

McQ reawakens with pair of wins

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Joe Marchese could probably solve a Rubix cube faster than he can figure out his McQuaid Jesuit basketball team.

"I don't think there's a team in Section 5 that we can't beat. But I also don't think there's one we can't lose to," the Knights' head coach remarked with a laugh.

"We've beaten some very good teams, and lost to some teams we shouldn't have lost to. We've played a little to the level of our opponent," Marchese added.

McQuaid was recently mired in a sea of lethargic play which carried over a two-game stretch. The Knights suffered a 53-42 upset loss to Bishop Kearney on Jan. 28, and then scored only 15 points in the first half — including 11 straight possessions without a basket — at Aquinas Institute last Tuesday, Feb. 1.

But the Knights snapped back to life with a fury, outscoring Aquinas 20-4 in the third quarter to erase a one-point halftime deficit en route to a 52-43 win.

McQ continued to roll in its Feb. 4 home game against Wilson Magnet. The Knights won by a 69-52 count, improving their season record to 12-6.

Forward Greg Roehrig and center Ben Wandtke got untracked in the rout over Wilson. Roehrig (12.9 points per game) hit for a season-high 24 points after being held to a combined 19 in his previous two games, and the improvement of Wandtke (12.2 PPG) was even more pronounced as he scored 21 against Wilson after collecting just six points combined against Aquinas and BK.

Roehrig and Wandtke's reawakening was well-timed due to the absence of Rob Norris, who had led McQ with 13 points against Aquinas but missed the Wilson game because of illness.

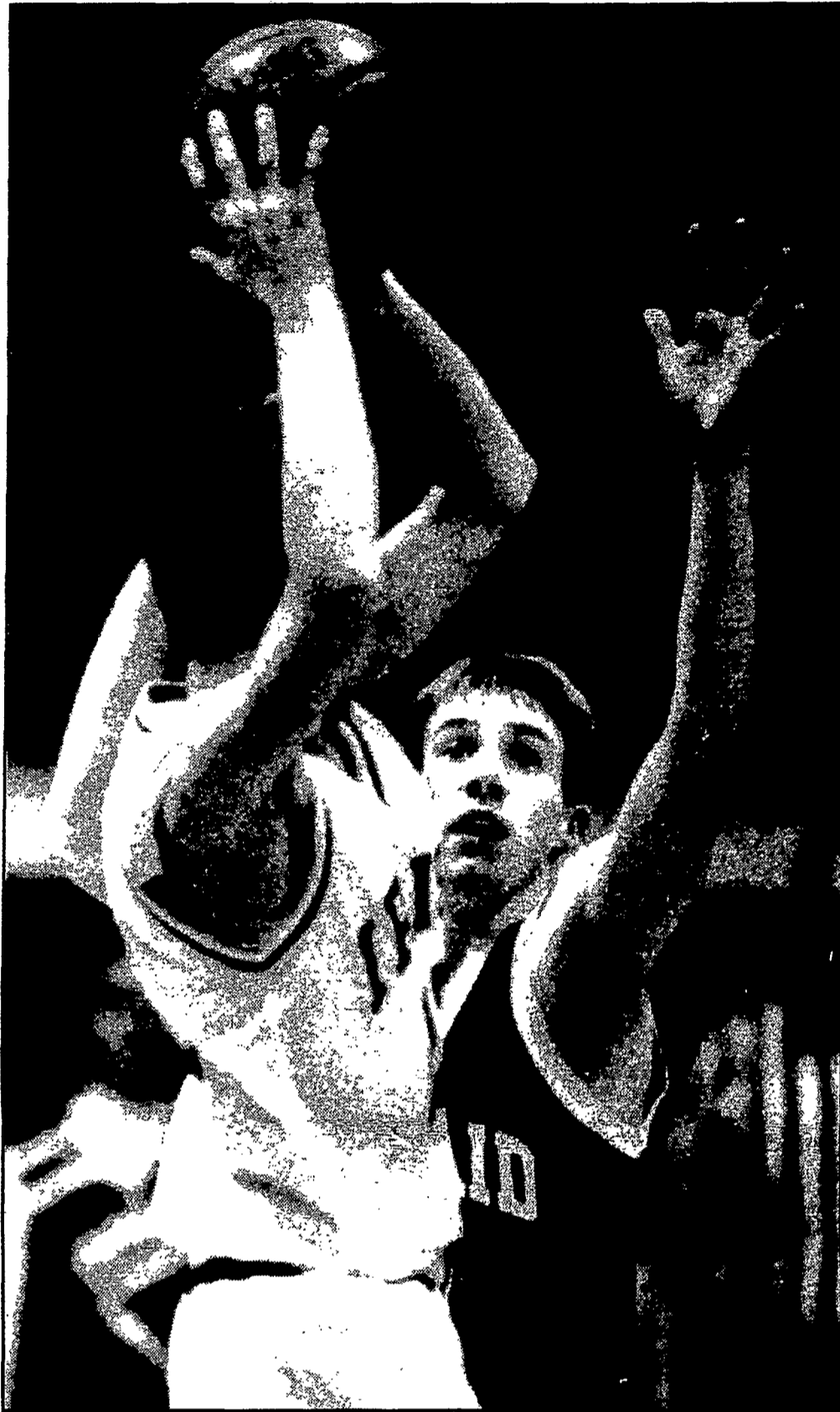
Aquinas' top scorer in the loss to McQuaid was Shawn Finein, but his 10 points were still well below his season average of 16.8.

