

Aquinas Varsity Hockey
2013-2014



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Here's a look at the other teams in the first

Democrat and Chronicle Section V hockey poll of the season:

2. Fairport

Nickname: Red Raiders.
Coach: Chris Moretter, 7th year.

Last season: 17-5, lost to McQuaid in the Class A semifinals.

Players to watch: F Cody Howatt (sr.), F Quinn Wiedemer (sr.), F Alex Schoepfel (jr.), D Pat Doud (sr.), D Cameron Krug (jr.).

Outlook: After a 16-4 regular season and earning the No.1 seed in sectionals last season, Fairport's season ended when it lost to McQuaid in overtime in the semifinals.

Fairport coach Chris Moretter said the disappointment from last season would serve as motivation for the players returning as they strive for a sectional title.

"It's our goal to reach, if not win the finals every year and we've built those expectations for our program and the kids buy into it," said Moretter.

Alex Schoepfel is the top returning scorer from a year ago for the Red Raiders with six goals and 15 assists. Fairport will have experience at defense with seniors Pat Doud, Cameron Krug and Cody Howatt all returning.

3. Pittsford

Nickname: Panthers. **Coach:** Steve Thering, 7th year.

Last season: 16-4-1, lost in double overtime to Penfield in the Class A quarterfinals.

Players to watch: F Greg Weyl (sr.), F Tim Foster (sr.), F Andrew Scuncio (sr.), F Nick Panara (sr.), D Chris Perna (so.), D Rodger Powers (jr.).

Outlook: Pittsford returns most of its offensive talent after losing in the quarterfinals last season. Last year's leading scorer, Greg Weyl, and seniors Tim Foster and Andrew Scuncio will head an experienced group of forwards position for coach Steve Thering.

Danny Kelly is the only returning goaltender for the Panthers this season after a 3-1 record a year ago behind Albie Di-Pasquale in net.

4 (tie) Greece Athena/Odyssey

Nickname: Thunder. **Coach:** Andy Rice, 2nd year.

Last season: 15-6, lost to Webster Schroder in the Class A quarterfinals.

Players to watch: F Austin Birganti (sr.), F Cody Mazeau (sr.), F Ethan Mordanga (sr.), F Anthony Fedele (sr.), F Marc McNeil (jr.), D Zach Bucholoz (jr.).

Outlook: The challenge for the Thunder will be replacing scoring, including three-time AGR selection Anthony Crawford.

Coach Andy Rice will have Austin Birganti, Cody Mazeau and Ethan Mordanga to fill the void at forward. Quinton Rose and Mauri Miettinen both saw playing time behind Kyle Schieb in net last season and will battle for the starting job this season.

4 (tie) Penfield

Nickname: Patriots. **Coach:** Nathan Miller, 7th season.

Last Season: 10-12-2, lost in the Class A championship game to McQuaid.

Players to watch: F Alex D'Agostino (sr.), F Sam Aebli (sr.), F Brian Wall (sr.), F Jared Kachaylo (sr.), D Jacob Sproule (sr.).

Outlook: The darling of last year's Class A sectional tournament will look to capitalize on the momentum off an appearance in the finals. As the No.7 seed, the Patriots defeated the Greece Lightning, Pittsford and Webster Schroeder on their way to playing McQuaid in the finals.

Seniors Brian Wall, Sam Aebli and 6-foot-2 Alex D'Agostino will lead the offense. Ryan Jones and Jacob Sproule are the top returning scoring defensemen from last season.

6. Aquinas

Nickname: Little Irish. **Coach:** Jim Hofford, 5th season.

Last season: 15-8, lost in overtime to Churchville-Chili in Class B semifinals.

Players to watch: F Anthony Depetres (sr.), F Jimmy DiLiberto (sr.), F Matt Wisotzke (jr.), F/D Jake Gottorff (sr.), D Trevor Dennis (sr.), G Justin Nevinger (sr.).

Outlook: The Little Irish didn't lose many seniors from last year's team that went 15-8 and lost in overtime to Churchville-Chili in the Class B semifinals. Anthony DePetres is a preseason favorite to contend for Player of the Year after his 2012-2013 season of 21 goals and 29 assists.

Senior goaltender Justin Nevinger is coming off an 11-6 season with a 2.92 goals against average.

7. Irondequoit

Nickname: Eagles. **Coach:** Rick Giuffrida, 10th season.

Last season: 13-6-2, lost to Hilton in Class B quarterfinals.

