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Hockey teams skate convincingly into semifinals

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It's been one upsetting moment after another for the 1994-95 McQuaid Jesuit, **Bishop Kearney and Aquinas Institute** hockey teams.

Yet after the latest batch of upsets, all three squads -who frequently struggled during regular-season play -were walking away with smiles.

Not to mention berths in the Section 5 semifinals. McQuaid, BK and AQ all scored sectional quarterfinal wins over higher-seeded opponents on Saturday, Feb. 18:

 McQuaid, seeded No. 7 in Class A, won 3-2 in overtime over No. 2 Webster at Thomas Creek Ice Arena. The victory boosted the Knights into a semifinal matchup against No. 3 Brockport on Feb. 22, with the winner facing either Pittsford or Greece for the championship on Feb. 25 at Rochester Institute of Technology. McQuaid, which improved its record to 13-11, had previously scored a 15-1 rout of No. 10 Penfield in pre-quarterfinal play on Feb. 15 at Genesee Valley Ice Arena.

• Kearney, seeded No. 6 in Class B, blitzed No. 3 Batavia Notre Dame by an 8-2 count in a game played at Batavia. The Kings (6-16-1) moved on to a Feb. 22 semifinal game against No. 7 Irondequoit, with the winner playing either Batavia or Aquinas in the Feb. 25 finals



McQuaid and Aquinas, shown above during a Monroe County game earlier this season, advanced to the Section 5 semifinals along with Bishop Kearney.

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 Aquinas, the No. 5 seed in Class B, scored a 5-1 decision over host and fourth-seeded Geneva/DeSales. The Irish (6-14-2) were set to face top-seeded Batavia in a Feb. 21 semifinal game.

McQ 3, Webster 2

The Knights' Andy Hyatt ended this

McQuaid places second at track championships

First-place finishes by Greg Schlachter, Tim Tyre and the 1,600-meter relay helped McQuaid Jesuit to a second-place showing in the Section 5 Class A indoor track championships. The meet was held Saturday, Feb. 18, at Hobart College in Geneva,

Schlachter jumped 13 feet, 6 inches to claim top honors in the pole vault. His next-closest competitor, Churchville-Chili's Adam Steinwachs, took second at 13-0.

Tyre won the 300-meter run with a time of 36.2 seconds, nosing out Brockport's Mike Winslow (:36.3)

Tyre also contributed to the victorious 1,600 relay, joining Harmel Charles, Alan LaChapelle and Brian Joseph for a winning time of 3:37.8. Fairport was second in 3:43.8.

Also placing high for the Knights was

champion, finished with 72 points. Fairport won the meet with 122.

In the Class B boys' division, Aquinas Institute took sixth place as a team with second-place performances from Jeff Gontarek in the shot put, Kevin Cleary in the high jump and Tony Long in the triple jump.

The AQ girls claimed third place in their Class B competition, thanks to firstplace finishes from Shola Owodunni and the 800 relay.

Owodunni won the 55 dash in :07.3 to defeat Batavia's Megan McDonald by less than one-tenth of a second. She also ran on the 800 relay with Sue Reifsteck, Jenica Moore and Kelly Bill. Their time was 1:59.2, while second-place Brighton went 2:01.0.

Bishop Kearney, which took eighth place in girls' Class B, was buoyed by second-place finishes from Danyel Gardner (600 run) and the 800 relay. – Mike Latona marathon when he scored with less than three minutes left in the second suddendeath overtime. Kyle-Hanford and Pat Holden assisted on the winning goal.

Earlier McQ scores had come from Nick Berno and Shawn Fowler. Knight goalie Jake Eisenhauer made 32 saves.

Coach Al Vyverberg noted that the Knights were tournament-ready due to the rugged Monroe County Division I competition they faced during the regular season - whereas Webster, which came in with an 18-3-1 record, played in Division II.

"I didn't think it was an upset at all. These teams were as even as they could be," Vyverberg remarked.

Kearney 8, Batavia ND 2

Rich Dobosz gave the Kings all the offense they needed when he scored three goals in staking BK to a 5-0 lead after one period.

Dobosz also had an assist while Charlie Nersinger finished with four goals and two assists. Charlie Albert had BK's other goal.

"We scored on five of our first seven shots. We got some quality scoring opportunities," said Coach Rob Liberatore, whose club coasted despite being outshot 40-29.

The win gave the resurgent Kings a 5-2-1 record in its last eight games.

"The kids are just really playing hard. They never stopped believing in themselves," said Liberatore.

AQ 5, Geneva/DeSales 1

The Irish, who last won sectionals in 1993 as Class A champs, have made the Final Four their first year in Class B.

Mike Corey collected two goals and two assists, and Jeff Camelio added two goals. Mike Pelletier scored AQ's other goal, while goaltenders Jared Zambito and Corey Wehle combined for a strong performance.

Shaun Madigan, a forward, was Geneva DeSales' lone representative on the first-year combined team comprising De-Sales and Geneva high schools.

Aquinas Coach Dave Montgomery noted that sectionals have taken on added meaning for his Little Irish this year since they failed to win or share the Monroe County Division I championship for the first time in five seasons.

"We knew we couldn't win the league, so we emphasized that (sectionals) would -be our whole year," said Montgomery.

Mercy rolls to 64-2 league record

It's one thing to nearly achieve a perfect game.

But a perfect season?

Our Lady of Mercy's bowlers almost accomplished this feat, compiling a staggering 64-2 record in capturing the 1995 Private-Parochial League championship.

The Monarchs were buoyed by a string of consistent performances throughout the season. Senior J.J. Rutt led Mercy with a 157 average, and junior Becky Hodkinson was close behind her at 151. Other team members were sophomore Jennifer Delibert; eighthgrader Ellen Delibert; senior Jacqui Moran; freshman Jessica Maciuska; and freshman Renae Mitrano.

but I was surprised at how quickly they developed," said Smith.

Other notable Private-Parochial performers were Nazareth Academy's Karen Richards, who finished with the league's high average at 164; and Bishop Kearney's Trish Magin, who placed second with a 163.

Mercy will attempt to maintain its success at the Section 5 championships, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 25, at Roseland Bowl in Canandaigua. The Monarchs are defending sectional champions.

Meanwhile, in boys' bowling, Aquinas Institute is this season's City-Catholic League champ. The Little Irish were led by Paul Perotto, who posted the league's high average with a 209.

Andy Robertson, who took second in the high jump.

McQuaid, the defending Class A

Coach Rick Smith said the Monarchs far exceeded his original expectations. "I didn't have a lot of talent come out,

– Mike Latona

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