Finein then responded with a 23-point effort in a Feb. 4 contest at Edison, while AQ teammate Brad Kelly had a season-high 20 points in that game. However, the Inventors defeated the Irish (5-11) by a 65-53 count.

More boys' hoops

Seven players scored at least six points in Geneva DeSales' 63-50 home win over Harley Allendale-Columbia on Feb. 2. Bob Peters (13 points), Josh Kiley (11) and Mike Sweeney (10) were the Saints' leading scorers. DeSales (5-10) then lost 49-43 to visiting Naples on Feb. 4.

Jon Harley scored 16 points as Elmira



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McQuaid Jesuit's Mark Crowe (left) tries to keep John Miller of Aquinas Institute from finding an open teammate during the Feb. 1 game between the two Catholic schools. The visiting Knights handed the Little Irish a 52-42 defeat.

Notre Dame (6-9) earned a 58-49 home win in overtime over Addison on Jan. 31. The Crusaders outscored the Knights 9-0 in the overtime period after Joel Stephens forced OT with a basket in the closing sec-

onds of the fourth quarter. One night later, Stephens led ND with 16 points in a 57-49 loss to visiting Elmira Southside.

Bishop Kearney (8-5) did not play last week.

YMCA to hold info night

ROCHESTER — The YMCA of Greater Rochester will hold registration and information nights for summer camps the week of Feb. 14-18.

All sessions will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. Dates and locations are as follows: Monday, Feb. 14 — Maplewood Family Branch, 25 Driving Park Ave.

Tuesday, Feb. 15 — Bayview Family Branch, 1209 Bay Road, Webster.

Wednesday, Feb. 16 — Arnett Family Branch, 240 Arnett Blvd.; and Monroe Family Branch, 797 Monroe Ave.

Thursday, Feb. 17 — Gates-Chili Program Center/Camp Kodak Village, 40 Bermar Park, Gates; Northwest Family Branch, 730 Long Pond Road, Greece; and Hamlin Town Hall (Brockport Program), 1658 Lake Road, Hamlin.

Friday, Feb. 18 — Carlson MetroCenter, 444 E. Main St.; and Camp Arrowhead, Arrowhead Road, Pittsford.

Camp directors from YMCA day and resident camps will be on hand to answer questions. Financial assistance is available. For further details, call 716/546-5500.

Aquinas' strong finish may fall just short of league championship

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Championship trophies are great to have, but they often don't tell the full story.

A case in point is the 1993-94 Aquinas Institute hockey team. AQ has completed its Monroe County Division I schedule with a fabulous 11-2 record, but will likely have no hardware to show for its feat.

The Little Irish won 4-1 over Irondequoit on Feb. 2 and 8-4 over Fairport on Feb. 5 in games played at Lakeshore Rinks. However, Pittsford remained a half-game ahead of AQ in the Monroe County Division I standings, so the only way the Irish can gain a chunk of their fourth straight league championship would be if the Panthers suffer an upset loss on Feb. 10 to Irondequoit.

"Even in the years we've won the league, I don't think our record's ever been better than 11-2," lamented Coach Dave Montgomery.

In the Feb. 2 victory over Irondequoit, Brian Gionta and Shane Kavanagh paced the AQ offense with two goals each while goalie Jared Zambito stopped 19 of 20 shots. Gionta added a two-goal, one-assist effort against Fairport, and Joe Zabawa had one goal and two assists. All eight of Aquinas' goals in that game came in the final 30 minutes after Fairport had held the Irish to a 0-0 tie after one period.

AQ closes out its regular season with two non-league games this weekend: at Rome Free Academy on Feb. 11 and against Greece the following day at Lakeshore.

Other highlights

Boys' bowling teams from Aquinas and McQuaid Jesuit enjoyed a big week. AQ won 3-0 over Wilson on Feb. 1 and 3-0 over East on Feb. 3, while McQuaid triumphed 3-0 over Marshall on Feb. 1 and 2-1 over Wilson on Feb. 3.

The McQuaid boys' swim team (7-2) defeated host East, 49-29, on Feb. 3. Doug Kazley, Andy Stirling and Chris Stirling were all double-event winners that day.

AQ's swimmers (4-3) were also victorious last week, winning by the same 49-29 score over Edison Tech on Feb. 1 at Marshall.

In wrestling, McQuaid eased to a 45-23 victory over host Marion on Feb. 4 as Victor Damian (112 pounds), Brian Beecher (119), John Zicari (138), Brandon Rood (155) and Eric Mack-Davis (177) all recorded pins for the Knights.

Elmira Notre Dame's Howard Hodder recorded back-to-back pins in the heavyweight division, but his Crusaders (8-2) lost their first two dual meets of the season last week. ND was defeated 33-27 by visiting Horseheads on Feb. 3, and 42-28 by host Hornell on Feb. 5.

In boys' skiing, McQuaid's Brandon Buchanan finished fourth at a Wayne County League Alpine ski meet on Feb. 2 at Brantling.

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