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Tempting treats from Doc and Mr. G



It might be Lent, but the annual Mission Drive brings out the both the savory and the sweet treats. On behalf of their homerooms, history teacher Cyril Lagvanec and music teacher Jason Giaccone sell pizzas and doughnuts to hungry Blue Jays. The boxes empty quickly and it's all going to a worthy cause to support the Jesuit missions in Paraguay. Giaccone's daily morning and lunchtime sales raise about \$3,500, while Lagvanec's thrice weekly lunches pull in \$1,800 each year.

Staff photo by Jae Kweon

Yearly drive raises thousands to aid missions in Paraguay

Jesuit missionary describes how far your donations go

By Fr. Charles Thibodeaux, S.J.
Santa Rosa Missiones

To Father Anthony McGinn, the Jesuits, staff, teachers and students of Jesuit High School: Thank you so much for the very generous donation of \$20,000. Your donation is greatly appreciated and most kind of you all.

Only the Lord will be able to reward you sufficiently. Your donation will help with the spiritual and intellectual formation of thousands of young people in our Parish of San Ignacio and in our other parishes and schools.

Santa Rosa is composed mainly of poor farmers who plow the land with oxen. The town of Santa Rosa, Paraguay, about 200 miles from the capital of Asunción, has a population of about 6,000; the neighboring villages that comprise the mission bring the total

Editor's note: For the past several years, the annual Lenten Mission Drive has aided the Jesuit missionary work in Santa Rosa, Paraguay. Last year's total donation was \$20,000. Father Charles Thibodeaux, S.J., a native of Louisiana, serves in the missions there and shared this description of how the money raised helps thousands of people. There's still time to make further donations to this year's mission drive during homeroom period. Your generosity goes farther than you may realize.

count to 14,000.

The Jesuits and three different congregations of sisters pray and work together to form basic Christian communities.

First they form the *animadores* (animators or leaders) of these communities. The formation process takes about two years. These animators vitalize and are responsible for the basic Christian communities.

Besides Santa Rosa itself, the Jesuits attend to 24 villages. They say Mass once a month in those villages, depending on

whether it is raining or not and on the condition of the dirt roads.

There is a one-day retreat every month for the animators. A three-day, five-day, or eight-day individually directed retreat is also available to them. The formation team of sisters and Jesuits regularly visit the *animadores* in their homes.

Members of these Christian communities work together in cultivating medicinal gardens, make natural home remedies for the sick, and sell different types of teas to the public. Others work together producing vegetable gardens which they irrigate to increase production. They frequently band together for the common good of the village – collecting, for example, food or money to help someone in the village who is sick or otherwise in need. There is also considerable cooperation among the villages themselves.

As there are no charity hospitals in Santa Rosa, your donation also will help the poor who would have to sell their oxen, land or home in order to get major surgery or medicine.

My deep gratitude to all of you. May the Lord bless you all.

Sincerely in Christ
Charles Thibodeaux, S.J.

Spirit of Lent can nourish faith life all year

By Brady Stiller
Religion Editor

As swiftly as it came this year, following the floats and festivities Mardi Gras, the 40-day season of Lent nears its end as we celebrate Holy Week. With Easter falling so early in the year, Lent has indeed come and gone quickly.

While we gloriously approach the commemoration of the resurrection of our Lord with Easter, can we still gain any spiritual benefits from the waning days of this penitential season?

As Lent happened so early this year, many Christians might have been scrambling to choose a food or activity to abstain from for these past 40 days. Although such preparations for Lent are appropriate and praiseworthy, in stressing over the process of deciding what soft drink or candy to give up, many seem to forget the profound purpose of this liturgical season – a purpose we can carry with us throughout the year.

Lent, simply put, is a gift, a season for conversion, a time to let go of distractions that keep us from growing as individuals. It is an opportunity to challenge oneself and to be challenged by God to become a better person. In order to grow closer to God and make amends during this season – and throughout our spiritual journeys – Christians appropriately pray, fast, and give alms in response to the Lord's command to do so.

However, this duty of penance is often characterized by the classic example of simply giving up chocolate. Certainly, one may experience sacrifice in abstaining from this delicious treat, but perhaps that person seldom eats chocolate or gets his fill of satisfaction by drinking sodas

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American novelist Pat Conroy dies at 70; visit by 'Great Santini' author recalled

Pat Conroy, the best-selling author whose own tormented family history was reflected in such novels as "The Great Santini" and "The Prince of Tides," died this month after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 70.

