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"It was definitely the adrenalin," remarked Oliveiri of her gritty performance.

"She rebounds like an animal," commented Coach Kathy Boughton.

At the same time, Oliveiri paid homage to the senior duo of Montesano and O'Neill as Mercy's driving force.

"The leadership of Gina and Kelly is what keeps us in there," she said.

Mercy's title-game opponent, Athena, made a rematch possible by struggling past No. 4 Canandaigua, 54-49, on Feb. 27 at Edison.

Kearney's boys didn't experience any playoff jitters in their matchup with Wayne, taking leads of 18-11, 37-20 and 61-31 at the quarter breaks. Adam Randall led the Kings with 22 points, followed by Vernon Banks with 14.

"(Wayne) played pretty well against us, but our press took its toll as the game went along," BK Coach Ed Nietopski commented. "The kids played hard. They hustled and dove after balls."

McQuaid was hitting on all cylinders against Spencerport, surpassing the 100-point barrier behind 31 points from Ben Wandtke, 19 points from Chris Fox and 20 assists from Rob Norris. The Knights continued to roll against Athena as Wandtke hit for 23 points, while Norris had 22 and Fox added 20.

"We're playing well, peaking at the right time," said Coach Joe Marchese. "I think we're better than our seed number indicates."

Notre Dame got 19 points from Joel Stephens in its first-round win over Downsville. Mike Valeant was the big gun against Margaretville, scoring 22.

Coach Mike D'Aloisio commented that "the strength of our schedule and the depth of our team" were key factors in ND's two decisive sectional wins. The Crusaders clashed with several Class A schools during regular-season play in the Sullivan Trail Conference.

Kearney's girls played Wellsville on even terms until midway through the third quarter, when the Lions put together a 27-2 run which turned a two-point lead into a rout. Yet despite BK's defeat, Coach Paul Forte was extremely pleased that his club — made up almost exclusively of freshmen and sophomores — performed well enough in the regular season to earn a No. 3 sectional seed.

"This group is a joy to work with, and their better days are ahead of them," Forte remarked.

The DeSales girls got a 27-point, seven-steal effort from Stephanie Nearpass in their first-round victory over Alfred-Almond.



S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer
Bishop Kearney's Sandy Moll powers past Jaime Wightman of Wellsville during a Feb. 24 Section 5 Class CCC playoff game at Warsaw High School. BK lost 64-39 to the Lions.

"She's had a great year," DeSales Coach Steve Muzzi said of the Saints' senior forward, who reached the 20-point mark in several mid- and late-season games.

AQ's girls used a balanced offense to blitz Batavia in first-round play. The Irish, who led 36-10 at halftime, were paced by six players who scored at least eight points each.

"That was by far our best game of the year," Coach Tom Moffat said.

Mercy bowlers earn another championship

Once again, it's time for Our Lady of Mercy to pack its bags — bowling-ball bags, that is — for a long trip.

The Monarchs won their second consecutive Section 5 championship with a dominating performance this past Saturday, Feb. 25, at Canandaigua's Roseland Bowl. Mercy totaled 2,361 pins to easily outdistance second-place Irondequoit, which finished with 2,154.

By winning sectionals, Mercy became eligible to compete in the state tournament being held this Saturday, March 4, in Long Island. The Monarchs finished sixth at states last year.

Each of the Monarchs' team games at Roseland — 743, 821 and 797 — was considerably higher than their 710 average during the regular season, when they won the Private-Parochial League title with a 64-2 record.

Mercy was led by senior J.J. Rutt, who compiled the tournament's high series of 549.

Coach Rick Smith noted that his team was dominant despite having only one senior.

"I think people were real surprised," Smith said. "The girls bowled real well."

Also competing in the girls' sectionals was Bishop Kearney, which placed fourth with a total pinfall of 1,987; and Nazareth Academy, which finished eighth with a 1,910.

In boys' sectionals, also held Feb. 25 at Roseland Bowl, Aquinas Institute took second place in the Class A division. The Little Irish had a 2,826 pinfall, while Irondequoit took top honors with 2,881. AQ was buoyed by a 640 series from Chris Russo and a 589 from Paul Perotto.

Also in Class A, McQuaid Jesuit finished fourth with a 2,591 total and Bishop Kearney was eighth with a 2,465.

— Mike Latona

McQuaid wrestlers barely miss state bids

By the narrowest of margins, the seasons and careers of two talented McQuaid Jesuit wrestlers came to an end last weekend.

Adam Lehmann, wrestling in the 167-pound weight class, and Eric Mack-Davis, a 215-pounder, were edged out in the Section 5 Super Sectional state-qualifier championship round. The finals were held Saturday, Feb. 25, at Fairport High School.

Lehmann held a 4-1 lead with 25 seconds remaining in his title bout against Spencerport's Jeremy Chiarelli. Chiarelli, however, gained a takedown and near-fall for five late points to emerge with a 6-4 victory.

Mack-Davis experienced an even closer title bout, ending regulation in a 5-5 tie with Penfield's Mike Liess — the same wrestler he had defeated in the Section 5 Class A finals, 3-2, one week earlier. Mack-Davis lost in overtime to Liess on Saturday after he was assessed two stalling points.

Only the first-place finisher in each weight class from Super Sectionals — which combines sectional classes A through D — became eligible for this weekend's state tournament in Syracuse.

McQuaid Coach Lou Teike noted that while Lehmann and Mack-Davis were disappointed after their defeats, he remained upbeat about their supreme efforts.

"I'm extremely, extremely proud of those two. I couldn't ask them to give any more of themselves," Teike said.

He added that this was the first time since 1991 that any McQuaid wrestler had reached the Super Sectional finals.

Lehmann finished with a 33-4 record this season and was 102-38 for his ca-

reer. Mack-Davis went 32-7 in 1994-95 and compiled a career mark of 86-32.

In the Southern Tier, Elmira Notre Dame's Kevin Wilson was his team's high finisher in the Section 4 state-qualifying meet held Feb. 24-25 at the Binghamton Arena.

Wilson, who took fourth place in the 145-pound division, logged four wins over the weekend to crack the career 100-victory barrier. His final varsity record was 100-41, including a 32-10 mark this past season.

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