

Nazareth's Nicky Lewis hugs teammate Tricia Gaetano as the team celebrates their sectional championship at the Blue Cross Arena March 3.

and then went down the bench hugging each teammate. And, as if she hadn't made enough eye-catching plays already, she did two cartwheels going out to center court to receive her winner's patch.

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"I feel amazing," the tournament MVP exclaimed. "It's awesome to do this your senior year."

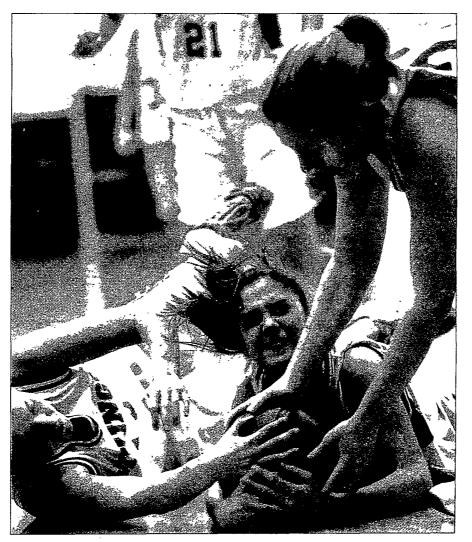
DESALES VS. PRATTSBURGH

The Saints rallied from an early 8-0 deficit against the Vikings by going on a 10-2 run to tie the game at 10. But Prattsburgh made another big spurt, scoring 11 straight points in the second quarter to put DeSales into a 31-18 hole at halftime. From there, the Saints were unable to mount a significant second-half run.

Laura Dean was DeSales' top scorer in the championship game with 11 points. Other top Saint scorers were Krista Turnbull with 10, Rebecca Evangelista with 9 and Melissa Arena with 8.

DeSales had reached the title game by knocking off No. 2 Jasper-Troupsburg, 54-35, in semifinal play on Feb. 25. The Saints pulled away from a 25-21 halftime advantage with stellar defensive play, outscoring the Wildcats 16-7 in the third quarter and 13-7 in the final period.

Leading DeSales scorers against Jasper-Troupsburg were Andrea DiNieri with 14 points, followed by Evangelista with 10, Arena with 9 and Katie Jungjohann with 8.



DeSales High School's Melissa Arena (center) and teammate Amber Hagadorn (right) struggle for possession of the ball with Prattsburgh's Cori Rombach during the Section 5 Class D girls' basketball championship at Wayland-Cohocton High School March 1.

AQ boys win track crown Miked atom/Catholic Courser-

Led by an first place performances, the Aquinas lash ute boys successfully, de fended their Section S ClassB indoor track team title on Reb 15-The Little Irish Scored 126 points to top13 other teams at Hobert and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, easily outdis fancing - second place Batavia s 715 total Five AQ individuals earned titles. Dave Hrywniak in the 290-meter run. Arel Goodon, S5 dash. Ryan Brennan, 300 dash Jason O'Mara, shot put and Join Brennan, long jump in addition, the 800 selay of Jordon, O'Mara, Shawn Brazas and Craig Lo Presti **Sectional State Qualifier** Marsh 2 at the University of Roshester. The S00 relay of Gordon, State Qualifier Marsh 2 at the University of Gordon, State Qualifier Marsh 2 at the University of Gordon, State Qualifiers were Hisymak second in the 3200 and Ryan Brennan

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