As one of the great American novelists of his generation, his works have been studied by Jesuit students in English classes for years. In April of 2008, Conroy visited Carrollton and Banks as part of the Visiting Author program. He addressed the assembled student body in the auditorium, offering insights into his writing as well as sharing stories about his life and his own connections to Jesuit education.

During that memorable assembly, the words came to life off the page as the great Southern storyteller held his audience in his compelling grip.

"Pat Conroy's visit to Jesuit was a great day for our students and, personally, one of the best days in my 41 years here," said Alumni Director Mat Grau, who organized the visit.

With a blend of humor and sentiment, laughter and tears, Conroy shared the writer's life with his students going beyond concepts of literary theory. With his trademark affectionate growl, he told "you good Jesuit boys" the back stories that would be shaped into his books. His harsh life and relationship with his father would be told in "The Great Santini," his breakthrough novel. His experience as a cadet at The Citadel became "The Lords of Discipline." And in the



Author Pat Conroy discusses the art of writing with a group of creative writing students in the Resource Center during a visit to Jesuit High School in April of 2008. As part of the Visiting Author program, Conroy, who died this month, also addressed the full student body. At right, he donned a Blue Jay cap as a memento of the occasion.

epic "The Prince of Tides," he created a tale of redemption and healing amid the pain of life itself.

One of Conroy's shared memories was of his year of Jesuit education at Gonzaga High School. "What I remember from my Jesuit education is falling in love with literature and language and not ever falling out of love ever since I went into that classroom and came storming out of it alive, on fire, fascinated. It is a memory that makes me love

Jesuits and Jesuit schools everywhere," Conroy said. "And it is a memory that makes me jealous of each one of you young men, as I speak to you today."

Following the address to the student body, Conroy gathered with members of the English faculty for lunch in the Resource Center, after which he shared in a discussion with a group of creative writing students.

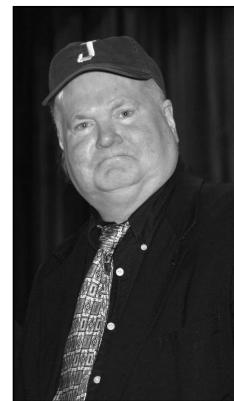
In the address to the student assembly, Grau recalled that Conroy said that he didn't

remember any speaker who addressed his classes in school.

"I plan for you guys to remember me," he told the student body.

"Indeed, we will remember Pat Conroy," Grau said, "through his great stories and through his day with the 'good Jesuit boys' at Carrollton and Banks."

Conroy's literary legacy and his expression of the human condition will ensure that will be the case for readers for generations to come. May he rest in peace.



Alumni return to share career choices with Blue Jays

By Ethan Gilberti
Features Editor

Throughout high school, every student starts to learn what he excels at and begins to ponder potential careers that relate to that field. Furthermore, Jesuit places a strong emphasis on preparing for one's future. Being that one's choice of field will influence important decisions such as college and majors, it is important that students begin to look towards the future as early as possible.

With the annual Career Day, Jesuit provides its students with a day in which alumni of all different fields and interests present their chosen careers and offer their opinions on their current jobs, as well as advice on how to work toward a certain career. Outside of the subjects taught during classes, many students have little experience with the potential callings that are offered after college.

During the Career Day activities, held Jan. 27, underclassmen heard a presentation in the auditorium from Dr. Nick Rauber '98, who is a dentist in Baton Rouge. In addition to his work as a dentist, however, Rauber is a founder of a popular charitable fishing rodeo, Swollfest, that helps out the Muscular Dystrophy



Dr. Nick Rauber, Class of '98, spoke to underclassmen about his career as a dentist, but also on the charitable foundations it has allowed him to pursue. Rauber was one of dozens of alumni who participated in Career Day this year.

Association. He also runs a foundation called the Outdoor Wish Foundation, which provides outdoor excursions to people in need. Rauber emphasized that has been able to use his profession to find his joy in finding ways to serve others.

