

PEAK PERFORMANCES

Christina Bruner, an Elmira Notre Dame High School graduate, has quickly made an impact with the Georgetown University women's soccer program.

Only a freshman, Bruner was recently selected as the team's 1994 Most Valuable Offensive Player. She scored seven goals and added nine assists for the Division I Hoyas.

In her senior year at Elmira Notre Dame, Bruner helped the Crusaders to their first-ever Section 4 Class C championship.

Speaking of Notre Dame girls' soccer, nine members of the 1994 Crusaders were named to the Sullivan Trail Conference All-Star first and second teams.

First-team selections included Michelle May, Shelly Fagan, Megan Smith and Jen Spaziani. Making the second team were Lindsay West, Asha Persaud, Georgia Grieco, Jenny Hill and Emily Violette.

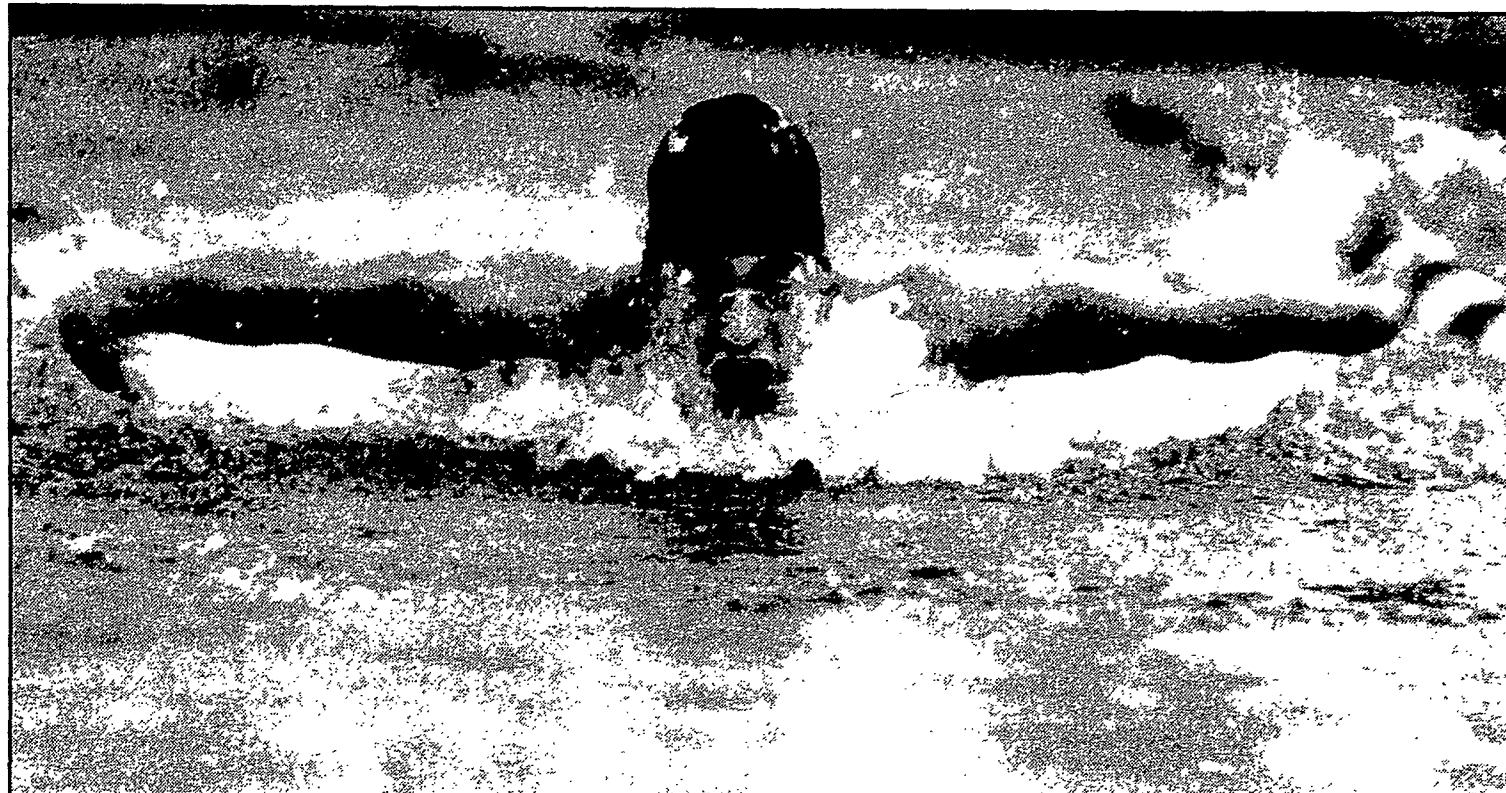
ND posted a 19-1-1 record this past fall, winning the conference championship and reaching the Section 4 Class C finals.

Several Bishop Kearney fall athletes gained selection to various all-league first teams. They include:

Football — Brendan Murray and Vernon Banks; boys' soccer — Jason Rene and Jason Mersdorf; volleyball — Melissa Valbergs; and girls' soccer — Teresa Keogh, Janet Lansing and Sandy Moll.

