

Sectionals

Mercy in final; McQ, BK advance

By Mike Latona  
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If a team is trailing at halftime against Our Lady of Mercy, the game is probably as good as over.

Fairport found that out in the Section 5 Class A girls' semifinals this past Monday, Feb. 28. The Red Raiders, down 33-23 at the half and 47-35 after three quarters, were blown away by a 15-3 Monarch run to begin the fourth quarter as Mercy recorded a 62-40 victory.

"The third and fourth quarter is our time. That's when we go out there and perform," said forward Kelly O'Neill.

Mercy's relentless pressure has resulted in a 17-game winning streak. The Monarchs, with a 20-2 record, now face undefeated Greece Athena in a rematch of last year's memorable Class A final — a 72-66 double-overtime thriller won by Mercy.

The second-seeded Monarchs and top-seeded Trojans will clash on Thursday evening, March 3, in an 8:30 p.m. game at the Rochester Community War Memorial.

Coach Kathy Boughton knows that Athena has no shortage of talent or motivation heading into this game.

"We've got our hands full. They just have a lot of



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(Above) The Kings' Adam Randall (right) wrestles for the ball during a Section 5 Class B quarterfinal game at Bloomfield High School Feb. 26. (At right) Bishop Kearney's Pat Goode jumps up and over Brian Quinlan of Dansville for two points. BK dominated the Mustangs, 79-42, advancing to the semifinal round.



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weapons," Boughton commented.

"We know it's going to be even tougher than last year," O'Neill added.

Yet O'Neill noted that her own team is ready for the task at hand.

"The more we've played throughout the season, the better we've gotten," she said.

Mercy had reached the semifinals with a 65-46 win over No. 7 Canandaigua on Feb. 25 at Gates-Chili High School.

Two other diocesan basketball teams also reached Section 5 semifinal play by scoring weekend victories.

McQuaid Jesuit (15-6), seeded No. 4 in Class A, was a 67-43 winner over No. 5 Webster on Feb. 26 at the Rochester

Community War Memorial. The Knights were scheduled to play top-seeded Rush-Henrietta in a semifinal game set for March 2, with the winner facing either No. 2 Fairport or No. 3 Greece Olympia in the March 5 title game at the War Memorial.

Bishop Kearney (12-7), the third seed in Class B, scored a 79-42 rout over No. 6 Dansville on Feb. 26 at Bloomfield High School. The Kings were slated to play No. 2 Livonia on March 1, with that semifinal victor taking on either No. 1 Pittsford Sutherland or No. 5 Waterloo in the March 4 finals at the War Memorial.

Three diocesan squads were eliminated in the quarterfinal round, including Bishop Kearney's girls, who were involved in one of the week's most ex-

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Track stars  
move on to  
state meet

One week after earning the Section 5 championship, that winning feeling was still pulsating through the McQuaid Jesuit indoor track squad.

Several Knights won the right to compete in the state championships by virtue of their strong showings in the sectional state-qualifying meet, held Saturday, Feb. 28, at Hobart College.

Dan Lesser and Shawn Watts each earned first-place finishes in two events. Lesser won the 3,200-meter run with a time of 9 minutes, 35.2 seconds; and Watts took the 600 meters in 1:24.6. That pair also combined with Jim Barnum and Adam Reitz to claim the 3,200 relay in 8:22.5.

Other McQuaid qualifiers were Greg Schlachter, who placed second in the pole vault with a jump of 12 feet, 6 inches; Brian Kubiak, who took second in the high jump with a distance of 6 feet, 2 inches; Adam Reitz, who posted a third-place time of 4:33.3 in the 1,600 meters; and Tim Tyre, who ran a fourth-place time of :36.4 in the 300 to set a new school record.

Tyre will compete as a member of Section 5's intersectional relay team. McQuaid Coach Dave Warth noted that Reitz, although eligible for the state 1,600 run, will bypass that event so he can compete on the Knights' 3,200 relay.

McQuaid's success came at the same Hobart track on which the Knights won the Section 5 title the previous Saturday.

The state meet will take place on Saturday, March 5, at Cornell University.

Also reaching state competition was Aquinas Institute's Joe Hayes, who took first in the shot put with a throw of 49 feet, 3 3/4 inches.

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McQuaid's  
Kazley wins  
at sectionals

It wasn't even close for McQuaid Jesuit swimmer Doug Kazley, who won the Section 5 100-yard backstroke event by nearly two seconds.

Kazley posted a time of 54.40 seconds in the Class A meet, held Saturday, Feb. 26, at the University of Rochester. The next-closest finisher in the 100 backstroke was Webster's Dan O'Connell, who posted a :56.22 clocking.

In addition to his first-place finish, Kazley took third place in the 50 freestyle in :22.03. Fairport's Ryan Prosser placed first in :21.55.

Kazley's strong finishes helped McQuaid to an eighth-place showing in team scoring. Fairport, meanwhile, won its 14th consecutive Class A title.

The sectional Class B boys' championships also took place on Feb. 26 at the University of Rochester, with Aquinas Institute finishing up in 10th place. Todd Brown earned AQ's highest individual finish, posting a second-place time of 5:22.37 in the 500 freestyle.