Meanwhile, juniors and seniors were able to choose two sessions to attend to hear from guest alumni speakers about their respective careers. These presenta-

tions ranged from engineering to pharmacy to government to video game creation! In allowing such a variety, students were able to explore potential careers they might not have even considered before.

Senior Mac Carr, interested in computer science, said he appreciated that the speakers "let us know what possible jobs there are that we can go into."

Junior Hunter Tracey especially

enjoyed learning about "the good and bad characteristics of [the speakers'] jobs." The variety of speakers ensured that all students could find a session of interest.

Career Day allowed an escape from the books for a morning a chance to think about the future. Students are grateful to the many alumni who gave of their time to return their Alma Mater and share their success with fellow Blue Jays.



Allie Timberlake, college admissions counselor, helps senior Matthew Zeringue explore possibilities for his educational future after graduation from Jesuit. *Staff photo by Joshua Shanks*

For Timberlake, guiding students to college picks is a happy dance

By Matthew Torres
Entertainment Editor

This month's Teacher Feature turns the spotlight to one of the more underappreciated departments and one of our school's mentors who quietly mentors many students, significantly affecting their futures.

As a college admissions counselor in the Guidance Department, Allie Timberlake has certainly helped many graduating Blue Jays find the right school.

Timberlake was born and raised in Louisiana, and she attended Loyola University for her undergraduate degree. She knows the ins and outs of college admissions by doing it. Before joining the faculty at Jesuit, she spent time with the Loyola admissions office, and also has worked in admissions in such New York institutions as The Juilliard School, New York University and Pace University.

Despite having success in New York and holding a high position in admissions offices there, Timberlake said she found herself wanting to work directly with high school students to help them realize their aspirations.

"I wanted to move to the other side of the table," she said, connect with students to make a difference in their lives. She

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moved back home to New Orleans and began working at Jesuit in 2011. Timberlake recalled that when she was searching for a college, she did not have the most help. Because of this, she said that the most rewarding aspect of her career now is placing students in an environment that will be the most beneficial for them, and that will help them further realize the men they are meant to become.

In addition to helping upperclassmen find the right college, Timberlake is also quite talented in a different field. She is a professional dancer, specializing in a range of dance, including classical ballet, modern dance, character dance, and tap. She also participates in dance teams, such as the noted Komenka Ethnic Dance and Music Ensemble, which stages international folk dances, and everything ranging from Hungarian to Congo Square dances.

Her counsel and support have often proved invaluable as she brings the same grace to her work in the Guidance Department that she brings to the stage. Timberlake's tireless work helping students has made difference in many Blue Jays lives as she has helped them choose the right paths for their future education.

Mason's life on stage also means writing, directing

By Kevin Credo
Opinions Editor

Blue Jay of the Month

The Jesuit Philelectic Society recently held its annual One-Act Play Festival, in which a handful of seniors direct their own short theatrical productions. While all of the performances were stellar, one of the short plays that sticks out most in my mind is "Big Iron."

What made this piece especially notable is that it was an original work both written and directed by senior Henry Mason.

While Mason is a fairly new member of the Phils, having only joined the theater ensemble as a junior, the stage has become his passion. A role in the 2014 production of Arthur Miller's classic, "The Crucible," nourished that interest.

Since then, the leap to a full-fledged production of an independent story has proven to be a worthwhile endeavor.

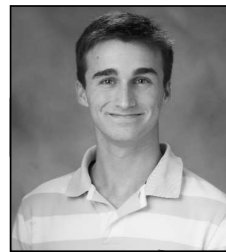
He recently talked about the effort behind writing "Big Iron" and the challenges of comedy and directing his own work. The path from inception to final performance before an audience can be an intensive and taxing one.

"I was listening to a song one day in the car last June, when I started imagining gestures and actions to the words, and it hit me that this would make the perfect play," he said. He spent his summer typing up drafts as the idea fell into place. The song was "Big Iron," by country music star Marty Robbins. First released in 1959, it is in the storytelling tradition of the cowboy ballad.

It tells the story of an Arizona Ranger who takes on a legendary outlaw, Texas Red, in the town of Agua Fria. While the townspeople expect the lawman to become yet another victim of Texas Red, he outguns the killer with the "big iron on his hip."