Players to watch: F Connor Hynes (sr.), F Graham Gooch (sr.), D Theo Cup (sr.), D Matt Comanzo (sr.).

Outlook: Irondequoit only had two players score double-digit goals last season, and only Graham Gooch returns. Freshman

Michael Coholan and eighth-grader Phil Barilla are two new forwards that will try to improve the Irondequoit scoring attack.

Goaltender Vinny Guida moves on after a 8-4-2 season with a 1.67 goals against and .901 save percentage. Theo Cup is seen as one of the best defensemen in Section V.

8. Churchville-Chili

Nickname: Saints. **Coach:** Brian Young, 8th season.

Last season: 18-5-0, lost to Webster Thomas in overtime in Class B finals.

Players to watch: F Ryan Cosgrove (jr.), F David Luciw (jr.), D Connor Hoyng (sr.).

Outlook: The Class B runner-up from last year lost seven of their top eight point-getters from last season, which means the Saints will have a lot of youth on the ice this season.

More focus will be put on the only returning player from the top-eight group, Ryan Cosgrove.

9. Webster Thomas

Nickname: Titans. **Coach:** Allan Mutrie, 1st season.

Last season: 20-3-1, won the Class B title over Churchville-Chili.

Players to watch: F Nick Hutton (sr.), F Ben Monroe (jr.), F Tristen Peterson (jr.), F Shane Duell (sr.), F Marc Fiore (sr.).

Outlook: Allan Mutrie takes over the Titans as David Evans has taken the year off. Shane Duell and Nick Hutton and are a couple of players returning to defend the Class B crown.

The largest shoes to fill will be in goal where the Titans are losing AGR selection Stephen Speis. Tyler Argy is the only returning goaltender from last season.

10. Hilton

Nickname: Cadets. **Coach:** Chris Monfiletto, 4th season.

Last season: 17-6, lost to Webster Thomas in Class B semifinals.

Players to watch: F Sean Robson (sr.), F Austin Bull (sr.), F Frank Gaffney (so.), F Todd Higgins (jr.), D Alex Whitehair (sr.), D Brian Mangene (sr.).

Outlook: The Cadets should be a team that builds off last season as they return most of their key players, including top scorer Frank Gaffney.

The defense will have more new faces than the forwards, but they do have seniors Alex Whitehair and Brian Mangene as the leaders at the blue line.

— Andy Lipari

Hockey

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Vyverberg said. “We had such a nice finish last season. This year, we’re young in some areas and experienced in other areas.”

The experience for McQuaid coming into this season is at forward. The Knights return their top six scoring forwards from a year ago, a group which includes senior Michael Capicotto. He led the Knights with 21 goals and 15 assists a year ago.

Also returning are junior Michael Campbell, who had 21 points a year ago, and Ryan Talty, who had nine goals and eight assists last season.

“We should be able to score goals,” Vyverberg said. “We have a lot of our forwards returning and we should be stronger toward the end of the year than at the beginning.”

Vyverberg, the Section V all-time leader in wins as a coach, knows it won’t be easy for McQuaid to repeat as Section V champion. He would have given the nod to Pittsford with Fairport as a close second for the top team. The Red Raiders and Panthers — who hold down the No. 2 and 3 spots, respectively, in the poll — were the top two seeds in sectionals a year ago.

“There are a lot of good teams, Fairport and Pittsford are two of them, and a lot of other teams that could upset some of the top teams,” Vyverberg said. “I probably would have given it to Pittsford because I thought midway through last season they were the best team in area.”

Pittsford coach Steve Thering said the players McQuaid has returning could lead to another run for the Knights.

“They should be a competitive team like they are every year,” Thering said.



McQuaid hockey coach Al Vyverberg instructs his team during a recent practice. JEFF WITHEROW

SECTION V HOCKEY POLL

Rank	Team	Pts.
1	McQuaid	66 (5)
2	Fairport	58
3	Pittsford	56 (2)
4	Greece Athena/Odyssey	35
4	Penfield	35
6	Aquinas	31
7	Irondequoit	23
8	Churchville-Chili	20
9	Webster Thomas	19
10	Hilton	16

(First place votes in parentheses) Also received votes: Brockport, Canandaigua, Victor, Webster Schroeder, Brighton, Geneseo-Livonia.

“They are returning a lot of players, Capicotto and Campbell are great players for them. We always have tough games against McQuaid.”

The Knights won’t have to worry about Pittsford or Fairport until late in the season. McQuaid’s only game with Pittsford comes on Jan. 31 and the only matchup with the Red Raiders is McQuaid’s regular-season finale on Feb. 8.

