

Hoops

Continued from page 8

citing — and controversial — finishes. BK (17-4), seeded No. 2 in Section 5 Class BB, lost a 31-30 heartbreaker to No. 10 Edison Tech on Feb. 26 at BK.

Aquinas Institute's boys (9-13), the eighth seed in Section 5 Class BB, scored a 55-51 home win over No. 9 Wilson in first-round action on Feb. 22. AQ was then eliminated by top-seeded Franklin, 57-29, on Feb. 25 at Webster High School.

The Geneva DeSales girls (11-11), seeded No. 6 in Section 5 Class DD, recorded a 40-22 first-round home triumph over No. 11 Romulus on Feb. 25. One night later, the Saints were knocked off by No. 3 Avoca, 42-21, at Avoca.

Rounding out last week's sectional results, four diocesan teams suffered first-round defeats:

The Nazareth Academy girls (8-13), seeded No. 10 in Section 5 Class CC, were stopped by host and No. 7 seed Williamson, 55-29, on Feb. 23.

The Aquinas girls (7-14), seeded 12th in Section 5 Class BB, were defeated by host and No. 5 seed Newark, 49-23, on Feb. 23.

Elmira Notre Dame's boys (7-13), seeded No. 8 in Section 4 Class C, were stopped by ninth-seeded Oxford, 57-48, on Feb. 22 at Owego.

Finally, the Geneva DeSales boys (5-16), seeded No. 11 in Section 5 Class DD, were defeated by No. 6 Scio, 60-36, on Feb. 22 at Scio.

Mercy jumped out to a quick 8-2 lead over third-seeded Fairport and led 16-8 after one quarter. The Red Raiders never caught up, trailing by as many as 24 late in the game.

Gina Montesano topped Mercy with 19 points, followed by O'Neill with 17 and Kerri Boroski with 15.

In the victory over Canandaigua, the Monarchs' press forced several second-quarter turnovers as Mercy outscored the Braves 18-6 to take a 29-22 halftime lead. O'Neill led the way with 22 points, and Tricia Russell had a career-high 14.

Meanwhile, the McQuaid defense came up big against Webster, holding the Warriors to only five points in the first quarter and six in the third.

"We played some aggressive defense, and that kind of throttled them a little bit. I think we were just a little too strong," said McQuaid Coach Joe Marchese.

Ben Wandtke topped the Knights with 19 points, and Greg Roehrig and Rob Norris were close behind with 18 and 15 points respectively.

Kearney's boys overwhelmed Dansville from the opening tip, leading 27-14 after one quarter and 47-21 at halftime. BK's top scorers were Rich Cannon with 17 points and Vernon Banks with 15.

"It was one of those games where we had a very good night, and they didn't,"



S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer

Our Lady of Mercy's Kerri Boroski breaks through the Canandaigua defense on her way to the basket Feb. 25 during a Section 5 Class A girls' quarterfinal win at Gates Chili High School. The Monarchs later advanced to the finals against Greece Athena with a semifinal win over Fairport.

said Kearney Coach Ed Nietopski. "We've been playing exceptionally good defense, and that's been a big help."

As far as the Kearney girls' basketball players are concerned, the Edison game hasn't ended yet.

With one second remaining and her team trailing by a point, BK guard Patti Lynch was bumped by an Edison player as she launched a desperation three-pointer which missed. A referee blew his whistle, seemingly to call a foul just before time expired. A short time later, however, the official signaled that there was no foul and the game was over.

"Everybody thought that the whistle went off before the buzzer except the officials," remarked BK Coach Paul Forte.

Jenny Zambito and Kate Jensen tied for team-high scoring honors with 12 points each.

AQ's boys held a 41-31 lead over Wilson entering the fourth quarter, and the Little Irish held off a late Wildcat rally for their first win in the school's new gymnasium. Patrick O'Toole led Aquinas with 15 points.

Against Franklin, the Irish were within striking distance at halftime, 25-18, but a 19-4 third-quarter deficit ended any chance of upsetting the Quakers. Shawn Finein led Aquinas with eight

points. "We tried to slow it down, but it got away from us," lamented AQ Coach Mike Dianetti.

The DeSales girls' first-round win over Romulus gave them a 4-0 record against the Warriors this season. Emily Parshall had 19 points in the game, which was postponed two days from its originally scheduled date due to bad weather.

DeSales was only down 14-12 at the half against Avoca, but the Tigers held a 14-2 edge in the third quarter. Parshall topped the Saints against the Tigers with eight points.

"Our shots just weren't dropping, and they started hitting their shots," said DeSales Coach Steve Muzzi.

Nazareth was outscored in all four quarters by Williamson. The Lasers trailed 11-4 after one period, 24-12 at the half and 35-18 after three quarters.

Amy Bohan was the high Nazareth scorer with nine points.

Newark held the Aquinas girls to 14 points over the first three quarters in establishing a 25-point advantage.

