

# Aquinas 'Bomb' Stops McQuaid

A long pass by Ray Quercia, a finger-tip grab at full stride by Mike Callahan—and Aquinas, on the last play of the third quarter had the winning touchdown in a dramatic 26-14 comeback victory over McQuaid in Sunday's CL championship game at muddy Aquinas stadium.

The Little Irish, trailing by 6-0 and again by 14-12 against the upset Knights, came up with the big one when they had to. With a third and 8 situation on McQuaid's 40 and the Knight secondary looking for the pass, it had to be a perfectly executed one to succeed, and it was. Quercia then flipped to Steve Centron, who made a good catch for the 2-point conversion, and the Irish were up, 20-14.

Twice in the last quarter, McQuaid had good striking position just inside Aquinas territory, but the Irish refused to budge. The final touch came on the game's last play when Aquinas, instead of falling on the ball to run out the clock, slipped Mike Palumbo loose around end for a 51-yard TD sprint through the muck.

It was a battle that produced a surprising offensive show on a field that was soaked with rain and chewed up from the first half of the CL doubleheader, won by Kearney over Mooney, 12-0. McQuaid missed a field goal attempt after an early fumble recovery, but another fumble, this one picked off by Jim Nerneck, gave the Knights a shot from Aquinas' 17 late in the period. On fourth down, Mike O'Neill drilled a pass to Nerneck in the corner of the end zone and the senior end hugged it just inside the end line for the score.

Aquinas almost shook Palumbo free on the ensuing kickoff, but the fleet halfback was halted down after a 46-yard runback to McQuaid's 42. Workhorse



Aquinas' Ray Quercia runs for first down on quarterback sneak through a host of McQuaid linemen. Aquinas went on to score.

Rich Russo carried 6 straight times from there, starting with a 20-yard burst and finally scoring from 2 yards out.

McQuaid stopped Russo's extra-point thrust to keep the score tied, then answered on Mike Ryan's 43-yard kickoff return to the Irish 40. But, six plays later, the Knights fumbled the ball over to Aquinas on the 9, and the Irish set out on a 91-yard drive to a 12-6 halftime lead. It took 18 plays and was almost halted once when Ray O'Neill picked off a Quercia pass. But a roughing penalty

canceled the interception and the Irish kept banging away on the ground. It was Mark Schmidt, on a 3rd and 6 play from the 13, who got the touchdown, busting loose over the left side.

The third period was played almost entirely in Aquinas territory. The Irish gambled on a fourth down try with Russo but lost the ball on their 33 early in the period. McQuaid drove to the 4 before being stopped, but the Knights were knocking gains on two more, and the Quercia-Callahan team took over for the moment of perfection.

made good this time, opening up quick holes for tailback Mike Pignato, who carried to a first down on the 6 and finally went straight ahead from the 2 to tie the score, 12-12. A fake kick and sprint around left end by Ryan put the Knights ahead by two points with 2:15 left in the quarter.

It was then that Aquinas showed its championship touch. Russo banged out 18 yards in two carries, was topped for short almost halted once when Ray O'Neill picked off a Quercia pass. But a roughing penalty Russo fumbled on the 20. They

## Little Irish Face Tough Utica Team

By WEIT JOHNSON  
Fresh from winning the Catholic League championship with a 26-14 victory over McQuaid ( Jesuit High School last weekend), the Little Irish of Aquinas Institute close out its season Saturday night against Utica Free Academy under the lights of Memorial Stadium.

The 7:30 p.m. kickoff Saturday is a change from the original schedule, according to Father Cyril F. Carter, C.S.B., Aquinas athletic director. The game was first scheduled for tonight and is so indicated on season passes.

Aquinas will have its hands full with the hard-hitting Titans ranked second in their area. The Titans have won their last four games, including a 44-9 victory over Whitesboro Central last Saturday.

Coach Bob Conklin's eleven-man team is enjoying its best season in recent years, are 5 and 1 on the season, losing only to undefeated Notre Dame of Utica and that by one touchdown.

The Titans will be making their first appearance at Aquinas Stadium.

Conklin is high with his praise of quarterback Al Newton. With five touchdown passes so far this year, veteran Newton will be a threat to the Aquinas secondary. He has completed better than 50 per cent of his passes this season. The Titans will also depend upon Stan Enoch for rushing yardage. From his fullback position Enoch has picked up an average of 4.8 yards a carry and has scored in every game. He is also a kicking specialist.

Aquinas coach Bob Rosmarino will count on the passing of quarterback Ray Quercia who has completed 19 of 35 and the rushing of Rich Russo who has gained 889 yards in 197 carries.

## Kings Defeat Mooney Face Jamestown Next

By TOM DOMALSKI

Bishop Kearney's quarterback Tom Lapple twice ran for scores as the Kings defeated the Cardinals of Cardinal Mooney, 12-0, last Sunday, on a mud-soaked field at Aquinas Stadium. This game was the first of a Catholic League football doubleheader.