The hardest challenge this season for the Knights will be replacing

four senior defensemen from a year ago. First-team all-state selection Jared Tallo’s 24 points and Nate Pennington’s 19 points were second and fourth, respectively, for McQuaid last season.

With so much offensive production coming from the blueline gone, Vyverberg said he didn’t know if it would be tougher to replace the offensive numbers or their defensive presence.

“It’s depends on the season, you always like to be able to score but we need to play a good defensive game, too,” he said. “I’m not sure which one is more important but it will be a challenge to fill that void. I didn’t know how spoiled I was last year until my new defensemen came in.”

The goaltender situation will play itself out over the course of the season for McQuaid. Tim Brei and juniors Ryan Nelson and Connor Raeman are competing for a chance to replace Brian Kick and Zach Pearson in goal.

None of the three have started a varsity game before this season.

“I like all three. I thought Tim looked better in the scrimmages but all three will get a chance and we’ll see who steps up,” Vyverberg said.

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Scoreboard

HOCKEY

NHL

SUMMARIES

Rangers 2, Predators 0

N.Y. Rangers	0	1	1	—	2
Nashville	0	0	0	—	0

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, McDonagh 5 (Girardi, Zuccarello), 13:13.

Third Period—2, N.Y. Rangers, Stepan 5 (Zuccarello), 7:45.

Shots on Goal—N.Y. Rangers 7-17-10—34. Nashville 5-7-5—17.

Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Rangers 0 of 3; Nashville 0 of 2.

Goalies—N.Y. Rangers, Talbot 5-1-0 (17 shots-17 saves). Nashville, Mazanec 3-3-0 (34-32).

A—17,127 (17,113). **T**—2:20.

Flyers 5, Islanders 2

N.Y. Islanders	0	1	1	—	2
Philadelphia	0	3	2	—	5

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Philadelphia, Read 7 (Coururier, Downie), :46. 2, Philadelphia, Simmonds 4 (Lecavalier, Gustafsson), 1:45. 3, Philadelphia, Giroux 3 (Simmonds, Voracek), 3:48 (pp). 4, N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 10 (Vanek, Donovan), 14:04.

Third Period—5, N.Y. Islanders, Boulton 1 (Cizikas), 2:39. 6, Philadelphia, B.Schenn 7 (Voracek, Giroux), 12:21. 7, Philadelphia, Read 8, 19:11 (en).

Shots on Goal—N.Y. Islanders 10-13-15—38. Philadelphia 10-12-8—30.

Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Islanders 0 of 3; Philadelphia 1 of 3.

Goalies—N.Y. Islanders, Poulin 3-8-0 (16 shots-13 saves). Nilsson (3:48 second, 13-12). Philadelphia, Mason 7-7-2 (38-36).

A—19,829 (19,541). **T**—2:28.

Canadiens 3, Penguins 2

Pittsburgh	0	0	2	—	2
Montreal	0	1	2	—	3

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Montreal, Pacioretty 6, 1:53.

Third Period—2, Montreal, Plekanec 7 (Markov, Subban), 1:05. 3, Montreal, Pacioretty 7 (Diaz), 2:25. 4, Pittsburgh, Neal 3 (Malkin, Martin), 5:44 (pp). 5, Pittsburgh, Neal 4 (Malkin), 17:07.

Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 12-8-11—31. Montreal 12-11-6—29.

Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 1 of 3; Montreal 0 of 4.

Goalies—Pittsburgh, Fleury 13-7-0 (29 shots-26 saves). Montreal, Price 9-8-2 (31-29).

A—21,273 (21,273). **T**—2:35.

Wild 3, Jets 2 (SO)

Abbotsford	22	16	5	0	1	33	76	62
Texas	20	10	6	2	2	24	71	57
San Antonio	18	9	8	0	1	19	51	49
Okla. City	19	8	9	0	2	18	50	58
Charlotte	17	6	10	0	1	13	44	55

Saturday's Games

Worcester 2, Bridgeport 1, SO
 Utica 2, Rochester 0
 Hamilton 3, Syracuse 0
 Springfield 4, Hartford 0
 Manchester 3, Providence 2
 Hershey 5, Binghamton 2
 Albany 5, Adirondack 3
 Charlotte 5, Rockford 2
 Wilkes-Barre/Scranton 5, St. John's 2
 Portland 4, Norfolk 3, SO
 Texas 5, Toronto 2
 Abbotsford 4, Iowa 0
 Grand Rapids 2, Chicago 1

Sunday's Games

Rockford at Charlotte, 1:30 p.m.
 St. John's at Bridgeport, 3 p.m.
 Manchester at Worcester, 3 p.m.
 Springfield at Providence, 3:05 p.m.
 Binghamton at Hershey, 5 p.m.
 Toronto at San Antonio, 5 p.m.
 Abbotsford at Iowa, 6:05 p.m.

