 716/342-4000.

## McQuaid Jesuit hockey continues its turnaround

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A sectional championship contender with a 4-7-1 record?

No question. Except for perhaps Greece, the McQuaid Jesuit hockey team has played as well as any Monroe County League club over the last few weeks.

The Knights, who began their 1993-94 season winless in their first seven games, have now won three straight and four out of five. Their latest triumph was a 4-2 decision over a tough Batavia squad, played on Jan. 15 at Batavia.

"We thought we could turn around," said Coach Al Vyverberg, whose Knights have reached the Section 5 Class A finals each of the last two years.

"I don't know if we'll make it to .500, but we want to be playing our best hockey going into the playoffs," Vyverberg added. "I've got to give credit to the kids. They're coming to play hard every game."

Goal-scorers against Batavia were Larry Pierce, Mike Providence, Pat Holden and Mike Viscardi. Meanwhile, goaltender Jake Eisenhauer stopped 18 of 20 shots.

McQuaid led 2-0 and 4-1 at the period breaks. In the Knights' previous game against the Blue Devils, played back on Dec. 1, they jumped out to a 3-0 first-period lead but lost 6-4.

### Other sports highlights

Aquinas Institute's hockey team (8-6)

rolled to a 10-5 win over Gates-Chili on Jan. 12 at Genesee Valley Ice Arena. Shane Kavanagh scored four goals to lead the way. The Little Irish were then edged by Pittsford, 5-4, on Jan. 15 at Lakeshore Rinks.

The Bishop Kearney hockey squad (2-12) nearly pulled off an upset against Monroe County Division II leader Spencerport, but the Kings were edged 3-2 on Jan. 12 at Lakeshore.

McQuaid's Dan Lesser won both the 3,200-meter and 1,600-meter runs during a Rochester Winter League indoor track meet at Hobart College on Jan. 15.

The Elmira Notre Dame wrestling squad raised its dual record to 5-0 by winning 48-24 at Odessa on Jan. 10 and 45-24 at Elmira Southside on Jan. 12. ND's Dan Wilson then took first place in the Jan. 15 Hammondspport Tournament as the Crusaders finished fifth among 14 teams. Wilson, who won in the 177-pound weight class at Hammondspport, improved his individual record to 18-1.

McQuaid's wrestlers stayed unbeaten in the City-Catholic League (3-0) by rolling to a 60-6 victory over host Marshall on Jan. 13.

In swimming, McQuaid improved to 6-0 with a 46-24 win over host Edison Tech on Jan. 13. Later in the week, the Knights' Doug Kazley set a school record of 48.47 seconds in winning the 100-yard freestyle at the Jan. 15 Elmira Invitational.

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