Members of the cast perform in senior Henry Mason's 'Big Iron' during the Philelectic Society's annual One-Act Play Festival. *Staff photo by Alex Tran*



Senior Henry Mason
New York bound after Jesuit

In Mason's adaptation of the song, the story turns to a rollicking comedy blending elements of romance and suspense with pure farce—and a heaping dose of cartoonish violence.

To bring that story from the page onto the stage, casting and world-building were going to be essential.

"The casting process was the first concern for me," Mason said. As he wrote the piece, he kept his colleagues in the Philelectic Society in mind. The result of having roles written for specific actors gave "Big Iron" its unique dialogue, which precisely combined the actors' abilities with the play's outlandish comedy.

By opening night, there was no shortage of anticipation.

fun for 40 straight days; but the good news is that almsgiving and prayer are other perfect ways of making reparation for past sins and to discover the mercy of God.

Fortunately for the Blue Jay community, there are many opportunities, besides one's personal penitential habits, to prepare for Christ's Passion, death, and resurrection and one's own transformation in Christ. These can go on well into the Easter season, and through the year. For example, a Jesuit student can strive to be a more efficient student, a more respectful and obedient son, and perhaps a more loyal friend and classmate.

Additionally, a Blue Jay can set aside more time at night or in the morning for silence and med-

"It was both nerve-wracking and thrilling. On the last rehearsal I'd made sure everything was in place with the directing, but the heart of the performance all comes down to the actors," he said. "However, as soon as Reed Meric began strumming away at the guitar as the narrator, the worries I had quickly faded away." Both performances during the One-Act Festival were met with thunderous applause.

Mason is now in rehearsal for the Phils' spring show, "On the Town," the classic Leonard Bernstein musical. He'll be playing one of the three sailors with just 24 hours of shore leave to take in all of New York.

"I have every confidence that we're going to make this an unforgettable show," he said. "On the Town" will run for two weekends, beginning April 7. For information on tickets, check the Philelectic Society's page at jesuitnola.org.

Once his time at Carrollton and Banks is finished, Mason is planning on continuing his acting, directing, and playwriting career. He's been accepted into the prestigious theater program at Marymount Manhattan College.

"I have my dreams paving a pathway for me, and I hope that God is leading me down that path every step of the way."

Lent

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throughout Lent. In that case, Lent is not a time of challenge and growth, but of stagnancy.

Perhaps the adage "you get out what you put in" is fitting concerning one's sacrifices and involvement throughout their faith life. The most growth occurs when distractions, which can include movies or games, are put aside and one invests himself wholeheartedly in his relationship with God. The more one dies to self during Lent, I believe, the more he will rise with Christ at Easter.

It is surely daunting to consider depriving oneself of food or

prayer. During the school hours, one can make a routine of attending morning Mass or Adoration on Fridays, spending time in the chapel, or praying a Rosary with the Campus Ministry on Thursdays.

Essentially, Lent is a personal invitation from Christ to join in His work of salvation. We must first acknowledge that we have sinned and make proper amends. We walk with Him in the desert through temptation and remain with Him through the suffering of Good Friday. If we are faithful to Christ and surrender ourselves to the risen Lord in loving trust, even in these final days of Lent, we will certainly find greater hope and joy when we rise beyond ourselves with Jesus on Easter Day.



Science Department Chair Amy Tassin touts some of the electives in her department to potentially scientifically inclined Blue Jays. The science classes are among the many elective courses offered to juniors and seniors.
Staff photo by Jae Kweon

Count on honor society to make math fun

By William Fine
Editor-in-Chief

Club of the Month

One of the organizations with the brightest and best minds in mathematics at Jesuit is Mu Alpha Theta. The club is the Jesuit chapter of a National Math Honor Society. Because of its status as an honor society, Mu Alpha Theta requires students to have earned at least four semesters of math credit and maintain a 3.0 GPA in math.

The society is moderated by math teachers Jo Ann Schexnayder and Khanh Nguyen. One of the many activities that Mu Alpha Theta participates in is the tutoring of students in math. Mu Alpha Theta members are encouraged to tutor at least once a quarter. Tutoring sessions are held during lunch in conjunction with the National Honor Society.

Mu Alpha Theta also participates in local tournaments throughout the school year. The Jesuit team has already competed in two tournaments this year earning high marks in both.

