

# Monarch-Irish rivalry heats up

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Even if so much were not at stake, any clash between Our Lady of Mercy and Aquinas Institute would still be eagerly anticipated.

Yet first place was on the minds of these Private-Parochial League rivals when they met on the soccer field and volleyball court last week, and their high level of play reflected the importance of these matches.

In soccer, Mercy clinched the league crown with a 3-0 home win over Aquinas last Friday, Oct. 7. The Monarchs improved their record to 5-0 in Private-Parochial play, while AQ fell to 2-2.

Abby Wambach's first-half goal gave the Monarchs a 1-0 lead. AQ came back strong and dominated much of the second half, and it wasn't until Mary Ellen Dzakowic and Gina Montesano scored just 33 seconds apart with under four minutes to go that Mercy iced the win.

Coach Kathy Boughton pointed out that Mercy goalie Kelly O'Neill, who recorded 23 saves, was the difference.

"Kelly made some awesome saves. She's as good as a college goalie," said Boughton, whose team went 4-for-4 last week to improve its overall record to 10-2-1. The Monarchs' other wins were all shutouts as well: 6-0 over Nazareth Academy on Oct. 4; 4-0 over Bishop Kearney on Oct. 5; and 4-0 over Hilton on Oct. 8.

Moving indoors, Aquinas rallied for a tense five-game volleyball win over visiting Mercy on Oct. 4 by scores of 9-15, 10-15, 15-11, 15-10, and 18-16. That triumph, combined with a 14-16, 16-14, 15-9, 15-0 win over Bishop Kearney on



Wendy Longlade/Photo intern  
Our Lady of Mercy's Katie Fitzgerald (left) vies for the ball with Aquinas Institute's Jessica Parmalee during an Oct. 7 game at Mercy. The Monarchs' 3-0 win enabled them to clinch the Private-Parochial League title.

Oct. 7, gave the Little Irish a 4-1 league record (8-2 overall) — only slightly behind Mercy's first-place 5-1 mark.

AQ shook off two match points in the fifth game against Mercy, achieving the victory when Chrissy Thiele served an ace for the final point.

"We just put it in our heads that we

were going to get it done," said AQ Coach Antonia Sweet, who also noted that this was Aquinas' first-ever varsity volleyball win against Mercy.

## More sports highlights

Aquinas avenged its girls' soccer loss to Mercy by earning a 1-0 victory over Kenmore East (Section 6, Buffalo area) on Sept. 8 as Tricia DiQuattro scored and Tara Berardi made 14 saves.

Elmira Notre Dame (7-0, 13-0-1) stayed perfect in Sullivan Trail Conference girls' soccer by winning 3-2 against Horseheads on Oct. 3 and 7-0 over Corning on Oct. 5. The victories gave ND a two-game lead in the STC with only three league games to play.

Other girls' soccer success came from Nazareth Academy, which won 2-0 over Northstar Christian Academy on Oct. 6 behind Amy Gontarek's two goals; and Kearney, which prevailed 1-0 over Wilson Magnet on Oct. 3 on a Chelsie Pero goal and 4-0 over Eastridge on Oct. 7 behind Sandy Moll's pair of goals.

In boys' soccer, McQuaid Jesuit gained two wins by defeating Marshall 4-2 in overtime on Oct. 7 and Honeoye Falls-Lima by a 2-1 count on Oct. 8.

Kearney gained a 3-2 boys' soccer win  
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## Three Golden Flyers to play in nationals

PITTSFORD — Nazareth College will send three women's tennis players to the Rolex National Small College Championships in Oklahoma City Oct. 27-30.

Leading the way will be first singles player Toshimi Sugimoto, who won the Rolex Northeast Regional Tournament held Sept. 24-25 at William Smith College. Joining Sugimoto at nationals will be the Golden Flyer doubles team of junior Kathleen Moynihan and sophomore Kris Antonyak.

## City of Rochester begins fall, winter rec schedule

ROCHESTER — The City of Rochester has begun its fall and winter recreation program at 28 sites.

Hundreds of free youth and adult activities are available, such as social and cultural events and sports. Some programs, field trips and special events require a pre-registration fee.

For details about activities and locations, call 716/428-6755.

## Tournament garners \$2,500 for St. Joseph's

ELMIRA — The fifth annual Ed Widman Memorial Golf Tournament, held Sept. 11 at Elmira Country Club, raised more than \$2,500 for the St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation.

Proceeds will be used for the St. Joseph's Children's Health Improvement Project.

Tournament winners were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Abderhalden; Mr. and Mrs. John Wilmot finished as runners-up.

## Physically challenged to compete at Brockport

BROCKPORT — The eighth annual Western Region New York State Parks Games for the Physically Challenged are set for Oct. 14-15 at SUNY College at Brockport.

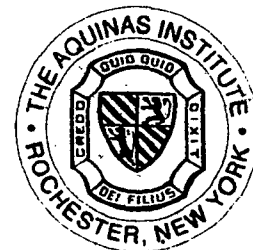
These games are open to physically challenged athletes between the ages of 5 and 21. Nearly 300 athletes will participate in various events at the Tuttle Athletics Complex and Special Olympics Stadium. For details, call Pam Maryjanowski at 716/395-5620.

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