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**Bishop Kearney first-singles player
Chris Zawadecki returns a volley in
her Sept. 13 match against Aquinas
Institute's Liz Johnston.**



**Johnston puts some body English
into a forehand during her 6-2, 6-1 vic-
tory over Zawadecki.**

AQ slams past foes; Mercy enjoys challenging schedule

By Mike Latona
Staff writer

For a program only in its third year, Aquinas Institute girls' tennis has improved so quickly that even its coach admits, "I was surprised" about AQ's strong start in 1994.

"We could be as good as 11-4, maybe even pull off an upset against Mercy," remarked Chuck Zeitvogel.

Through the end of last week, the Little Irish had gotten a good jump on that 11-4 goal. AQ began its season with a 3-0 record by virtue of its victories over Nazareth Academy, Bishop Kearney and Edison Tech.

Our Lady of Mercy is also off to good beginning with a record of 5-3. The Monarchs' winning record is especially impressive since Coach Barb Hanna attempts to schedule the strongest programs in Monroe County.

"I don't care whether we win or lose. We want to play the very best," said Hanna.

The Monarchs were extremely successful last week, capturing four matches over a four-day stretch by downing East Rochester, Penfield, Greece Athena and Honeoye Falls-Lima.

Three other Catholic high school girls' tennis teams in the diocese — Nazareth Academy, Bishop Kearney and Elmira Notre Dame — were still searching for their first wins heading into this week: Nazareth was 0-1, while BK stood at 0-5 and ND at 0-3.

Here's a rundown of the starting line-ups for each team:

Aquinas Institute senior Liz Johnston went undefeated in first singles last season and has gone 3-0 thus far in 1994. Other singles players are sophomore Michele Tumminelli at second singles and junior Nina Alvarez in the third slot.

Doubles pairings include senior Lia Kunz and sophomore Leanne Hamblin at first doubles; and senior Shana Maddicks and junior Lauren Lesczinski in the second position. Senior Christina Muratore also sees occasional action.

Our Lady of Mercy freshman Sue Ciccone returns for her second season at first singles. Other singles players are sophomore Vicki Knauf at second singles and junior Jennifer Regan at third.

The youthful Monarchs feature seventh-grader Erin Dwyer pairing up with senior Karen Housler at first doubles; and sophomore Jan Ricci and freshman

Katie Rickner at second doubles.

"We are quite strong, considering our age," said Hanna. "They are so young and so eager."

Nazareth is another young team, with freshmen filling four of the seven positions. One of those players, Alex Zarowny, leads the way at first singles.

"If we can keep her focused, she's going to win some matches," said Coach Carol Potocki. "She's going to be good."

Rounding out the Laser roster are junior Melissa Heisley at second singles; freshman Jenny Glogowski at third singles; junior Erika McGuire and freshman Nicole Dufour at first doubles; and freshman Caitlyn McGuire and junior Becky Glogowski at second doubles. Another contributor is eighth-grader Kate Evinger, currently sidelined with an ankle injury.

With many new faces, **Bishop Kearney's** coach is less concerned about gaining victories than with acquiring experience.

"Last year we had a senior squad, so this is actually last year's jayvee playing varsity," noted Sister Juanita Hall, SSND. "They need a season on varsity to see that level of competition."

Senior Chris Zawadecki plays at first singles, followed by junior Katie Stemmler at second singles and sophomore Amy Feldbauer at the third position.

First doubles players are freshman Michelle Donohue and junior Cathy Gallo; with sophomores Laurie Ewell and Michelle Latona at second doubles. Sophomore Marcy May also fills in.

Much like the other diocesan schools, young talent is the rule at **Elmira Notre Dame**. Four sophomores and two freshmen are among the Crusaders' top 10 players.

"Over the next two or three years, we'll develop into a stronger team," said Coach Pat Smith. "I'll only lose two seniors this year."

The singles lineup at this Southern Tier school includes senior Beth Mingo at first singles; sophomore Katie Murphy at second; junior Kathy Laux at third; and freshman Andrea Sinko at fourth.

Doubles units consist of senior Aarathi Desmukh and sophomore Meaghen Schnippert at first doubles; freshman Lisa Milford and sophomore Carrie O'Donnell at second; and sophomore Amy Rosh and junior Bekki Sheer at third.

Elmira Notre Dame remains unstoppable

By Mike Latona
Staff writer

Even a blatant attempt by Newark Valley last Saturday to gang up on Joel Stephens wasn't enough to quell the Elmira Notre Dame senior running star.

