FEATURE

Extra experience gives edge to McQ, Mercy

By Mike Latona Staff writer

The 1994 volleyball season has been a coach's dream thus far for McQuaid Jesuit's Ed Waller and Our Lady of Mercy's Nancy Wunder.

Instead of spending valuable extra minutes harping on the fundamentals, Waller and Wunder have watched their athletes roll up lots of early-season wins after intensive off-season preparation.

"Six of my kids play club ball with Pace-Bootlegger (a premier Rochester travel program). They begin after our season is over and goes right through to the summer," said Waller, whose Knights have sizzled to a 2-0 start in the City-Catholic League and a 7-1 overall record. "I encourage them to do that. It's a great program and I see such great improvement."

Wunder, whose Mercy girls own a 4-0 record in Private-Parochial League play and 5-1 overall mark, remarked, "It's been surprising to me, because I have only two returning starters. But all the girls went to camp and worked really hard over the summer."

McQuaid is the only Catholic high school in the diocese with a boys' varsity volleyball team. Mercy, meanwhile, competes in the Private-Parochial League with Aquinas Institute, which has gotten off to a 3-2 start after winning only three matches all of last season; Nazareth Academy, which finished play last week with a 2-5 mark; and Bishop Kearney, which stood at 1-6.

Here are some of the leading players on each squad:

The best bargain in town is an admission ticket to a McQuaid Jesuit volleyball match. Of the Knights' eight matches, five have gone the maximum five games – and during one stretch, Continued on page 9



McQuaid Jesuit's Brad Cohen (right) buries a shot past Don Ray of Livonia during a Sept. 22 match at McQuaid. The Knights swept the Buildogs by scores of 15-5, 15-1 and 15-10.

Home cooking holds taste of victory for Geneva DeSales

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All that matters to Geneva DeSales is its current one-game winning streak, not what happened earlier this season.

A lopsided victory can cure a lot of ills, and the Saints did just what the doctor ordered in front of their hometown fans this past Saturday, Sept. 24.

DeSales' 26-0 rout of South Seneca gave the Saints a perfect 1-0 record at Loman Field after three straight seasonopening losses on the road.

"We just kind of woke up," said Coach Mark Mccheyne. "Hopefully the kids are now positive and can see what they're capable of doing."

DeSales got on the board against South Seneca with Jayson Lamson's oneyard touchdown run in the first quarter, making the score 6-0. The Saints went to the air for a pair of second-period TDs — on a 10-yard play from Scott Kent to Jason Telarico and a 26-yard connection between Lamson and Ben Kiley – for a 20-0 halftime bulge. John Parshall closed out the scoring with a twoyard TD run in the final quarter.

Lamson completed seven of 18 pass attempts for 84 yards, and Mike Windle rushed 10 times for 67 yards and added two receptions for 25 yards.

This marked the Saints' first shutout win, as well as their widest margin of victory, since the 1990 season.

Also recording a shutout last weekend was Elmira Notre Dame, which ran its record to 4-0 with a 13-0 home win over Corning West on Sept. 23.

ND did all the game's scoring in the second period, when Joel Stephens put together touchdown runs of 18 and 31 yards. The Crusaders limited Corning to 95 total yards, and committed no turnovers and only 20 penalty yards.

"I was very pleased with the effort of all our players. We made very few mistakes," said Coach Mike D'Aloisio.

Coming up short in Sept. 24 games were Aquinas Institute (2-2), which was

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edged 22-21 at home by Marshall; Mc-Quaid Jesuit (0-4), which was stopped 20-6 by visiting Wilson Magnet; and Bishop Kearney (0-4), which suffered an 11-6 loss at Penn Yan.

More sports highlights

Elmira Notre Dame (9-0-1) ran its girls' soccer victory streak to eight games by winning 3-0 over Corning on Sept. **Continued on page 9**

