

In misleading 34-6 victory

McQuaid capitalizes on Aquinas mistakes, defeats rival

"The score was in no way indicative of the tough, physical game it was," said McQuaid head coach Tom Sprague of his team's overwhelming win Saturday against the Little Irish. But Aquinas' fumbled punt snap on their first possession of the game, which McQuaid recovered in the end zone for a touchdown, was indicative of the self-destructive football Aquinas played throughout the game.

Aquinas' first big mistake came on its first drive, which began after Nick Castronova

intercepted a pass from Chris Caruso at Aquinas' five-yard line. This would be the team's only interception of the game. Aquinas was stopped short of a second first down in its own territory and forced to punt. A bad snap to punter Francis Gutberlet was recovered by McQuaid tight end Dan Peacock in the end zone, and a James Terrell kick put the Knights seven points up on the Little Irish.

Three possessions later, after a third-and-inches first-down conversion,

Caruso passed 15 yards to Mike Newcomb and then 15 more to Steve Hettrich for the touchdown. Terrell connected for another one-point conversion.

But Aquinas was not out of contention yet. The next drive was the Christopher Thomas show. Thomas ran four times for 55 yards to the one-yard line, and then McQuaid quarterback Mark Chapman pounded through the middle on second down for the touchdown. A two-point conversion run was stopped.

McQuaid led by just 14-6 at halftime. But the second half started with an Aquinas mistake as disastrous as that which cost them seven points in the first quarter. The Little Irish bobbled a McQuaid kickoff by Jason Jenkins, and then fell on it on the Aquinas seven-yard line. On the following play, Aquinas fumbled again. McQuaid recovered on the two-yard line, and Mark Passero swept right on second-and-goal for the touchdown. Aquinas blocked the extra point attempt.

McQuaid's next touchdown was also aided by an Aquinas fumble. A bad snap in the shotgun position went over the head of quarterback Mark Chapman, and McQuaid recovered the ball once again deep in Aquinas territory. Dave Hodges ran twice for 12 yards, moving the Knights to the 12-yard line, and then Caruso connected a second time with Hettrich over the middle for the fourth McQuaid touchdown of the game. Terrell kicked his third extra point to put McQuaid 21 points ahead in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Knights broadened their lead to 34-6 with a scoring drive from their own 29-yard line. A team effort, highlighted by a 20-yard pass to Hettrich, moved McQuaid to the Aquinas nine-yard line. McQuaid fumbled this time, but Chuck Maloy recovered in the end zone for another McQuaid touchdown.

"Had Aquinas not turned the football over, it would have been an entirely different game," Sprague said. "They really did hand us the game." McQuaid gained 174 yards passing and 100 rushing, for a total of 274 yards. Aquinas threw for only 14 yards, but rushed 207 for a total of 219 yards.

McQuaid was expected to win the game, though, which clinched at least a tie for the City-Catholic League championship. McQuaid (6-1) is one game ahead of Bishop Kearney (5-2) and will finish the regular season against Franklin (2-4-1) next week. Unless McQuaid loses to Franklin and Kearney defeats East (4-3) next week, McQuaid will be the Division 1 champion.

Sprague said his team will most likely be seeded first in the sectional championships which begin Saturday, Oct. 9. After losing 35 players to graduation last year, Sprague said he really didn't expect to even make it to sectionals. But after juggling several players and improvements in the defense, Sprague was pleasantly surprised.



Tony Felton (42) of McQuaid gets caught by Aquinas' Timothy Kreuzer (68) as Felton heads down the field.



Senior Frank Monfalcone dons a knight's armor to lead the already enthusiastic crowd cheering for the McQuaid Knights.



This time Tony Felton of McQuaid couldn't quite hold on to the ball as AQ's Michael Gionta delivered a hard hit. Miraculously McQuaid managed to recover the ball and score a touchdown.

Nazareth College names new associate directors

Nazareth College has appointed three new associate directors of residential life to work with the college's record number of 900 residential students expected this fall.

Each associate director will be responsible for approximately 300 residential students. They will supervise the activities of the college's 31 undergraduate resident assistants.

The new associate directors are: Renee G.

Retreat Offered

A retreat for men will be offered Friday, Nov. 1, to Sunday, Nov. 3, at the Notre Dame Retreat House on Canandaigua Lake by the following parishes:

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Bardell, former graduate hall adviser and assistant conference coordinator at the University of Vermont; Brian L. Battistoni, former assistant to the dean of students and a residence hall director at St. Bonaventure University; and Thaddeus J. Ciambor,

former resident director and assistant director of student activities at the State University of New York College at Morrisville.

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