"They had nine men up front to stop him," noted ND Coach Mike D'Aloisio. "We could have thrown on them all day."

Only an eternal optimist would point out that the Cardinals "succeeded" in their effort. After all, Stephens was held to his season-low total for the season.

A mere 204 yards.

The Crusaders parlayed Stephens' running into a 35-8 road win this past Saturday, Sept. 17, hiking their record to 3-0 in the process. Notre Dame has now outscored its foes 100-45 in 1994.

ND started slowly, committing two early turnovers as the first quarter ended scoreless. But the Crusaders registered three second-quarter touchdowns — Stephens on an 18-yard run, Ian Lampman on a one-yard carry and a 20-yard pass play from Chris Madigan to Mike Berrettini — for a 21-0 lead.

Stephens and Rick Maxa added second-half TDs, both on one-yard carries. Placekicker Anthony McDonald contributed to the offensive crush by nailing all five of his extra-point attempts.

Stephens' 204 yards came on 27 carries. He has now gained 715 yards and scored nine touchdowns in three games.

The Crusaders were the only Catholic high school football team in the diocese to come out victorious, or even generate much offense, over the weekend. In other Sept. 17 games, Aquinas Institute (2-1) lost 25-6 to host Edison Tech; Bishop Kearney (0-3) was downed 12-7 at Victor; and Geneva DeSales (0-3) suffered a 13-0 defeat at Watkins Glen. In addition, McQuaid Jesuit was nipped 8-7 by visiting Franklin on Sept. 16.

More highlights

Our Lady of Mercy (5-1) re-asserted itself as the Private-Parochial League's best in girls' soccer by downing host Aquinas 1-0 on Sept. 15 and adding a 5-0 win at Kearney on Sept. 17. Gina Montesano scored the deciding goal against AQ, and Abby Wambach's two goals led the way against BK.

Elmira Notre Dame ran its girls' soc-

cer record to 6-0-1 by winning two home games: 3-0 over Groton on Sept. 12 (behind two goals from Asha Persaud) and 3-1 over Horseheads on Sept. 14.

Other girls' soccer winners were BK, which earned a 5-0 win over Nazareth Academy on Sept. 14 as Courtney Shores and Mary Finucane each collected two goals; Aquinas, which won 4-1 over Williamsville North on Sept. 16 behind Katya Metidieri's two goals; and Nazareth, which used goals from Amy Gontarek and Katie Poinan to gain a 2-0 victory over Northstar on Sept. 12.

In boys' soccer, McQuaid's Sean Crowley scored twice in the Knights' 3-0 win over Canandaigua on Sept. 12.

Meanwhile, the McQuaid cross-country squad placed first in the Sept. 17 Auburn Invitational. McQ's Jeff Clark was also the top individual finisher with his time of 16 minutes, 52 seconds.

In girls' cross-country, Nazareth's Karen Scozzafava claimed first place at the Nazareth Invitational held Sept. 17 at Rochester's Maplewood Park. Scozzafava's effort not only enabled the Lasers to place second in the small-schools division, but her time of 20:24 was the best among both small- and large-school competitors.

Also on Sept. 17, Mercy placed second at the Spencerport Invitational. The Monarchs' Kathryn Belgiorio finished fourth individually with a time of 20:13.

In girls' volleyball, Aquinas started its season strongly by winning three matches: 15-3, 7-15, 15-6, 15-12 over Wilson on Sept. 13; 15-8, 5-15, 15-13, 15-5 over Edison on Sept. 14; and 7-15, 15-8, 16-14, 3-15, 15-11 over Nazareth on Sept. 15.

Also recording a volleyball trifecta was Mercy, which won 15-5, 15-4, 15-2 over Nazareth on Sept. 13; 11-15, 12-15, 15-12, 15-7, 15-8 over Harley Allendale-Columbia on Sept. 15; and 4-15, 15-4, 15-6, 15-13 over Newark on Sept. 16.

Nazareth gained a girls' volleyball victory with a 15-5, 15-10, 8-15, 15-13 decision over Wilson on Sept. 12.

Meanwhile, the McQ boys' volleyball team continued its impressive season by winning 15-5, 11-15, 17-15, 7-15, 18-16 over Canandaigua on Sept. 12; and 15-7, 15-11, 12-15, 15-11 over Spencerport on Sept. 14. The Knights then endured their first loss in six matches when they were defeated by Fairport on Sept. 16.

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