O'Gaffer Brian Dioguardi and coach Kris Knapp will be part of a Monroe County Special Olympics contingent which will participate in the 1995 Special Olympics World Games this summer.

The games are scheduled to take place July 1-9 in Connecticut. Dioguardi trains at School of the Holy Childhood and Knapp is an aquatics coach and teacher at the school, which serves mentally retarded children and adults.



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Aquinas Institute's Steve Martini competes in the 100-yard butterfly during a non-league meet at Brighton on Jan. 13. The Little Irish lost to the Barons, 55-35.

Quality keeps Irish swimmers competitive

What the Aquinas Institute swim team lacks in numbers, the Little Irish make up for in athletic ability.

"We only have 10 kids, but we have pretty good quality and the kids are working hard," said Coach Todd Yunker.

Aquinas' record stood at 3-3 after a 55-35 loss at Brighton on Friday, Jan. 13. They've gone 2-for-3 in City-Catholic League competition, recording wins over East and Edison Tech while falling to Wilson Magnet.

Although Wilson appears to be the favorite in this year's league race, Yunker is "hoping to take second place" in the City-Catholic League championships Feb. 15-16.

Sophomore Todd Brown is a potential top-three finisher in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events at the Section 5 Class B competition later this winter. His brother Wade, a senior, performs in the 50 and 100 free.

Other leading AQ swimmers are junior Joe Kessler (100 free, 100 breaststroke); sophomore Brian Quinn (re-

lays); junior Paul Chwiecko (200 free, 100 backstroke); sophomore Steve Martini (200 individual medley, 100 butterfly); and sophomore Brian Peppers (100 fly).

In addition, the Little Irish are bolstered by the presence of two female swimmers, sophomores Liz Rinaldi (200 and 500 free) and Karlee Schramm (200 IM and 100 breast). Rinaldi set a school record for girls with a time of 2 minutes, 26.86 seconds during her team's 54-40 loss at Wilson on Jan. 10.

McQuaid Jesuit (1-2, 1-4) has found the waters rather unkind thus far in 1994-95. Coach Marijo Phillips acknowledged that the Knights have been crippled by graduation losses, but she also emphasized that the future looks promising.

"We graduated half our team, so this is really a building year," Phillips said. "We have several seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders, and those kids are improving a lot."

The Knights picked up their first victory last week, defeating host Edison Tech 65-28 on Jan. 10. McQ was then dunked 59-35 at East on Jan. 12.

Senior Chris Downs (200, 500 free), freshman Dave Logan (50, 100 free) and senior John Halligan (100 fly, 100 breast) were all double winners in the Edison triumph. Halligan is also a strong performer in the 50 free.

Other key Knights are senior Bryan Kazley (50 free, 100 breast); sophomore Akos Mersich (200 IM, 100 fly); and sophomores Steve Bezila (100 back) and Mike Webb (200 IM, 500 free).

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scored 28 points in the Horseheads win, and Brad Polk had a team-high 18 points against Corning West as the Crusaders moved into a first-place tie in the Sullivan Trail Conference (5-1 league record) with Horseheads.

McQuaid Jesuit (6-0, 9-3) remained perfect in the City-Catholic League by winning 72-63 at home over East on Jan. 10 and 70-66 at Franklin on Jan. 13. Rob Norris' 19 points led the Knights against East, and Ben Wandtke was tops against Franklin with 25.

Bishop Kearney's boys (11-1) suffered their first loss, 59-54 against visiting Marshall on Jan. 10, but the Kings got back on track with a 61-45 home win over Mynderse Academy on Jan. 12 behind double-figure scoring from Vernon Banks (16), Adam Randall (15), Kevin Goode (14) and Patrick Goode (12).

In wrestling, McQuaid won 49-24 at Marshall on Jan. 12 and then earned a fifth-place finish among 20 squads at the Clayton Barnard Memorial Tournament, held Jan. 13-14 at Hilton. Two Knights, Adam Lehmann (167 pounds) and Eric Mack-Davis (215), earned individual tournament titles; and two others, Brandon Rood (177) and Jason DiCesare (215), finished second.

Ben Saks' second-place showing was the high finish for Elmira Notre Dame's

wrestlers in the Jan. 14 Hammondsport Tournament.

In boys' bowling, McQuaid won 3-0 over East on Jan. 10 and 2-1 over Edison on Jan. 12. Aquinas also triumphed twice, defeating Edison 2-1 on Jan. 10 and Marshall by a 3-0 count on Jan. 12.

The McQuaid ski team placed second among seven schools in the giant slalom during Wayne County League Alpine competition on Jan. 11 at Bristol Mountain. McQ's Jay Magee also took second individually that day.

In hockey, Mike Corey scored two goals as Aquinas (3-8-2) settled for a 3-3 tie with Rush-Henrietta on Jan. 14 at Lakeshore Rinks.

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