

SPORTS

Wins keep on coming in soccer

Upcoming playoff opponents, beware.

All season long, the air has been filled with warning signals from diocesan soccer teams. Check out some of these records: Our Lady of Mercy girls, 10-0; McQuaid Jesuit boys, 8-1-1; Aquinas Institute boys, 8-1; AQ girls, 8-3; Bishop Kearney girls, 6-2-1; Elmira Notre-Dame girls, 7-3.

Some major clashes took place last week, including a crucial City-Catholic League boys' matchup that saw McQuaid earn a 3-1 overtime win over Aquinas Sept. 27 in a battle of unbeaten. Although the Knights suffered their first loss the following day, 2-0 to Penfield, they rebounded for a 1-0 win over a tough Pittsford Sutherland squad Sept. 30.

In the Private-Parochial League, Aquinas won 1-0 in overtime over Kearney Sept. 30 as Meg Wegman netted the winning goal. Earlier in the week, the Irish copped another big overtime triumph: 1-0 over Pittsford Mendon Sept. 25.

Mercy notched its 10th win Sept. 30 by blanking Hilton, 5-0. Abby Wambach scored three goals, giving her 14 of the Monarchs' 23 goals this season. Meanwhile, the AQ boys won 2-0 over Greece Athena Sept. 30 as goalie Kevin Cleary made eight saves.

BK's girls downed Wilson, 5-1, Sept. 27 as Sandy Moll recorded a hat trick. The Kings also played defending Section 5 Class A champion Webster to a 2-2 tie Sept. 25.

Nazareth Academy (5-5-1) rolled to two girls' soccer victories: 7-1 over School of the Arts Sept. 26 and 4-1 over C.G. Finney Sept. 28. Carley McNamara scored four goals against School of the Arts.

In the Southern Tier, Notre Dame's girls got a big week from Jen Spaziani, who netted seven goals in three games. ND won two of those contests: 4-1 over Southside Sept. 27 and 4-2 over Groton Sept. 30.

More sports highlights

Notre Dame football (5-0) did nothing to tarnish its No. 13 Class C state ranking, routing Moravia 40-6 on Sept. 29. Quarterback Chris Madigan made five completions in six attempts for 123 yards and two touchdowns.

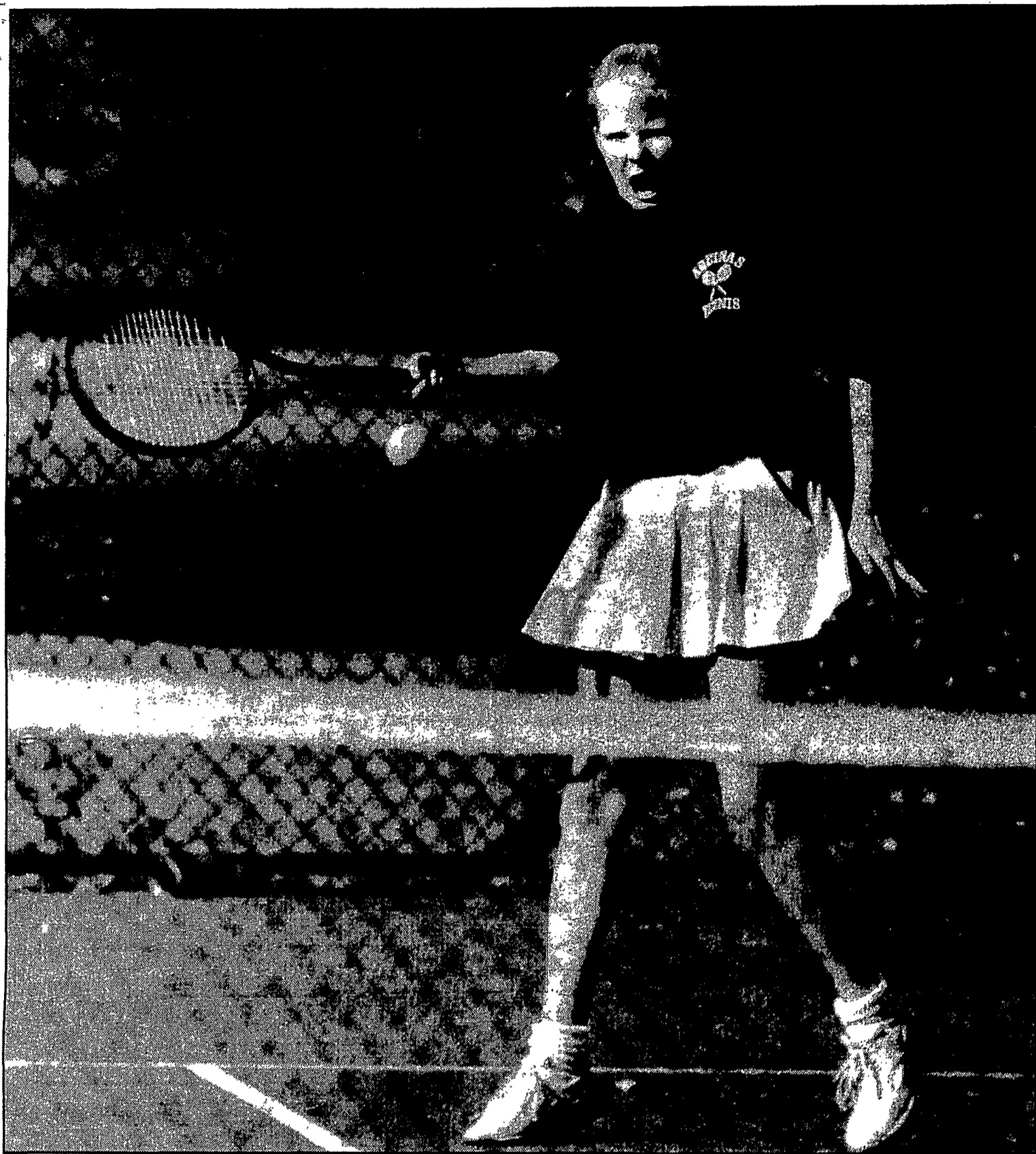
In cross-country, McQuaid Jesuit's Jeff Clark took third place in the boys' Class AAA division at the McQuaid Invitational, held Sept. 30 at Genesee Valley Park. Clark's time of 15 minutes, 27 seconds was the best finish among any Rochester-area runner that day, and it helped the Knights place seventh in team scoring.

