

SPORTS
FEATURE

ND gains big early-season victories

Blustery April weather apparently hasn't been doing a snow job on Elmira Notre Dame's athletic squads.

The Crusader baseball team has won its first three games of the spring season, including a 3-2 decision over visiting Troy on Friday, April 7. Joel Stephens' sacrifice fly in the bottom of the seventh inning brought home Matt Cornacchio with the deciding run. Dan Bennett, who relieved starter Rob McNamara in the fourth inning, was the winning pitcher.

Prior to its victory over Troy, Notre Dame won 9-3 over host Canton April 1 and 9-1 over visiting Tioga April 3 as Mike Kozemko tossed a no-hitter.

In lacrosse, Notre Dame's second-year varsity squad opened its season



S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer
Aquinas Institute's Kevin Callahan takes a shot on Rush-Henrietta goalie Mark Ingerick during a non-league game April 6. AQ lost, 15-3, but came back two days later to score a 6-5 win over Brighton.

with a 9-6 victory over host Aquinas Institute in Rochester April 1. Jon Harley keyed the victory by scoring three goals, and Pat Woodhouse added a pair of goals.

In softball, ND romped to a 14-4 home win over Canton March 31 as Emily Violette hit for the cycle (a single, double, triple and home run). The Crusaders also won 8-3 over visiting Tioga April 3 behind a complete-game performance from Tania Meck.

More sports highlights

Aquinas gained its first lacrosse win of the year with some clutch last-minute play in a 6-5 win at Brighton April 8. Shane Kavanagh tied the score at 5-5 with 47 seconds remaining, and Frank DiLiberto netted the game-winner with only 15 seconds to go.

Geneva DeSales flexed its muscles in April 3 action. The baseball team launched a 16-hit attack during a 22-3 victory over host Harley Allendale-Columbia, while the softball squad scored nine runs in both the third and seventh innings en route to a 20-4 victory at H-A-C.

- Mike Latona

Big Brothers/Sisters set annual luncheon

ROCHESTER — Dale Murphy, former two-time National League baseball Most Valuable Player, will serve as guest speaker at the annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters Luncheon Meeting.

The event is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center, 123 E. Main St. Murphy will sign autographs during the pre-luncheon reception beginning at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will begin at 12:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 per person. For details, call Leslie Forde at 716/338-8916 or Jonathan Peart at 454-2292.

BK alumni golf tourney is June 9 at Deerfield

CLARKSON — Bishop Kearney High School alumni are invited to take part in the fifth annual Kearney Golf Classic set for Friday, June 9, at Deerfield Country Club, 2879 Clarkson-Parma Town Line Road.

For details, call Kerri Bishop at 716/342-4000.

PEAK PERFORMANCES

Two teams representing the CYO basketball program from St. Lawrence Church, Greece, recently captured major tournament titles.

The high-school squad, under head coach Todd Prince, won the Bishop Clark Tournament March 11-12 in Elmira. Also that weekend, St. Lawrence's grade 7-8 squad, coached by Tom Stanton, earned top honors at the Bishop Hickey Tournament in Geneva.

According to Don Rombaut, who serves as athletic director at St. Lawrence, this marks the first time that teams from the same parish have captured these events in the same year.

Players on the St. Lawrence high-school team included Matt Blodgett, Chris Juda, Steven Elia, Michael Van Valkenburgh, Brian Lester, John Gilbert, Jim McGarrity, Jack Palmeri, Tim Bamford, John DiBattisto, Micheal Rause, Matthew Bozzelli, Christopher Briggs and Keith Flint.

The grade 7-8 squad was represented by Craig Armstrong, Mark Bellavia, Andrew Bozzelli, Chris Fogarty, Brian Gray, Colby Khuns, Todd Henning, Jim Maiuri, Robert Norris, James Polidori, Jeff Rombaut, Kevin Smith, Adam Toy

and Richard Ugino.

St. Mary's Church, Auburn, won the Bishop Hogan CYO basketball tournament, held March 11-12 at Bishop Kearney High School.

The St. Mary's eighth-grade squad defeated Oatka, 43-42, in the title game behind Bob Farrington's 17-point performance.

Other players under head coach Ken Lumb included Matt Casper, Brian McKeon, Marc Homick, Kenny Lumb, Brian Rafferty, Nick Mancini, Mike Rowell, Scott Weller, David Farrington, Thomas Neville, Tim Mirabito and Brian Dautrich.

The 63rd annual Aquinas Mission Bouts took place in Aquinas Institute's Wegman-Napier Athletic Center March 3. Funds raised will support Hispanic missions in Mexico and Colombia.

Winners were: girls' featherweight, Vicki Anthony; bantamweight, John Morris; featherweight, Mike Sanfilippo; super lightweight, Joe Gangarossi; lightweight, Mike Reisinger; cruiserweight, Cory Missell; super welterweight, Nick Warner; welterweight, Shawn Callahan, Chris Zapf and Chris Schwab; middleweight, Nick Manella; light heavyweight, Dominic Pezzola; and heavyweight, Chris Baldwin and Ted Serinis.

Marty Reasoner, a former member of the McQuaid Jesuit hockey team, recently gained national exposure when he was featured in *Sports Illustrated* mag-

azine's "Faces in the Crowd" column.

Reasoner made *SI's* Feb. 20, 1995, edition. The Honeoye Falls native has completed his second solid season at Deerfield Academy, a prep school in Massachusetts. He logged 18 goals and 25 assists this year in leading his team to a 16-1-1 record, and now has 45 goals and 49 assists over a two-year period. He will attend Boston College this coming fall.

Several Aquina athletes recorded high finishes at the Irondequoit Powerlifting Tournament, held March 11 at Irondequoit High School.

At the JV level, Tim Campe and Frank Woods placed first in their respective divisions. The Little Irish finished third as a team.

The top varsity Aquinas finisher was Rashon Bradley, who placed first and helped AQ to a second-place team showing. In addition, Bradley, who competed in the super-heavyweight division, had the highest overall bench press (315 pounds) and squat (475 pounds) of the tournament.

McQuaid Jesuit's fall 1994 sports teams have been honored by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association for their outstanding academic achievements.

All four squads had composite grade-point averages of above 90.

Four members were added to the Aquinas Hall of Fame at AQ's Sports Celebrity Dinner on Sunday, April 9.

New Hall of Fame inductees include

Robert D. Foley, Class of 1943; John F. Nuccitelli (1955); Edward L. Aleo (1962); and Richard J. Pillitter (1963).

The ceremony and banquet were held at the Rochester Hyatt Regency Hotel. Serving as special guest speaker was famed author George Plimpton.

Six people will be inducted into the Nazareth College Sports Hall of Fame on April 28.

They are former Nazareth president Robert Kidera (1976-84) along with Bill Coons, Class of 1989; Kama Grattet, 1985; Lynne Stever, 1989; Graeme Tosh, 1986; and Tracy Vanderwall, 1984.

Karen Scozzafava, a standout cross-country runner from Nazareth Academy, was chosen to last fall's NYS PHSA All-State second team.

Scozzafava, a junior, earned this honor in the girls' Class C division. She placed eighth out of 120 runners at the state meet in Albany this past November, and also finished in second place at the Section 5 Class C-CC competition in Newark earlier that month.

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