SUMMARY

Utica 2, Amersk 0

Rochester	0	0	0	—	0
Utica	1	0	1	—	2

1st Period: 1, Utica, Weber 1 (Tommernes, Pelletier), 9:04 (PP). **Penalties:** Larsson Rch (goaltender interference), 7:18; Stuart Uti (hooking), 11:10; Stuart Uti (interference), 13:13; Gillies Rch (roughing), 15:53; Jensen Uti (interference), 16:22.

2nd Period: No Scoring. **Penalties:** Bagnall Rch (roughing), 5:42; Hutchings Rch (slashing), 9:09; Porter Rch (slashing), 9:41; Porter Rch (fighting), 11:51; Mullen Uti (fighting), 11:51.

3rd Period: 2, Utica, Archibald 2 (Grenier, Andersson), 10:26. **Penalties:** Gillies Rch (hooking), 2:45; Corrado Uti (delay of game), 14:16; Grenier Uti (slashing), 18:47.

Shots on Goal: Rochester 7-12-14-33. Utica 7-13-9-29.

Power Play Opportunities: Rochester 0 / 5; Utica 1 / 6.

Goalies: Rochester, Hackett 4-6-2 (39 shots-27 saves). Utica, Eriksson 4-8-1 (33 shots-33 saves).

A: 3,815.

Referees: T.J. Luxmore (49), Keith Kaval (40). **Linesmen:** Tim Kotyra (53), Brian Oliver (74).

BASKETBALL

NBA

Box scores
Wizards 98, Knicks 89

22 3-3 27, Pekovic 6-13 2-4 14, Rubio 3-9 0-0 7, Martin 7-19 2-2 19, Barea 1-10 0-0 3, Cunningham 1-3 0-0 2, Hummel 0-2 0-0 0, Williams 0-2 0-0 0, Shved 3-6 1-1 7, Dieng 0-0 0-0 0, Price 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals** 40-100 13-17 101.

HOUSTON: Parsons 6-14 1-2 14, Jones 7-10 2-2 18, Howard 5-9 1-2 11, Beverley 6-12 0-0 17, Lin 5-11 7-8 19, Garcia 0-1 0-0 0, Casspi 2-8 0-0 5, Asik 0-0 2-2 2, Brooks 10-14 0-0 26, Motiejunas 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals** 41-79 13-16 112.

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 8-26 (Martin 3-6, Love 2-5, Rubio 1-2, C.Brewer 1-4, Barea 1-5, Hummel 0-1, Williams 0-1, Shved 0-2), Houston 17-31 (Brooks 6-7, Beverley 5-8, Jones 2-3, Lin 2-5, Casspi 1-4, Parsons 1-4).

Fouled Out—None. **Rebounds**—Minnesota 46 (Love 15), Houston 59 (Howard 13). **Assists**—Minnesota 17 (Rubio 8), Houston 26 (Lin, Brooks 5). **Total Fouls**—Minnesota 13, Houston 16. **A**—18,196 (18,023).

LATE FRIDAY

Lakers 102, Warriors 95

Golden State	21	25	17	32	—	95
L.A. Lakers	22	33	20	27	—	102

GOLDEN STATE: Barnes 9-13 0-0 20, Lee 7-17 7-8 21, Bogut 5-9 2-7 12, Iguodala 1-4 3-4 6, Thompson 6-20 3-5 19, Green 4-5 2-2 12, Nedovic 0-2 0-0 0, Speights 1-8 1-2 3, Bazemore 1-4 0-0 2, Dedmon 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals** 34-82 18-28 95.

L.A. LAKERS: Johnson 1-4 0-0 2, Hill 5-10 0-0 10, Gasol 11-19 2-2 24, Blake 3-6 6-6 14, Meeks 3-10 0-0 8, Williams 2-4 0-0 6, Young 7-15 4-5 21, Henry 1-5 1-4 3, Farmar 6-9 0-0 14. **Totals** 39-82 13-17 102.