Giannine Lioi finished as the Little Irish's leading scorer with nine points.

The Notre Dame boys stayed within reach of Oxford for most of the second half, but a 13-for-14 performance by Oxford from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter kept the Crusaders from closing the gap.

Joel Stephens led ND with 16 points, and teammate Mike Berrettini added 15.

The DeSales boys fell behind quickly against Scio, trailing 12-3 after one quarter and 27-14 at the half. The Saints closed to within 40-30 after three periods before getting outscored 20-6 in the final quarter.

Josh Kiley led DeSales with 15 points, followed by Mike Sweeney with 13.

Pittsford stops AQ's title effort

It wasn't a defeat that was expected, but it also didn't rate as a shocker.

Aquinas Institute saw its shot at a third straight Section 5 championship thwarted in the semifinal round by Pittsford. The Panthers defeated the Little Irish, 8-3, last Wednesday evening, Feb. 23, at Genesee Valley Ice Arena.

"It's been a rough year for injuries for us, so (the loss) is a little easier to take," commented AQ Coach Dave Montgomery.

Aquinas finished its season with a 13-9 record. Pittsford, meanwhile, went on to score a 5-4 win over Batavia in the sectional finals held Feb. 26.

AQ took its only lead over the Panthers when Shane Kavanagh scored three minutes into the game. Goals by Pittsford's Ken Yanicky and Ross Sealton made it 2-1, and AQ's Dennis Anechino then knotted the score at 2-2. Yanicky gave Pittsford the lead for good when he scored the second of his four goals late in the first period.

The Little Irish stayed within a goal for most of the second period, but Pittsford scored twice late in that stanza and added two more goals early in the third period for an insurmountable 7-2 edge. Brian Gionta picked up AQ's final goal.

Although the Irish did not earn a sectional title, they did tie the Panthers for the Monroe County Division I championship. It was AQ's fourth consecutive league crown.

— Mike Latona

Bowlers excel

Bowling teams from Our Lady of Mercy, Bishop Kearney and McQuaid Jesuit have been striking it rich lately.

Mercy captured the Section 5 girls' championship by totaling 2,505 pins in competition held Saturday, Feb. 26, at Roseland Bowl in Canandaigua. By winning sectionals, the Monarchs became Section 5's representative at the upcoming state championships.

Leading Mercy in the sectional tournament was Michelle Kindler, who rolled a three-game series of 568. Other Monarch series included Leigh Foss, 559; J.J. Rutt, 482; Jacqui Moran, 462; and Becky Hodkinson, 434.

Also moving onto states was McQuaid's Kevin Dey. He qualified individually by rolling a 724 series, which won the boys' Class A competition and was also the day's best overall score.

Although Bishop Kearney's girls placed third in sectional play behind Mercy and North Rose-Wolcott, the Kings have recorded some championship accomplishments as well.

BK was dominant during the regular season, compiling a 60-6 record to capture the Private-Parochial League title over Mercy, which finished at 42-24. The Kings' final overall record was 74-6.

Leading Kearney was Laura Stockslader, who averaged 173 for the year. Other top BK rollers were Tricia Magin, 169 average; Christine Wallace, 161; and Carla Valentini, 149.

Mercy's Foss swept the league's individual honors with a 182 average, 257 game and 441 two-game series.

Season concludes for wrestlers

When it comes to advancing to the state level, there is no tougher individual high-school sport in New York than wrestling.

While track, cross-country and swimming can take several competitors from each section in various events, the list for wrestling is much more exclusive. Only one wrestler — for all enrollment classifications combined — moves on to states in each of the 14 weight classes.

So even though Elmira Notre Dame's Dan Wilson finished second and McQuaid Jesuit's Jamie Fishgold ended up third in state-qualifying competition this past weekend, their respective seasons are over.

Wilson, coming off a Section 4 Class D championship win the previous weekend, was back in competition on Saturday, Feb. 26, at Cornell University. The

only one of nine ND wrestlers entered in the meet to get beyond the first round, Wilson advanced all the way to the 167-pound finals.

However, he was stopped one match short of the state tournament when he was pinned in 5 minutes, 9 seconds by Greene's Jack Harbold. Wilson ended his spectacular 1993-94 season with a 34-2 record.

The third place for McQuaid's Fishgold, who competed in the 215-pound weight class, marked the highest finish among four Knights taking part in the Section 5 Super Sectionals. That meet was held Feb. 26 at Fairport High School.

Also placing for the Knights was 167-pounder Adam Lehmann, who took fourth.

— Mike Latona

The Catholic Shop Inc.

(FORMERLY TRANTS)

CHURCH SUPPLIES & RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

Lenten and Easter Reading Materials • Music • Videos

Communion and Confirmation Gifts

696 South Ave.
Rochester, NY

1-800-422-8197

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CATHOLIC STORE