

Diocesan runners charge out of gate

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Whether it be collectively or individually, the 1995 cross-country season holds great promise for Catholic high schools in the diocese.

Our Lady of Mercy's girls sent a strong message to defending Section 5 Class BB champion Victor by winning the Class B division of the Geneseo Invitational Sept. 23. The Monarchs scored 67 points to best second-place Victor by eight points.

Meanwhile, McQuaid's Jeff Clark won the Geneseo Invitational's individual Class A boys' competition while his team placed fourth. And Nazareth Academy's Karen Scozzafava captured the meet's Class C girls' race.

These teams will all be back in action this coming Saturday, Sept. 30, when the McQuaid Invitational is held at Rochester's Genesee Valley Park. According to McQuaid coach Bob Bradley, who also serves as the meet's director, approximately 210 teams and 4,500 runners are expected to attend this year's invitational.

Our Lady of Mercy

Head coach: Tim Jones

Top runners: Seniors - Jessie Dugan, Patty Thompson, Roseanne Sita and Becky Hodkinson; juniors - Lindsay Wegman, Lindsay Bernal, Nora Doebrich and Nicola O'Hara; sophomore - Kelly Frost; freshman - Elizabeth Jones.

Overview: The Monarchs' improved depth, Coach Jones said, could produce a sectional title this November. "I've got 12 girls who can run in my top seven. It's kind of a luxury," he said.

McQuaid

Head coach: Bob Bradley

Top runners: Seniors - Jeff Clark, Steve Shaw, Andy Robertson, Brian Beecher and Kieran Chaudhry; juniors - David Sohn and John Sullivan; sophomores - Sanjay Narayan and Matt Davin.

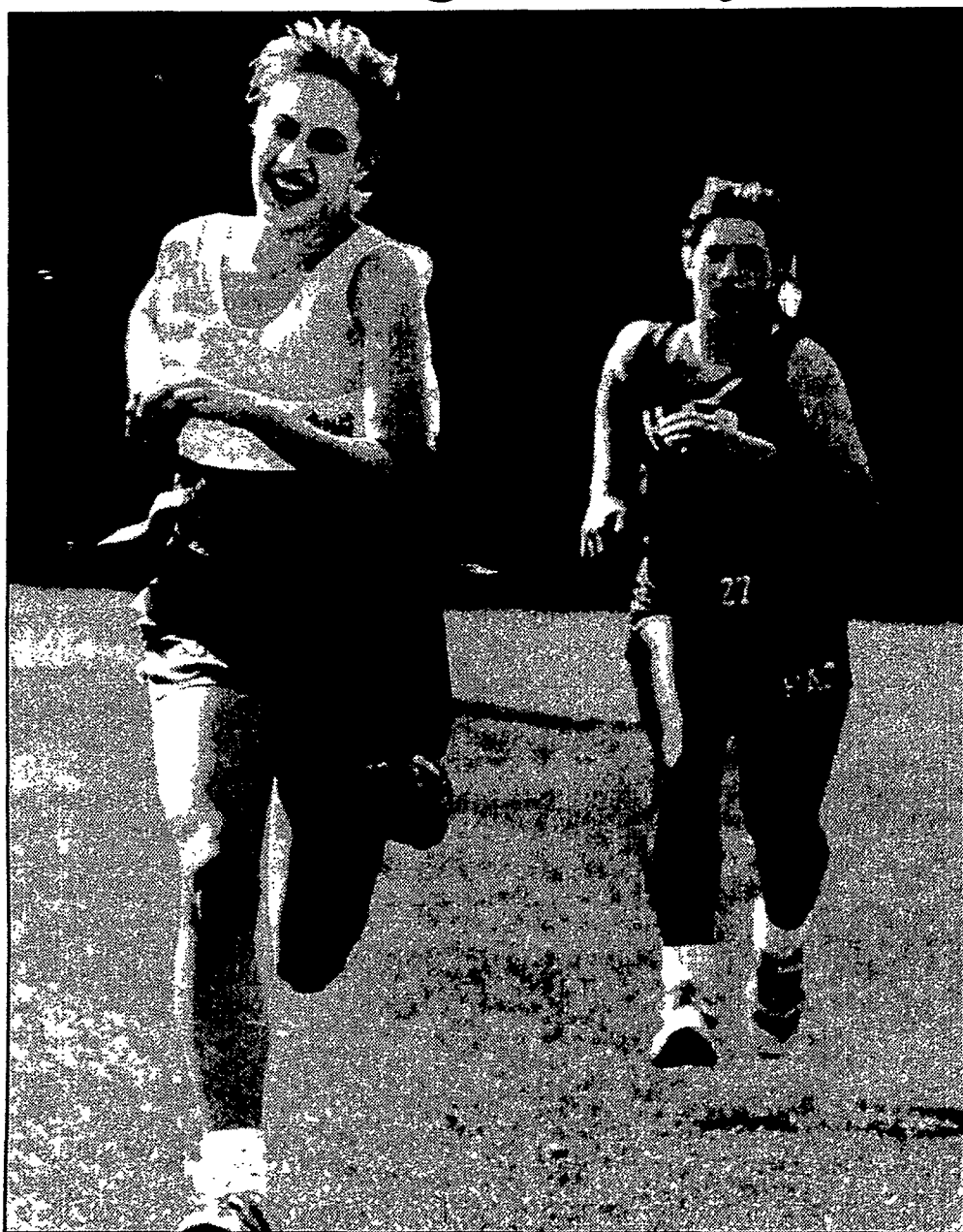
Overview: Early-season injuries to Chaudhry and Sohn have slowed the Knights slightly, but they still finished just 12 points behind first-place Webster at the Geneseo Invitational. "By the end of the season we should be deep and strong," Bradley said.

