

## Kings crown Knights before sellout

### BK's balance spurs big win

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It's not what his own doctor would have ordered, but it sure did help subdue Adam Randall's flu.

Aspirin? No thanks.

Rest? Not now, got more important things to do.

McQuaid Jesuit?

Now we're talking.

For Randall, there was no better medicine than getting psyched for a clash with his Bishop Kearney basketball team's chief rival.

"It was the biggest game of my life and I was never going to get a chance to play McQuaid again," acknowledged the BK senior forward, who, just three hours before game time, had been lying in bed with a 102-degree temperature.

By the opening tip, Randall was on the floor in front of his school's biggest basketball crowd in more than 20 years.

"The adrenaline took over," he said.

And then some. Randall scored a team-high 19 points while three other Kings had at least 16 as BK left McQuaid ailing with a 91-67 rout on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Kearney's victory, played before a screeching sellout throng of more than 1,000 people, gave the Kings a season sweep of the Knights. They also won 64-54 at McQuaid back on Dec. 23.

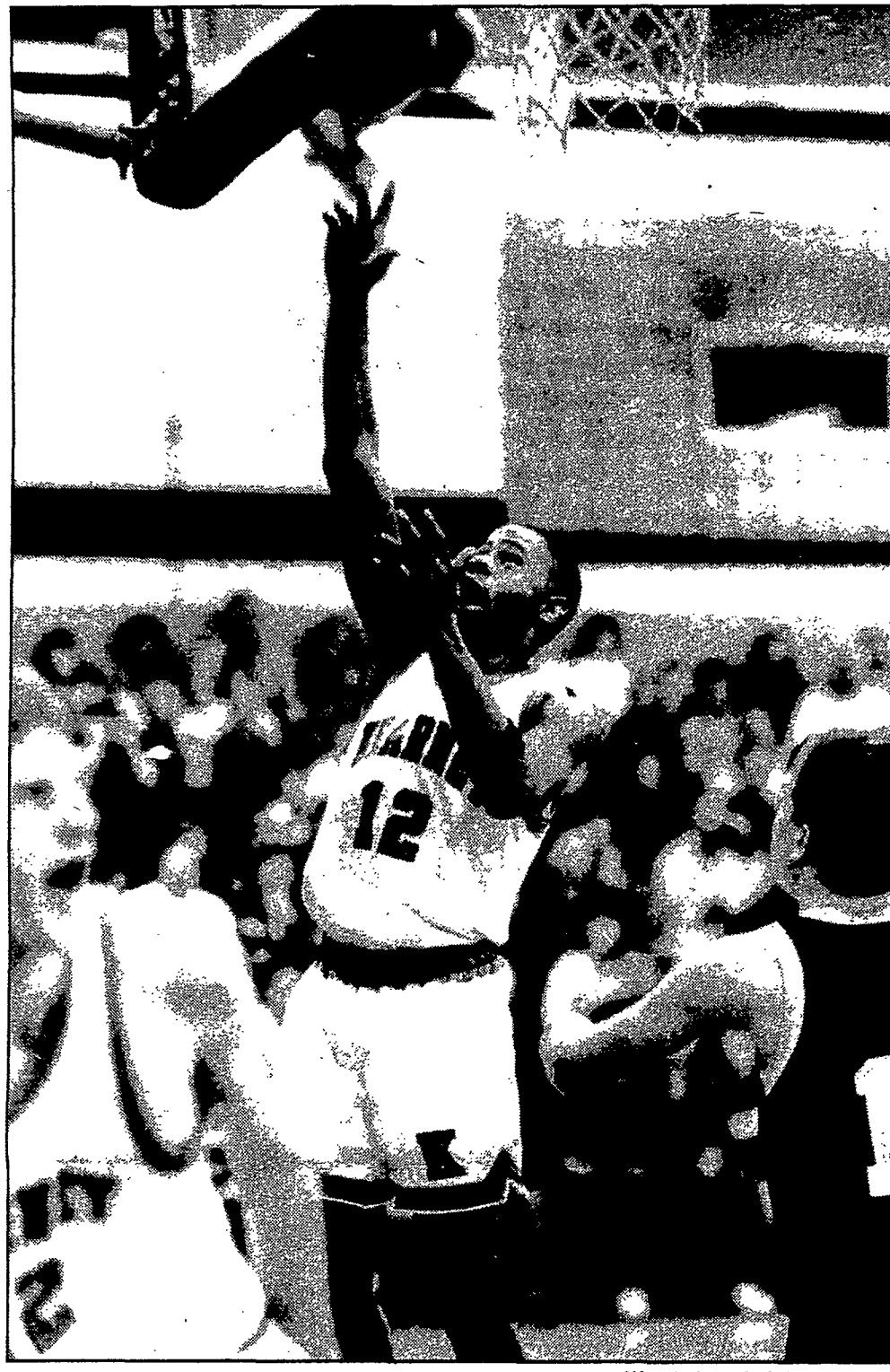
Coach Ed Nietopski's club played nearly flawless basketball, executing devastating fast breaks and tough interior defense.

