

# McQuaid stifles Mooney's fairy-tale season in 26-8 romp



A Mooney defensive dive comes up short as Tony Felton sweeps for another McQuaid first down. Jeff Goulding/Courier-Journal



Halfback Dave Hodges pounds through the middle on one of many short-yardage assignments.



After nabbing a pass from Caruso, Chris Hauber leaps over Mooney's outside linebacker Dan Hawryschuck.

## Knights-Fairport rematch scheduled

By Kevin Myers

Cardinal Mooney football team's fairy-tale season came to an abrupt halt Saturday, Nov. 9, when heavily favored McQuaid pounded the Cardinals 28-6 in the Section 5, Class AAA semifinals.

Although both teams were 6-2 at the close of regular season, Mooney was the definite underdog in its first appearance in the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium. "Our kids will have to be hungry and play flawless football to beat them (McQuaid) in the sectionals," Mooney coach John Heck said last week. But McQuaid, bouncing back from last Saturday's embarrassing loss to Franklin, was hungrier.

Rather than damaging the Knights' confidence, the loss to Franklin gave McQuaid a little extra desire to prove how tough a team it is, McQuaid coach Tom Sprague said.

The Knights came out in the first half to score three unanswered touchdowns. The first touchdown was set up by the first of three interceptions of the game by defensive back Matt McConville. A 22-yard pass from quarterback Chris Caruso to receiver Mike Newcomb in the end zone kindled the fire that would burn through the Mooney defense during the entire game. Kevin Flannigan kicked the extra point to put McQuaid up 7-0.

On their next possession, the Knights drove to the eight-yard line, and a defensive key on halfback Dave Hodges allowed Caruso to sweep to the right side of the field for the touchdown. Flannigan scored the extra-point kick to put the Knights 14 up on the Cardinals.

On McQuaid's next possession, Tony Felton returned a punt 65 yards to the Mooney's end zone. Although a holding call annulled the touchdown and brought the ball back to the 31, the Knights were encroaching deep in Mooney territory. Hodges pounded through the middle twice, and then a third time for the touchdown. The Cardinals showed their first sign of rebellion against

the McQuaid offense when they blocked the extra-point attempt, holding the Knights' score to 20.

Hodges rushed four times on McQuaid's next possession, contributing to the Knights' drive to Mooney's 15-yard line. But a bobbled snap defeated a field-goal attempt, and the score remained 20-0 at halftime.

Fullback John Mason's 43-yard return of the second-half kickoff momentarily breathed some life into the anxious Cardinal fans, but a nine-yard loss on a quarterback sack and a fumbled pitchout to a Mooney fullback stifled the drive and the fans' enthusiasm.

The Cardinals defense forced the Knights to punt on the following drive, but the Mooney offense failed to capitalize on its next possession.

The Knights, however, didn't let opportunity slip away on their next possession, even though they had to start on their own nine-yard line. Halfback Tony Felton and Hodges combined rushing efforts with Caruso, driving 83 yards to Mooney's eight-yard line. Then, Caruso went back to his passing game, connecting with tight end Steve Hettrich for the touchdown. This time the extra point attempt was wide, but the Knights had scored 26 unanswered points.

McConville intercepted another pass from Scott Barker on Mooney's next drive, but on the following play, Mooney's defensive end, Kevin Kelly, fell on a McQuaid fumble. The Cardinals made no gain on first, second or third down, but on fourth-and-eleven, Barker threw a perfect 30-yard touchdown pass over the middle to receiver Paul Brescia, averting a shutout.

McQuaid will face last year's sectional champions, the Fairport Red Raiders, in a championship rematch Sunday at 1 p.m. at Fauver Stadium. In the final play of last year's gridiron match-up, the Red Raiders defeated McQuaid's last attempt to tie the game, stopping the Cardinals' drive just 18 inches from the goal line.

### Comedy Presentation

The comedy "The Imaginary Invalid" will be presented Friday, Nov. 15, to Sunday, Nov. 17, at the Arts Center, Nazareth College.

The presentation, sponsored by the Nazareth Theatre Arts Department and Drama Club, will be at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday.

Moliere's comedy pokes fun at the medical profession from the point of view of the hypochondriac. David Mummery, Mary Ann

Kafron and Sarah Frank will play the lead roles in the play.

Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for students and \$2 for senior citizens. They may be purchased at the Nazareth Arts Center Box Office 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and during regular Saturday hours.

A special performance for high school students will be Friday, Nov. 15 at 10 a.m.

For additional information, call (716)586-2420.

### Italian Marriage Encounter

A Marriage Encounter weekend in Italian is planned Friday through Sunday, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, at the Don Bosco Retreat House in West Havestraw, N.Y.

The encounter, limited to 20 couples, is

sponsored by the Northeast Italian Apostolate Conference. Call (718)638-5500 or (212)371-1000, ext. 2671, for more information.

### Chapel Anniversary

The 15th anniversary of the University of Rochester Interfaith Chapel will be celebrated at a reception Thursday, Nov. 14. Dr. Leonard Sweet, the president of United

Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, will speak on "The Rainbow Connection" in the chapel's upper level at 8 p.m. The reception will follow.

### Marriage Encounter

A marriage encounter weekend, sponsored by the World Wide Marriage Encounter Community of the Diocese of Rochester, will be offered Friday, Nov. 15, through Sunday, Nov. 17, at the Hilton Inn on the Campus, 175 Jefferson Rd., Henrietta.

Married couples, priests and religious are encouraged to renew their vows of matrimony and holy orders at the encounter weekend,

which is organized by new coordinators Father Jack Murray and John and Pam Notebart. The weekend is part of a Catholic renewal movement. The theme of the weekend will be how we communicate with each other and with God.

For reservations, call (716)621-2262. For additional information or a presentation to your parish or group, call (716)367-3433.

### Holy Ghost Craft Show

The Sacred Heart Society and Home-School Association of Holy Ghost Church will co-sponsor a Holiday Craft Show Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the school hall. Refreshments and baked goods will also be available.

The Holy Ghost Youth Group will be on

hand to keep the show running smoothly. Holy Ghost School students are helping to publicize the event with a poster contest.

Space is still available for any craft person who would like to participate. Call (716)889-4223 or 247-1314 for more information.

### Holiday Happening

St. Catherine of Siena Church in Ithaca plans a Holiday Happening craft bazaar Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. An Advent display, the new party, sockbook, a sweet shoppe, holiday jewelry and more

other items will be included.

A pizza party is also planned at 6 p.m., followed by a cabaret with music, fun and entertainment. A media presentation of parish history will also be featured.