Nazareth Academy

Head coach: Dave Turek

Top runners: Senior - Karen Scozzafava; sophomores - Kelly Wergin, Chelsea Macpherson, Santana Neary, Rebecca Maginnis; freshman - Rachel Maloney.

Overview: Scozzafava now reigns at the top of Section 5 following a summer of intense training. She placed second in



S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer
Nazareth Academy sophomore Kelly Wergin passed Harley-Allendale Columbia's Sarah Rockefeller at the finish line during the girls' Varsity C race at the Geneseo Invitational Sept. 23.

last year's sectional Class C-CC race and ended up a strong eighth in the state Class C meet.

Aquinas Institute (boys)

Head coach: Paul Alfieri

Top runners: Seniors - Shawn Callahan and Dennis Prevost; juniors - Brian Quinn, Keith Eisenman, Brian Oster and Chris Hryvniak; sophomore - Kevin Edd; freshman - Brian Zimmer.

Overview: Alfieri's goal to "increase interest in the program" has been realized: 20 boys, more than half of last year's total, are on the roster.

Aquinas Institute (girls)

Head coach: Paul Alfieri

Top runners: Seniors - Debbie Maier, Karen Guerand and Adrien Walker; junior - Tacy Amering; sophomore - Bridget Zakielarz; freshman - Sarah

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Overview: Amering has been AQ's top runner at both the Geneseo Invitational, placing 16th; and at the previous weekend's Spencerport Invitational, finishing third. "One of my (team) goals is to have a top-five finish in our sectional classification (Class B)," Alfieri said.

Geneva DeSales (boys)

Head coach: Steve Muzzi

Top runners: Juniors - Andy Silkiewicz, Brady Root and Chad Leno.

Overview: Participation has waned - the boys' team consists of three members and the girls' program has been suspended - but Muzzi is committed to keeping the sport active at DeSales. "I mostly just encourage the kids to improve their times each week and set personal goals," remarked Muzzi, who also serves as DeSales' athletic director.

ND football wins, hikes record to 4-0

There are lots of new faces on the 1995 Elmira Notre Dame football team, but you'd never know it from the players' success thus far this season.

The Crusaders ran their record to 4-0 with a 34-10 rout of host Oxford Sept. 22. ND's Tim Ollock led the way scoring three touchdowns and running for 125 yards on 11 carries. Notre Dame has now outscored its opponents by a 137-60 margin.

ND was the only Catholic school football squad in the state to register a win last week. The four teams suffered losses were McQuaid Jesuit (2-2), St. Ignace Magnet, Bishop Kearney and Penn Yan. Aquinas posted a 1-1 record to Marshall and Genesee State by forfeit to Red Jacket due to a lack of numerous players to field a team.

More sports highlights

Aquinas and McQuaid stayed unbeaten with a 3-0 record. AQ (7-0) won 2-1 in overtime behind goals from David Justice and Matt Kearney. McQuaid (2-2) won 1-0 at host Elmira. The Crusaders' Munch and Prevost scored.

Kearney won 1-0 at Genesee. The Crusaders' Kevin Gilmore scored. Notre Dame (2-5) was beaten by Prattburg Sept. 22. Rachel registered 10 points.

In girls' soccer, the Crusaders won 2-1 at host Elmira. The Crusaders' Munch and Prevost scored.

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