

Saints swing to 2nd-place finish

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For many high-school leagues around the state, the golf season is traditionally held in springtime and girls' swimming is conducted during winter months.

On the other hand, three diocesan squads — the Geneva DeSales and Elmira Notre Dame golfers, and Our Lady of Mercy's swimmers — are thrust into competition as soon as the school year begins.

DeSales golf is in the first year of switching from a spring to autumn schedule. Apparently, fallen leaves in the fairway suit the Saints: they posted a 6-2 record in Finger Lakes West competition this season to finish in second place. Their overall mark was 6-6.

DeSales' most consistent golfer was junior Sarah Walters, a transfer from Union Springs. Not only was she the Saints' only female, but she was also their best player. This was accomplished even though she played from the white tees, the same distance as the boys.

"She's got a good all-around game. She hits the ball beautifully," remarked Coach Dick Shipley.

Walters fired a 40, her year's best nine-hole total, to gain medalist honors in leading DeSales to a 232-235 victory over Romulus. The season-ending match was played last Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Seneca Falls Country Club.

Another top finisher for the Saints has been Dan Osborne, a junior. Rounding out the squad are juniors Sean O'Donnell, John Hannan, Chris Petrosino and Justin Toner; and freshmen David Peters, Aaron Petrosino and Wylie Crisanti.

Elmira Notre Dame recorded a 2-8 record this fall in the challenging Sullivan Trail Conference. However, Coach A.J. Montanarella is looking forward to the Section 4 Class D tournament in May of 1995, when the Saints will compete against schools with similar enrollments.

"I think we've got a pretty decent chance in sectionals. We might surprise somebody," said Montanarella.

Freshman Tim Murray led the Crusaders in 1994 with a 42.9 stroke average. Other ND players were juniors Jason Peck, Steve Janeski and Rob McNamara; sophomore Joe Maio; freshmen Andy Agan, Dan Cain, Jesse Peck, Eric Williams and Jason Miccio; and eighth-grader Andy Friends.

Mercy's swimmers are another unit



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DeSales' Sarah Walters Oct. 11 tees off on the third hole at Seneca Falls Country Club during a season-ending match against Romulus. Walters shot a 40, the day's best score, in leading the Saints to a 232-235 win.

hoping to make a strong impact at sectional time. The Monarchs will compete in the Section 5 Class B meet on Nov. 11 at the University of Rochester.

"Our goal is to place someone in the finals in each event," said Coach Todd Yunker, whose team had posted a 2-5 dual-meet record through last week. The Monarchs won 108-78 over host Batavia on Oct. 13 before losing 110-76 at Spencerport on Oct. 15.

One of Mercy's top events is the 200-yard medley relay which features freshman Christina Brassler, junior Michelle Moosbrugger, sophomore Jennifer Moffett and freshman Cassie Ingersoll.

Individual events for these swimmers include Brassler in the 50 free, 100 free and 100 backstroke; Moosbrugger in the 50 free, 100 free and 100 breaststroke; Moffett in the 100 butterfly; and Ingersoll in the 200 individual medley.

Distance events are performed by Kim Cupini, an eighth-grader. She won the 200 and 500 against Batavia, while Brassler was a double winner that day in the 50 free and 100 back.

Other notable Monarchs are sophomore Emmie Ingersoll in the IM; sophomore Gina DeBergalis in diving; and junior Jennifer Maxwell in the 500 free.

Peak Performers

Three football players at Catholic high schools in the diocese were named among the top players in the Eastern Region by *Blue Chip Illustrated* magazine, a publication of the National College Recruiting Association.

James Miner, a running back at Aquinas Institute; Israel Sak, an offensive lineman for Aquinas; and Joel Stephens, a running back and defensive back for Elmira Notre Dame; were all recognized.



Several Bishop Kearney High School players attended the Shamrock Basketball Camp held in August at the American International College in Springfield, Mass.

Serving as guest lecturer was Boston College head coach Jim O'Brien, pictured above with (from left) BK's Dan Tytler, Tim Dillon, Scott Harrison, Wayne Sergeant and Nick Ostrowski.

Other speakers included Rene Ingoglia, a former BK football star who now plays running back for the University of Massachusetts; and BK assistant athletic director Brother Paul Hannon.