Kearney ended its Catholic season with a third place finish and a 3-3 league record. The Kings are 4-3 overall, and will be looking for their fifth win Saturday (tomorrow) in Jamestown. The game starts at 1:30 p.m.

Kearney took the lead in the first quarter on a 67-yard scoring drive. The attack was led by the runners, with only one pass thrown, a nine-yarder from Lapple to Keith Roeder for a first down on a fourth-down play. Seven plays later, Lapple plunged over the goal line from two yards out. After an illegal procedure penalty, a Jim Leone kick was blocked. Bishop Kearney led 6-0.

Mooney received the second half kickoff, but when Pete Van

Allen was forced to pass on a third down play, Tom Snyder intercepted at the Cardinal Mooney 40 and ran it back to the 28. The wet ball and hands, causing numerous fumbles throughout the game, made another turnover as Snyder ran on the first down play. He fumbled, and Van Allen recovered for the Cardinals.

In the final quarter Kearney's Tom Snyder recovered a fumble

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Ohio State	118.0	Al. Force	99.5	Texas Tech	87.3	Wisconsin	79.2
Tennessee	115.2	Wyoming	99.3	Iowa	87.3	North Texas State	79.2
Michigan	113.8	Arizona State	99.3	South Carolina	87.3	North Carolina	79.2
Utah	113.8	Utah	99.3	Michigan (Ohio)	86.5	Army	79.2
Southern California	113.6	Texas	99.3	Dartmouth	86.5	Northwestern	79.2
Missouri	109.2	Illinois	99.3	Dartmouth	86.5	Dartmouth	79.2
Louisiana State	107.2	Georgia Tech	99.3	Illinois	86.5	Western Michigan	79.2
Arkansas	107.2	Alabama	99.3	Kansas	86.5	Hawaii	79.2
Kansas State	105.0	Georgia Tech	99.3	Arizona	86.5	Texas A.M.	79.2
Auburn	104.8	Alabama	99.3	Ohio University	83.9	Buffalo	77.7
Notre Dame	104.8	San Diego State	99.3	Villanova	83.9	Duke	77.7
Stanford	104.6	Michigan State	99.3	Pittsburgh	83.9	Kent State	77.7
Michigan	104.6	Florida State	99.3	Minnesota	83.9	Penn State	77.7
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Georgia	103.2	Florida State	99.3	Southern Methodist	83.9	Colorado State	77.7
Florida	103.2	Michigan State	99.3	Colorado State	83.9	Bowling Green	77.7
Nevada	102.8	Oregon State	99.3	Oregon State	83.9	Rice	77.7
Oklahoma	102.8	Nevada	99.3	Yale	83.9	Yale	77.7
Houston	102.8	Oklahoma	99.3	Brigham Young	83.9	Oregon	77.7
West Virginia	102.8	Houston	99.3	Iowa State	83.9	Texas, El Paso	77.7
Colorado	97.7	West Virginia	99.3	North Carolina State	83.9	Tulane	77.7
		Colorado	97.7	Kentucky	83.9		

## McQuaid Harriers Take Diocese Title

McQuaid Jesuit High's cross-country men came up with their top team performance of the season at hilly Watkins Glen last Saturday to eke out an upset victory over Bishop Kearney in the 10th Annual Diocesan Championships.

The Knights, who had nipped the Kings by two points in Tuesday's unofficial team scoring at the City-Catholic meet, did it again, 39-42, with all seven men chipping in. Phil Horton (3), Ed Robertson (4), and Dick Sheridan (6) matched Kearney's top three of Mike D'Errico (1), Rick O'Connor (5), and Marty Lawson (8).

The Kings picked up ground with John Terreri in 9th against McQuaid's John Hurley in 12th, but the Knights' remaining three men all got home ahead of Kearney's fifth scorer to tip the scales to McQuaid. Competing the Knight lineup were Pat Cullinane 14, Mike Cramer (15), and Tom McLaughlin (18). Aquinas edged Mooney for third spot in the team race, 71-72.

Individually, D'Errico came up with a record-breaking race to capture the Bob Bossert Memorial Trophy, given in honor of the late Aquinas runner. The Kearney senior caught Aquinas' Bill Fox about 500 yards from the finish, stayed with him for the next 100 yards, then kicked away to win, by five seconds in 11:27, two seconds under the old mark.

In junior varsity competition, McQuaid shaved theirs even closer, scoring 42 points to top Kearney's 43. The Knights had the individual winner in Greg Smith and backed him up with Steve MacIntyre (5), Bob Clark (8), Jim Knipper (12), and Jeff Rosenberger (16). Mooney had 65 and Aquinas 70 to complete the team scoring.

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