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Aquinas Institute's Josh Gleason keeps his eye on the ball during the City-Catholic League tournament held at Franklin High School on May 19. Gleason lost his first-singles semifinal match to McQuaid's Dan Somers.

## Knights net second win over AQ

### McQ advances to sectionals

By Mike Latona  
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There must be something about Aquinas Institute that brings out the best in the McQuaid Jesuit boys' tennis team.

McQuaid's 4-1 victory over AQ last Friday, May 20, at Maplewood Park marked the second time this season the Knights have downed the Little Irish by that score. McQuaid was also a 4-1 winner back on April 26.

Despite the season sweep, McQ finished the regular season tied with its City-Catholic League rival with an 8-3 league record. However, the Knights became eligible to advance to Section 5 team tournament play based on the fact that they defeated the Little Irish both times in head-to-head competition during the regular season.

McQuaid has been bolstered by the play of sophomore Dan Somers at first singles; senior Jeff Ciccone at second singles; and senior Craig Simonson at third singles. Doubles squads feature juniors Jason Clerk and Joe Iuppa in the first position; and sophomore Andy Hyatt and junior Brendan Zugibe at second doubles.

Clerk and Iuppa teamed up to win the City-Catholic League tournament championship, held May 19 at Franklin. The duo defeated East High's Justin McAmmond and David Kanthor, 10-6, in the first-doubles finals.

"We were striving to do something a little better this year, to get more kids interested in tennis at McQuaid. I think we've been successful," said Coach Ron Dyson. "Some kids who didn't care last year are the same kids who care this year, and that's been the biggest difference."

Aquinas, meanwhile, is enjoying another good season after splitting the league title with McQuaid two years ago and winning it outright in 1993.

Senior Josh Gleason has lost only once in league play at first singles, and he also fared well in the recent Section 5 Class A tournament. Gleason won the consolation semifinals to become one of four players to advance to this week's sectional state qualifier.

"I don't even know the last time a (City-Catholic) kid made it that far," remarked AQ Coach Carol Potocki.

Sophomore Justin Hill appears a likely heir to Gleason's first-singles throne. Hill won the league second-singles title



First-singles player Dan Somers, a McQuaid sophomore, advanced to the final round by beating Aquinas' Josh Gleason.

on May 19 at Franklin, taking a 10-7 victory over East's Thien Vo in the title match.

Rounding out the Little Irish lineup are junior Robb Giambrore at third singles; junior Enzo Maiola and sophomore Mike Doell at first doubles; and sophomores Carl Huebbers and Tom DeGrave at second doubles.

### BK comes back big

After two straight winless seasons, Bishop Kearney has made an amazing turnaround. The Kings, who play an independent schedule, had compiled a 6-5 record through last week.

Leading the way are two senior exchange students: Jan Schinacher of Germany at first singles; and Armand Widjaja of Indonesia at second singles.

"They bring some talent that we didn't have before, and some good leadership," said Coach Kevin Delehanty.

Most of the Kings' remaining roster comprises players all due to return in 1995: freshman Dan King at third singles; junior Matt Kost and freshman Mark Kankaras at first doubles; and juniors ChiChi Ng and Dan Shot at second doubles. Shot served as backup this

year for another senior exchange student from Germany, Christian Klaas.

### Growing pains at ND

With a 1-9 record through last week, a young Elmira Notre Dame club is considering this spring a learning experience.

"I had to reach for a lot of freshmen to come out, and this was their first time playing," said Coach Dave Bernatavitz. "It was tough, but now that we have those numbers coming back, maybe we can build something."

Eighth-grader Tim Vaughan occupies the first singles slot, followed by senior Chris Campanella at second singles; junior Ryan Delany at third singles; and freshman Kamran Naseem at fourth singles. Campanella and Delany recently teamed up to reach the Section 4 Class C-D West tournament semifinals.

The regular-season pair at first doubles included freshmen Tim Hillyard and Pat Virgil; followed by fellow frosh Brad Polk and Joe Maio at second doubles; and freshman Andy Ruth and sophomore Jack Murphy at third doubles.

## BK softball holds on to best Mercy in rematch

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In a season of unpredictability surrounding Private-Parochial League softball, Bishop Kearney has delivered the supreme surprise.

Based on a 17-0 blowout loss to Our Lady of Mercy back on April 26, the odds were not exactly stacked in BK's favor entering its rematch with the Monarchs last Thursday, May 18.

This time it was Kearney which scored at will — until Mercy flexed its muscles in the final two innings. When the dust had cleared, host BK was on the winning end of an 18-16 decision.

This slugfest saw the Kings string together 11 consecutive hits to score 10 fifth-inning runs and go up 18-5. But the Monarchs fought back with a fury, scoring five runs in the sixth and six more in the seventh before BK recorded the final out with the tying runs on base.

Although his team has heated up too late to overtake Mercy or Aquinas in a tight league battle, Kearney Coach Paul Forte is still pleased about the Kings' recent surge. Kearney has won nine out of 11 games to improve its record to 12-7.

"I'm tickled pink. This team has come so far — it's overwhelming, really," Forte remarked.

Last Thursday's win helped BK go 3-for-3 for the week. The Kings also won 13-6 over host East on May 16 and 23-7 over Wilson Magnet on May 21 at McAvoy Park.

Mercy, meanwhile, bounced back from its loss to Kearney by earning a 15-13 home win over Penfield on May 20.

### More sports highlights

Nazareth Academy picked up a Private-Parochial softball victory, 9-3 over host Harley Allendale-Columbia, on May 19. The Lasers scored six runs in the seventh inning of that game, and kept their momentum going into the following day when they downed Marshall, 17-2, in a five-inning contest at Edgerton Park.

Aquinas Institute scored a 10-5 non-league win over host Edison Tech on May 16 behind Shandralynn Joiner's two-run homer and Stephanie Renica's three-run triple.

Also notching a softball victory was Geneva DeSales, which rolled to a 13-4 win over host Sodus on May 17. Sarah Cataline led the Saints with four hits and five runs batted in, and Melissa Liberator had three hits and five stolen bases.

In boys' track, McQuaid clinched the City-Catholic League title with an 83-53 win over defending-champion East on May 16 at McQuaid. The Knights' Greg Schlachter, Brian Kubiak, Dan Lesser and Shawn Watts all won two events each that day.

Aquinas' Joe Hayes and Jason Hasert were double winners in their track team's 74-66 victory over host Franklin on May 18.

In golf, McQuaid Jesuit's Kevin Haefner took medalist honors by shooting a five-over-par 76 in the City-Catholic League Section 5 qualifier tournament held May 19 at Shadow Lake Golf Club in Penfield. Also becoming eligible for sectionals were McQ's John Yesawich, who placed second with a 77; and Aquinas' Brad Kelly, who took third with an 80.

In lacrosse, McQuaid scored a 10-6

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