EDITORS' NOTE: "Peak Performers" appears periodically on the sports page. Its purpose is to highlight diocesan Catholics of all ages who have achieved notable athletic feats. This includes those Catholics who attend public schools. Readers are invited to submit such items to Mike Latona at the Catholic Courier, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y., 14624. Please specify your school, if applicable, and home parish. Photographs are welcome. Use of submissions and photos is subject to editors' discretion.

Elmira Notre Dame girls clinch league, remain unbeaten

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Even with a league title in the bag, Elmira Notre Dame had no plans to relax as the regular season wound down.

The next goal: preserving that goose egg in the loss column.

"We've never gone undefeated in a season," explained ND Coach Steve Weber, whose girls' soccer team clinched the Sullivan Trail Conference championship with a 3-1 home win over Elmira Free Academy last Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Notre Dame improved its record to 8-0 in STC play and 14-0-1 overall. The Crusaders will likely be the No. 1 seed when they begin defense of their Section 4 Class C championship next week.

Lindsay West gave ND a 1-0 lead over EFA when she converted a corner kick from Shelly Fagan with 4:00 remaining in the first half. Fagan made it 2-0 on a penalty kick 10:00 into the second half.

Jen Keefe got the Blue Devils' only goal with 23:00 left in the game, but Jenny Spaziani gave the Crusaders some in-

surance on a breakaway just two minutes later. Fagan figured in that goal as well, getting the assist.

"Defensively, they've really improved a lot this season. We've never given up more than one goal in a game," Weber commented. "And offensively, the passing has gotten better. We've gotten more assists than in past years."

More sports highlights

Gina Montesano scored two goals in leading Our Lady of Mercy to a 3-2 girls' soccer win over Monroe County League power Pittsford Mendon on Oct. 10. The Monarchs (12-2-1) also won 7-0 over Sacred Heart of Buffalo on Oct. 15 behind two goals from Tracey Green.

Nazareth Academy (9-4-1) picked up two victories: 2-0 over Lima Christian on Oct. 11 and 3-2 over C.G. Finney on Oct. 13. Traci Sergeant scored all three goals against Finney.

Aquinas Institute (9-6) blanked Bishop Kearney, 4-0, on Oct. 15 as goalie Tara Berardi picked up her seventh shutout of

the season. BK (7-6-2) also earned a shutout win last week, 3-0 over East on Oct. 12, behind goals from Jessica Thomas, Sandy Moll and Janet Lansing.

In boys' soccer, McQuaid Jesuit (10-4-1) won 5-1 over Kearney on Oct. 10 and 4-0 over East on Oct. 13 before playing Penfield to a 0-0 tie on Oct. 15. Adam Lehmann made 10 saves against East and 17 against Penfield.

Aquinas (2-10-1) picked up a 6-0 boys' soccer win over Northstar Christian on Oct. 11 as Jason Weidert and Chad Chamberlain scored two goals each.

In girls' tennis, Mercy's Sue Ciccone reached the Section 5 Class B tournament finals with a 6-3, 6-0 win over Newark's Shannon DeWitt on Oct. 15 at Holiday Tennis in Brighton. Ciccone, the top seed, is scheduled to face Pittsford Sutherland's Leila Monajati in the title match on Oct. 20 at Holiday.

In boys' cross-country, AQ's Jason Hasert recorded a time of 18 minutes, 26 seconds to place first in a City-Catholic League meet at Cobbs Hill Park on Oct. 11. Hasert went on to take

fifth place, with a time of 17:43, at the Fairport/Brighton Invitational held Oct. 15 at Mendon Ponds Park.

McQuaid's Jeff Clark (14:42) claimed fifth place at the Catholic Memorial Invitational on Oct. 15 in Boston. The Knights took fourth in team scoring.

Girls' cross-country highlights from Oct. 15: Nazareth's Karen Scozzafava, who finished second (18:56) in the Olympia Invitational at Seneca Park; the Mercy team, which placed fourth in Division I of the Fairport/Brighton Invitational; and AQ's Tacy Amering, who took seventh (22:36) in Division II of the Fairport/Brighton meet.

In girls' volleyball, Nazareth gained its first Private-Parochial League win of the year with a 15-12, 15-6, 15-13, 15-11 decision over Aquinas on Oct. 13. AQ bounced back for a 15-8, 15-13, 15-11 win over Wheatland-Chili on Oct. 14; and Mercy also triumphed that day by sweeping East 15-5, 15-9, 15-0.

In boys' volleyball, McQuaid (15-2) won 15-6, 15-13, 15-7 over Livonia on Oct. 11.