"We forced them to shoot outside, and they were off," Randall commented in the jubilant BK locker room.

"It was one of those days when all the pieces of the puzzle fit in," added Nietopski, whose club's 91 points exceeded its previous season high by 10 (81-69 over Buffalo Turner-Carroll on Dec. 16).

The victory improved Kearney's 1994-95 record to 13-1 while the Knights suffered their third straight loss and fell to 9-6.

BK left McQuaid gasping from the get-go, scoring 11 of the contest's first 13 points and leading 20-7 after one quarter. McQuaid never got closer than 11 after that, and the Kings went into the



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**Bishop Kearney's Kevin Goode shoots a layup during a Jan. 21 home game against McQuaid Jesuit High School. Goode scored 16 points in the Kings' 91-67 victory before more than 1,000 spectators.**

locker room with a 40-21 halftime edge on Mark Jensen's two-handed slam dunk with :03 remaining.

The Kings continued to pour it on after intermission, leading 63-43 after three periods and going up by as many as 28 in the final quarter.

In addition to his 19 points, Randall led the Kings with seven assists. Other prime-time performers were Vernon Banks, 18 points and nine rebounds; Jensen, 17 points and nine boards; and Kevin Goode, 16 points and five assists.

Jensen said he wasn't all that surprised about the Kings' lopsided win against a school which has traditionally held the upper hand against them.

"When we put everything together, we can score as much as we want," he

asserted.

McQuaid Coach Joe Marchese declined to comment after the game.

The night's high scorer was Fox, a sophomore center, who scored all of his club's first-quarter points and finished with 20. McQ's Ben Wandtke added 12.

Four nights before the McQuaid triumph, BK added a 67-40 win at Geneva. Balance was again the key as Banks scored 14 points while Randall had 12 and Kevin and Patrick Goode each totaled nine.

At the rate they're going, the Kings could be unstoppable in their quest for a second consecutive Section 5 Class B title — especially when Randall's analysis is taken into account.

"We haven't reached our peak yet," he said.

## Kearney rally produces 6-5 hockey victory

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The 3-12 record Bishop Kearney carried into the game didn't matter.

Neither did the fact that the Kings squandered a two-goal lead and fell behind by the same margin against Penfield last Thursday, Jan. 19.

Kearney had every reason in the world to fold the tent, but the Kings refused to take the easy way out.

As a result, they got perhaps their most satisfying hockey win of the year.

BK stormed back for a 6-5 win over the Chiefs in a game played at Lakeshore Rinks. The deciding goal came when Charles Albert broke a 5-5 tie with 10 minutes, 50 seconds, remaining in the final period.

"These guys never quit; that pretty much sums it up," said BK Coach Rob Liberatore. "People like watching us because of that."

BK took a quick 2-0 lead when David O'Neil scored 2:08 into the game and Jon Providence added another goal just 10 seconds later. Penfield scored five of the next six goals for a 5-3 advantage, but Providence and Charlie Nersinger scored just over a minute apart late in the second period to set the stage for Albert's game-winner. David Principe had the Kings' other goal.

Kearney (5-12) went on to score a 9-1 victory over Albion in a contest played Jan. 21 at Batavia. Nersinger and Justin Nucci scored twice each in that win.

### More sports highlights

McQuaid Jesuit's hockey squad (8-8) was a 5-1 winner over Irondequoit on Jan. 18 at Genesee Valley Ice Arena. Tim Dever and Kyle Hanford led the Knights with two goals each.

In boys' swimming, Aquinas Institute (5-3) earned two City-Catholic League home wins: 54-39 over McQuaid on Jan. 17 and 48-40 over East on Jan. 19. Todd Brown, Steve Martini and Liz Rinaldi were double winners against McQuaid; and Brown and Joe Kessler won two events each against East.

The Elmira Notre Dame wrestlers (8-3) shook off a 39-24 home loss to Groton on Jan. 15 by winning 52-23 over visiting Elmira Free Academy on Jan. 19 and 39-25 at Spencer-Van Etten on Jan. 21. Kevin Wilson led ND with pins in all three meets.

Kearney's wrestlers (1-4) posted their first victory of the season by knocking off Franklin, 36-27, on Jan. 17 at BK.

In skiing, Jay Magee's first-place individual finish enabled McQuaid to win a seven-team meet on Jan. 18 at Swain.

AQ's bowlers were on fire in a pair of 2-1 victories over McQuaid last week. Mike McPherson rolled a 278 game on Jan. 17, and Little Irish teammate Paul Perotto added a 267 on Jan. 19.

### Five games scheduled for Kearney Classic

ROCHESTER — A full day of basketball will be featured at the sixth annual Kearney Invitational Classic, set for Sunday, Feb. 5, at the Community War Memorial.

Pairing and times are: Greece Arcadia vs. Greece Athena boys, noon; Pittsford Sutherland vs. Buffalo St. Joseph's boys, 2 p.m.; Brockport vs. Waterloo boys, 3:30 p.m.; Webster vs. Bishop Kearney girls, 5:30 p.m.; and Greece Olympia vs. BK boys, 7:30 p.m.

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