

# Knights remain perfect on home floor

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Maybe Joe Marchese should just give motivational speeches for a living, because he obviously did a heck of a job on his basketball team last week.

How else would you describe convincing a bunch of high-schoolers that they held the upper hand against an unbeaten club — one which had beaten them by 17 points in their previous meeting?

"We haven't lost at home all season. So I told the kids before the game that if I was the opposing coach and undefeated, I wouldn't want to be playing at McQuaid," said Marchese.

The Knights remained perfect on their home hardwood by edging Franklin, 65-62, last Tuesday, Jan. 18. Three days later, McQuaid avenged another early-season road defeat by beating Marshall, 59-44, to push its record to 7-0 at home and 10-5 overall.

Rob Norris scored 22 points and Greg Roehrig added 15 in the win over Franklin. That duo also led the Knights against Marshall with 15 points each, while Ben Wandtke scored 12.

## More hoops results

Last week was doubly successful as well for the Aquinas Institute boys (5-9), who won two close battles. The Little Irish defeated host Marshall by a 60-57 count on Jan. 18, and added a 52-50 victory over host North Tonawanda on Jan. 22. Pat O'Toole scored on a tip-in with two seconds remaining against North Tonawanda to finish as AQ's leading scorer that night with 15 points.

"We've struggled lately, so to win two close games — it was a nice week. We needed it," remarked Coach Mike DiMatteo.

The Geneva DeSales boys (4-9), who had lost their previous three games by a combined total of 82 points, pulled together for a 66-63 upset over host Dundee on Jan. 22. Jayson Lamson poured in a season-high 21 points, and

Josh Kiley had 16 while Mike Sweeney chipped in with 12.

Bishop Kearney (7-5) stopped host Greece Athena, 67-54, on Jan. 21. Rich Cannon (16 points) and Adam Randall (15) were BK's top scorers that night. Randall also had 15 in the Kings' 55-51 loss to Greece Olympia on Jan. 23 during the Kearney Classic at the Rochester Community War Memorial.

Elmira Notre Dame (5-8) got double-figure scoring from four players in a 59-49 home win over Corning East on Jan. 21. Joel Stephens topped the Crusaders with 15, followed by Mike Lynch with 12, Jon Harley with 11 and Mike Berrettini with 10.

In girls' basketball, Kearney's defense was in top form as the Kings (12-2) won 46-21 over visiting Aquinas (4-11) on Jan. 21 and 33-21 over Webster in the Jan. 23 Kearney Classic. Kate Jensen led BK against Aquinas with 14 points, and Jenny Werner and Michelle DeMunck scored six each for the Irish. Jennifer Zambito paced BK against Webster with 13 points.

Our Lady of Mercy (10-2) rolled to a 69-39 home win over Nazareth Academy (5-7) on Jan. 22. The Monarchs' Gina Montesano raised her season scoring average to 21.3 by erupting for 31 points. Margaret Grabowski topped the Lasers with 14.

Nazareth won one game last week, 44-31



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DeSales' Mike Windle (left) goes up for a shot around Shane O'Connor of South Seneca. The host Saints lost the Finger Lakes West game, 61-42, on Jan. 21.

over visiting Marshall on Jan. 18. Grabowski hit for 20 points in that game.

Elmira Notre Dame (3-13) snapped a five-game losing streak with a 47-35 victory at Corning East on Jan. 21. Jen Weineman turned in a superb all-around performance, combining 17 points, 15 rebounds and seven steals.

Geneva DeSales (8-5) picked up a 38-22 home win over Harley Allendale-Columbia on Jan. 22 as Lindsay Higgins scored 16 points and Emily Parshall had 13.

# Irish icemen knock off McQuaid again

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In a year when inconsistency has plagued both hockey clubs, one factor remains a constant.

Aquinas Institute still has McQuaid Jesuit's number.

The Little Irish defeated the Knights, 4-2, this past Saturday, Jan. 22, at Lakeshore Rinks. It was AQ's second win this season over McQuaid; the other triumph was a 5-2 decision back on Dec. 4. The Irish have also bested the Knights in the last two Section 5 Class A title games.

McQuaid came into Saturday's contest having won four of its previous five games after an 0-6-1 funk to start the 1993-94 season. Aquinas, meanwhile, had an 8-6 record and had been erratic all year due to severe manpower shortages.

Aquinas took a 2-0 lead on a first-period goal by Mike Saporito and a second-period score from Joe Gionta.

McQuaid's Eric Mace and Mike Providence scored less than two minutes apart midway through the third period, tying the score at 2-2. But Brian Gionta put AQ back in front just 13 seconds after Providence's goal, and Matt Miller clinched the win with an empty-netter.

With an 8-2 record in league play, Aquinas remained a half-game behind first-place Pittsford in Division I.

"I'm getting more optimistic than I've been all year for us to turn things around," said Coach Dave Montgomery.

Montgomery noted that this week will mark the first time in 1993-94 that all his key players have been available.

## Other sports highlights

Elmira Notre Dame's wrestlers improved their dual-meet record to 8-0 with three victories last week: 39-24 at Chenango Valley on Jan. 18, 57-12 over visiting Hammondsport on Jan. 20, and 36-24 over host Groton on Jan. 22. Leading the Crusader crush was Dan Wilson, who earned two pins and a technical fall at 177 pounds. Also recording three wins for ND last week were Kevin Wilson (145), Ben Saks (167) and Howard Hodder (heavyweight).

In boys' swimming, Aquinas (2-2) was a 41-27 winner over host East on Jan. 18. Steve Martini, Jeff Conte and Chris Schramm were all double-event winners for the Irish that day.

The McQuaid boys' swim squad (6-1)

was dealt its first loss, 44-42, by host Wilson on Jan. 18. The Knights' quartet of John Halligan, Andy Stirling, Chris Stirling and Doug Kazley set two pool records, winning the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:40.59 and capturing the 200 medley relay in 1:50.64.

In boys' bowling, McQuaid was a 3-0 winner over Aquinas on Jan. 18 at North Park Lanes in Rochester.

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