3-Point Goals—Golden State 9-22 (Thompson 4-10, Green 2-3, Barnes 2-3, Iguodala 1-2, Speights 0-1, Bazemore 0-1, Nedovic 0-2), L.A. Lakers 11-24 (Young 3-7, Blake 2-3, Farmar 2-4, Williams 2-4, Meeks 2-5, Johnson 0-1). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Golden State 62 (Lee, Bogut 13), L.A. Lakers 43 (Gasol 10). **Assists**—Golden State 23 (Iguodala 6), L.A. Lakers 21 (Farmar 8). **Total Fouls**—Golden State 20, L.A. Lakers 22. **Technical**—L.A. Lakers defensive three second. **A**—18,997 (18,997).

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FOOTBALL

NFL

Injury Report

PITTSBURGH STEELERS at **CLEVELAND BROWNS** — **STEELERS:** OUT: LB Stevenson Sylvester (hamstring), S Shamarko Thomas (ankle). **QUESTIONABLE:** DE Brett Keisel (foot), LB LaMarr Woodley (calf). **PROBABLE:** G Ramon Foster (ankle), TE Heath Miller (not injury related), WR Emmanuel Sanders (foot), C Fernando Velasco (knee). **BROWNS:** OLT TE MarQueis Gray (hamstring). **DOUBT-**

No. 10 VCU vs. TBA at Coliseo Roberto Clemente, San Juan, Puerto Rico, TBA

No. 14 Michigan vs. TBA at Coliseo Roberto Clemente, San Juan, Puerto Rico, TBA

No. 17 Oregon vs. San Francisco, 8 p.m.

No. 19 New Mexico State vs. TBA at TD Arena, Charleston, S.C., TBA

No. 22 UCLA vs. Chattanooga, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY

Men's basketball: Herkimer County CC at FLCC, 2 p.m.

Women's basketball: Herkimer County CC at FLCC, 12 p.m.

Wrestling: Brockport at NYS Championships at Cornell, 10 a.m.

HIGH SCHOOLS

FOOTBALL

State semifinals

Saturday

Class AA: Aquinas 19, Elmira-IV 6; Monroe-Woodbury-IX 34, White Plains-1 13

Class B: Maine-Endwell-IV 35, Depew-VI 13; Schalmont-II 66, Marlboro-IX 0

Class C: Rye-Neck-1 14, Hoosick Falls-II 0; Chenango Forks-IV 22, Cleveland Hill-VI 0

Friday

Class A: Williamsville North-VI 27, Union-Endicott-IV 14; Queensbury-II 36, Cornwall-IX 27

Class D: Chester-IX 55, Moriah-VII 14; Randolph-VI 35, Tioga-IV 6

AREA RESULTS

Hockey

Section V

Webster Schroeder 2, Penfield 1: Jeremy Caulkins scored the game-winner for the Warriors (1-0) with 3:19 left.

Brian Wall tied the game for Penfield (0-1) a minute and 13 seconds earlier.

Joe Schuler netted a goal with an assist from goalie Ryan Beutel who had 11 saves for Schroeder.

Non-league

Aquinas 8, Buffalo St. Francis 0: Matt Wisotzke and Jake Gotorff each recorded a hat trick to lead Aquinas (1-0).

Anthony Depeters assisted on four of the goals for the Little Irish, who scored all of their goals in the first two periods.

Justin Nevinger and Thomas Conroy combined for the shutout.

Girls basketball

Alden Tip off Tournament

Pembroke 62, Maratime Charter 22: Breanna Johnson scored 29 points and set a school record with seven of her 3-pointers for Pembroke. She was also named the All-Tournament MVP.

Rylee Moser had 12 points and eight steals for the Dragons (2-0).

HORSE RACING



McQuaid senior Ben Korpiel, left, fends off junior Cole Kidd in practice. JEFF WITHEROW

GOOD KNIGHTS

McQuaid tops first Section V hockey poll

Andy Lipari
Staff writer

McQuaid won the Section V Class A championship and reached the state title game last season, so it shouldn't come as a huge surprise that the Knights are picked as the top team coming into the 2013-2014 hockey season by the coaches in Section V.

McQuaid received five of the seven first-place votes in the *Democrat and Chronicle's* first poll of the season, and coach Al Vyverberg said he understands the expectations that come with being the defending champions.

"We warned our players about how they will be playing with a target on their back, but we know there will be more pressure on us,"

INSIDE ON 4D

A capsule look at the other teams in the *Democrat and Chronicle* preseason hockey poll.

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Go to DemocratandChronicle.com to see a photo gallery from a recent McQuaid practice.

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