Nazareth Academy's Karen Scorzafava was also successful at the McQuaid meet, winning the girls' Class A-3 division. Mercy's girls fared respectably in team scoring, placing fifth in the girls' Class A race.

In girls' volleyball, three Private-Parochial squads earned Saturday wins: BK (8-2) over Franklin, 15-5, 15-3, 15-3; Mercy (4-4) over Penn Yan, 15-6, 15-1, 15-10; and Nazareth (6-5) over East, 3-15, 8-15, 15-1, 15-8, 15-6.

In girls' swimming, Mercy (4-3) picked up a 96-87 win over Batavia Sept. 29.

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Nina Alvarez of Aquinas Institute keeps her eye on the ball in her first singles competition against Halina Humphries of Edison Tech. The Little Irish won the Sept. 29 match at Edison, 4-1.

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Mercy, Nazareth ace their opposition

Monarchs rule in singles play

By Mike Latona
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If a tennis team drops only one singles match, the day is considered a success.

But in Our Lady of Mercy's case, we're talking just one singles loss all year.

With Sue Ciccone and Vicki Knauf going undefeated at first and second singles, respectively, the Monarchs have bolted out to 5-1 overall team record through last week and have already won a bid for the Section 5 Class B team tournament later this month.

Nazareth Academy has also enjoyed a fine season thus far, going 5-2 after winning only one match in 1994. Other records from diocesan teams include Aquinas Institute, 3-5; Bishop Kearney, 3-8; and Elmira Notre Dame, 3-5.

Our Lady of Mercy

Head coach: Barb Hanna

Roster: First singles — sophomore Sue Ciccone; second singles — junior Vicki Knauf; third singles — eighth-grader Erin Dwyer; first doubles — senior Jen Regan, sophomore Katie Rickner; second doubles — juniors Jan Ricci and Margaret

Rickard; others — senior Casey Steve, junior Meredith Rease, sophomore Erin Mulcahy.

Notes: Ciccone could be headed for a sectional Class B rematch with Pittsford Sutherland's Leila Monajati, who went three sets to defeat her in the 1994 finals.

Nazareth Academy

Head coach: Ian Zeaman

Roster: First singles — senior Melissa Heisley; second singles — sophomore Alex Zarowny; third singles — sophomore Jennifer Glogowski; first doubles — sophomore Nicole Dufour, freshman Katherine Evinger; second doubles — senior Rebecca Glogowski, sophomore Maria Lorenzo; others — junior Robin Charlton, sophomore Emily Esler.

Notes: A 3-2 win over Aquinas Sept. 26 highlighted a 3-for-3 week for the Lasers.

Aquinas Institute

Head coach: Church Zeitvogel

Roster: First singles — senior Nina Alvarez; second singles — junior Leanne Hamblin; third singles — senior Lauren Lesczinski; first doubles — sophomore Bridget Haldeman, freshman Kelly Shannon; second doubles — senior Jennie Camelio, sophomore Amanda Florin; others — seniors Nicole Barattini, Tiffany Bonin, Kelly Dehlinger and Jennifer Verecke; juniors Karlee Schramm and Colleen Dembs; freshman Lisa Abate.

Notes: The Little Irish rebounded from their Sept. 26 loss to Nazareth by defeating Edison Tech Sept. 29, 4-1.

Bishop Kearney

Head coach: Mike O'Brien

Roster: First singles — senior Katie Stemmler; second singles — senior Amy Feldbauer; third singles — sophomore Jen Dufek; first doubles — sophomore Michelle Donahue, junior Laurie Ewell; second doubles — seniors Cathy Gallo and Michelle Latona.

Notes: Dufek earned the deciding point in 3-2 wins over AQ and Nazareth.

Elmira Notre Dame

Head coach: Pat Smith

Roster: First singles — junior Katie Murphy; second singles — junior Katrina Buttlerman; third singles — sophomore Andrea Sinko; fourth singles — senior Kathy Laux; first doubles — sophomore Kathleen Morrell, junior Meaghan Schnippert; second doubles — sophomore Lisa Milford, junior Amy Rosh; third doubles — sophomore Liz Kocianski and freshman Jenny Kintz or junior Carrie O'Donnell; others — seniors Bekki Sheer and Rachael Griffin, junior Korinne Shortino, sophomore Colleen Caulfield, freshman Jill Valeant.

Notes: The Crusaders have made a dramatic step forward after going winless last season.