In the Ben Franklin Math Tournament, the Blue Jays placed second of 14 schools. Individually, Caden Swain outpaced the field in Algebra I winning first place. The Math Bowl teams in Algebra I, Algebra II, and Advanced Math all also placed first.

Jesuit won first overall in the Brother Martin Math Tournament. The Math Bowl teams in Computational Math I, Algebra II, and Calculus BC, also scored first-place wins.

Those results certainly bode well for Mu Alpha Theta's biggest event of the year: the Mu Alpha Theta State Convention in Baton Rouge next month. The annual event is the State Championship tournament.

Jesuit took second last year, but hopes to win it all this year. President Harrison Millar called it "a good chance to display our academic abilities to other highly respectable schools throughout Louisiana" while also referring to it as his favorite thing about Mu Alpha Theta. The convention will be held April 7-9.

Mu Alpha Theta combines academics and service and is one of the more active organizations on campus. Members strive to make a difference in the school community while also making math fun.

Pick a class, any class!

By Philip Hourguettes
Staff Writer

As the final quarter of the school year begins, sophomores and juniors have already begun making plans for next year in their Jesuit careers.

In addition to increasing leadership roles and certain privileges, one of the perks of being an upperclassman is choosing which classes to take as electives.

No, the term doesn't have anything to do with the current political season!

Electives are a set of classes that all upcoming seniors and many rising juniors take by

choice rather than by obligation to fill their course requirements.

At Jesuit, the number of electives slots in the schedule varies from student to student.

When a student is choosing his electives, there are many diverse options.

For the 2016-17 academic year, for example, there are a total of 50 electives being offered.

These courses cover all different disciplines, with classes ranging from Statistics to Philosophy to U.S. Presidential Conspiracies to even a new language class in Portuguese.

Talking to junior Jacob DeRamus about the process of choosing electives, he especially

appreciated the variety of offerings.

"It gives me the opportunity to pursue whatever fields interest me," he said. "I can take the classes that I want to take." Electives truly allow the student to follow his passion in school.

The recent Electives Fair provided students an opportunity to scope out their choices and learn what each elective is all about.

Prospective teachers for their respective electives were present in order to answer any questions a student might have concerning their course.

This event helped students to more confidently decide on the elective that best suits them.

The aspect of choosing one's own classes comes as a relief to many students as they are able to branch out from the structured curriculum that has been set for them since grade school and begin to start their own path. This experience is further designed to introduce students to experiences they will face during college, such as setting their schedule and choosing their major.

All in all, electives are a different experience that all students should take advantage of when the time arises.

Guidance counselors also can assist with any questions and help students learn more about this exciting opportunity.

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Wrestlers take 2nd in state tournament; Patron 'Outstanding' in his weight class

By William Fine
Editor-in-Chief

Coach Sheridan Moran, in his first season as leading the wrestling team, the Blue Jay grapplers closed out an impressive season with a second-place finish in the State Wrestling Tournament in Bossier City. The team fell short of five-time defending State Champion Brother Martin High School by 36 points.

The team closed out the first day of wrestling in second place only 23.5 points out of first. The team had every wrestler except for two slated to wrestle the next day with seven wrestlers headed into the semifinals: sophomore Adam Larriviere, senior Joseph Dupre, sophomore Eli Larriviere, senior Griffin Mason, junior Brandon Greer, senior Guy Patron, and junior Corey Dublin.

Greer entered the semifinals having scored a huge upset beating the number one overall seed in his division. The remaining wrestlers were wrestling in consolation brackets.

After the semifinal round, the Jays had placed five wrestlers into the finals. The Jays still technically had a chance but it would have taken a magical run.

The first wrestler up for the Jays in the finals was Dupre at the 120-pound weight class. Dupre was faced with a two-time state champion from Brother Martin. In a hard-fought match, Dupre lost on a 7-5 decision.



The wrestling team's five starters display the state runner-up trophy the team earned in the state championship tournament in Bossier City. The starters were, from left, Joseph Dupre, Eli Larriviere, Corey Dublin, Guy Patron and Brandon Greer. Patron also received the award as Outstanding Wrestler in his weight class.

Next for the Jays was Eli Larriviere at the 126-pound weight class. Larriviere crushed his opponent from Airline winning 14-4 in a major decision.

Underdog Greer at 182 pounds lost to a Holy Cross wrestler.

Senior Guy Patron at 195 pounds pinned his opponent from Hahnville in just a minute and 12

seconds to take home the state title. He was also named Outstanding Wrestler in his weight class.

Finally, it was Corey Dublin's turn. Dublin pinned his opponent from Catholic High School late in the match. The Jays were also helped by some key consolation wins with Mason winning his third-place match

and senior Brandon Wolff wrestling through the consolation bracket to place fourth. Adam Larriviere also placed fourth. While this was a solid run in the closing hours, it was not enough to prevail over the Crusaders.

While the Jays were disappointed with the second place finish, there are many positives to take away from the season.

One of the senior leaders of the team, Dupre, said, "This is a team of true champions on and off the mat."

In addition, the team returns two state champions in Dublin and Larriviere and a state runner-up in Greer. Hopefully, the Jays can build on the success this year and become even better in Coach Moran's second year.

Dallas loses its 'Boot' to Blue Jay rugby team

By Ian Fogarty
Sports Editor

Although many Blue Jays consider rugby as just another club sport, the Jesuit rugby team hopes to disprove that belief by making a run for this season's state championship.

Rugby consists of 30 men attempting to score by placing an oval-shaped ball down in the opponent's in-goal. Doing so will result in a try worth five points, and a conversion kick through the goalposts nets an additional two points. Sounds like, uh, football? Simple enough, right?

Wrong.

Rugby also entails a sense of brutality summed up in the saying "no pads, no breaks."

You may have seen the squad after school on the corner of Marconi and Robert E. Lee, where they both train for competition and pursue the peak of fitness with a few sprints. The team is led by coaches Jim Hotard, Adam Massey, James Rehkopf,



and Wes Eustis. Also available to lend a hand is professional rugby Coach Gareth Nicholas, who (through his heavy Welsh accent) schools the ruggers on their fundamentals in passing and decision-making.

After several weeks of hard work and training, the Jays finally opened their season against West Jefferson. The old saying that "rugby is a hooligan's game played by gentlemen" was sub-

stantiated by the team's performance in their first regular season match held in Gretna. Met by pure physicality and a sloppy pitch, the Jays incorporated a little bit of finesse into their game by means of crafty play-calling.

What was shaping up to be a hard-fought campaign was soon ended early, however, due to an altercation between West Jefferson's own players. In the end, discipline over all things

granted the Jays their strongly desired 1-0 start. The final score went down as 10-5 with tries being scored by senior William Waguespack and junior Josh Cashio.

The team then hosted Christian Brothers of Memphis for a pair of friendly matches at City Park.

Overcoming several in-game injuries, the team held their opponent scoreless in both con-

tests winning 17-0 and 24-0.

Kodak Moment tries were scored by senior Alex Esparza, junior Bryce Duffy, junior Case Ellis, junior Patrick Brou, sophomore Gabe Massey, sophomore Laith Alkahby., and freshman Daniel Davillier.

One of the team's most satisfying wins of the season came earlier this month when the players traveled to Texas for the Jesuit Dallas Rugby Showdown.

The highlight of the weekend was a 12-11 victory over the powerhouse team from Katy, the Barbarians.

Aptly named, that team from the Houston suburb was undefeated this year and hadn't lost a match last year either.

But then the Barbarians encountered the Blue Jays.

By playing smart rugby and using great strategy, the Jays overcame a first half deficit to score 12 points in the second leading to the win.

When the players returned home, they came bearing the coveted championship trophy of the tournament, "The Boot."

The Jesuit rugby team squares off against Christian Brothers of Memphis recently in City Park. The Blue Jays won the pair of games in shutouts of 17-0 and 24-0
Photo courtesy of Michael Ellis



Coming off of an ankle injury, senior Rob Weiss roared back in the basketball team's final game against Archbishop Rummel. Weiss, shown here going up for a basket, scored a dozen points in the 43-40 win against the Raiders.

Basketball ends with hopes set on next year

By Reed Darcy
Staff Writer

In a season highlighted by inconsistency and injury, the Jesuit basketball team looked to right the ship in order to clinch a spot in the March playoffs, despite a 5-11 record headed into district play.

Jesuit opened up district play against Holy Cross in front of a huge, rowdy crowd in the Birdcage. However, the home-court advantage could only carry them so far. The Jays lost a nail-biter, 43-41.

Desperate for a win, the Blue Jays went to John Curtis to do just that. They won 37-31 with 16 points from junior Brendan Conroy and seven points each from juniors Sam Ovella and Chris Beebe. However, senior Rob Weiss left the game in the fourth quarter with an ankle

injury. The injury proved costly as Jesuit would go on to lose three of their next four games.

In their next game, the Jays defeated Shaw. Jesuit shot 43 percent while Shaw hit 39 percent from the field. Scoring for the Blue Jays were Conroy (15 points), sophomore Michael Hull (14 points), and Ovella (10 points), Beebe (6 points), and junior Will Hillery (6 points).

"Our defensive effort was really good and I thought we played very well," said Coach Chris Jennings after the game. "It was our defense that set the table for this win."

Jesuit would return home to face Rummel in their next game. In their loss against the Raiders, the Jays' offense was led by Conroy, who tallied 10 points on four goals and a pair of free throws. A trio of other players — Hillery, Beebe and Ovella — each accounted for six points. Jesuit shot 0-10 from three-point range while Rummel was 5-7.

"We're not a very good 3-point shooting team, and we attempted too many of them. We just don't shoot the ball real well beyond the 3-point line, so we really have to be more selective when taking those types of shots," Jennings said.

Next up for the Jays was a trip to Brother Martin to face the Crusaders, who won easily 65-43. "We just got beat pretty good, and when you don't score points, well, we have to score more points," Jennings said. "I thought at the end of the game, we didn't quit, we kept playing, I thought we kept battling. We stopped giving them easy baskets. I was really proud of the guys for that. Towards the end when we could have gone through the motions, I thought we competed and took some pride in what we were doing."

The Jays took their pride and competitiveness into their next game in the Birdcage against St. Augustine; however, their effort would fall short 38-25 in a defensive battle. Both teams had unusually low scoring outputs. Hillery led the Blue Jays offensively with eight points. Freshman Ross Talbot grabbed a team-high five rebounds and dished out two assists. Jesuit stood at 7-15 overall and 2-5 in district play heading into a rematch at Holy Cross.

Desperate for a win, the Jays bounced back from the current losing streak to beat Holy Cross 51-36. Jesuit's intensity on

defense and patience on offense showed up in the field-goal percentages as well. Holy Cross shot 37 percent on the night, knocking down only one of nine from three-point range. Jesuit, meanwhile, ended up shooting a strong 54 percent from the field. Senior Mark Beebe played his best game of the year, finishing with 13 points and seven rebounds. Junior Hunt Conroy matched Beebe's scoring total. Hillery dropped nine points. Hull pulled down seven rebounds, scored five points, and accounted for three steals.

"There's no doubt about it. Defensive intensity was the story of this game," said Jennings. "That and Mark Beebe getting some critical baskets early."

The Jays would continue this momentum as they beat John Curtis 48-39 behind a career-high 15 points from Collin Kullivan. Chris Beebe scored nine points to go along with a team-high seven rebounds and three assists. Conroy added nine points of his own, and Ovella grabbed five defensive rebounds.

Jesuit would extend this winning streak to three games by dismantling Shaw 80-43. Hillery scored a game-high 15 points. Hunt Conroy added 14, as did Ross Talbot, who shot seven-for-seven from the field. Ovella scored 13 points.

This newfound momentum would get a spark as Weiss returned from his ankle injury in the rematch against Rummel. The Jays won the nail-biter 43-40. Weiss would score 10 of his game-high 12 points in the fourth quarter. Also pitching in was senior point guard Mark Beebe, dropping six points, grabbing a team-high eight rebounds, dishing out three assists, and accounting for two steals.

That winning streak, however, would end at four as Brother Martin withstood a late fourth-quarter rally from the Jays to hang on to a 55-46 win. It was the last home game for Mark Beebe and Weiss, who both battled through injuries this whole season. Weiss broke the 30-point mark more than once this season while Beebe rarely turned the ball over while playing the role of facilitator at point guard.

The loss against Brother Martin made the Jays ineligible for the playoffs for the first time in a number of seasons, closing out the season with a 6-6 record in district play and an 11-17 overall season record.

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