

Errors prove costly to Mooney in 8-7 loss to Fighting Kings

By Richard A. Kiley

One of the many advertising slogans appearing over the left field wall in Silver Stadium proclaims, "Treat the home team right."

Last Sunday afternoon, Cardinal Mooney did just that.

Coach Ed Nietopski's visiting Cardinals committed eight fielding errors in its 8-7 loss to Catholic rival Bishop Kearney. The 7-2 Fighting Kings showed fewer symptoms of "stadiumitis" in committing four fielding miscues.

Kearney's Brian Keenan, whose batting had been marred by "a terrible slump this season" according to Bishop Kearney coach Carm Urzetta, probably wishes the home of Rochester's Red Wings would become his team's permanent home field. The catcher had four key hits and plated three runs for the day.

The Cardinals began providing hospitable treatment early, when Kearney sent nine batters to the plate in a three-run first inning.

The Fighting Kings loaded the bases without the ball even leaving the infield, thanks to costly fielding errors by John Mason and Steve Olek.

John Burke led off the inning with a perfect bunt single, catching Mason off guard at third base. Mason's errant throw to first enabled Burke to reach second base. Robert Long followed Burke with a routine ground ball to Mooney shortstop Steve Olek, but Olek bobbled the ball too long to get either runner. Kearney's Joe Falbo forced in his team's first run when he was hit by a pitch with bases loaded.

Keenan upped the lead to 3-0 when he followed Falbo with a hard smash to left field, which scored both Long and Tom McKay.

Mooney came back with two runs in the top half of the second inning. The bases were loaded with Cardinals with two out when Paul Brescia drove a Steve Arriola pitch to deep rightfield, scoring John Mason and Pete Leicht. The rally ended, however, when Gary Bischooping tried to score all the way from first base on Brescia's hit and was

tagged out at home plate.

Urzetta's squad upped the lead to 4-2 in the fourth inning when Burke (who reached first safely on an error) scored on Fred Blightman's blast which hit the base of the wall in rightfield. Blightman, who stopped at third, eventually scored on a single by Keenan, to balloon the lead to 5-2.

The never-say-die Cardinals again pulled within one in the top of the fifth inning when Leicht earned a bases-loaded walk, and Bischooping forced in John Mason.

Just when the Cardinals were getting close, errors once again proved costly for them in the bottom half of the stanza. Joe Buddendeck and Burke walked to start the inning, and both advanced one base on a muffed pick-off attempt. Buddendeck tagged and scored from third base after Cardinal second baseman Bischooping dove and caught a foul pop fly behind first base, but couldn't get up in time to get Buddendeck at the plate. Two batters later, a wild pitch enabled Burke to score from third, giving Mooney a three-run lead at 7-4.

Kearney pitcher Steve Arriola showed signs of fatigue in the sixth inning when four consecutive walks pulled the Cardinals to within two runs.

Urzetta relieved Arriola with Scott Valyear, who was rudely greeted by Greg Mason's long, run-scoring sacrifice fly to center, cutting the lead to one at 7-6.

The Fighting Kings scored what proved to be the winning run in their half of the sixth. Falbo was hit by a pitch to start the inning, and advanced to second on Keenan's single. Falbo eventually scored when he beat John Mason's throw home on Don Weigand's soft grounder down the line.

In Mooney's last at bat, Alexander committed a fielding error, which combined with Brescia's long single to center gave Mooney runners at first and second with no one out. A balk called on Valyear after Nietopski called for a double steal pulled the Cardinals



Mooney's Gary Bischooping tries to score on Paul Brescia's extra base hit in the second inning, but he's tagged out by catcher Brian Keenan. It proved a key play as Mooney lost by one run, 8-7.

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The game ended when left-handed slugger Brian Puffer hit the ball hard but right at Burke, Kearney's second baseman.

Urzetta attributed both teams' shabby defensive play to the excitement of playing in Silver Stadium. The coach, who is coming off his only losing season in two decades at Kearney, is still waiting for this year's squad to play to its full potential.

"I'm fairly well pleased," Urzetta said, in evaluating his team's season thus far. "We still haven't played what I think is real good baseball yet; we're capable of playing better."

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HATS OFF TO AQUINAS' sophomore right-hander Mark Chapman, who pitched a no-hitter in the first of two games at Silver Stadium on Sunday. Chapman struck out 11 and even helped his own cause by hitting an inside-the-park homerun in a 13-1 drubbing of McQuaid.

The Little Irish's Dan Cooney was as hot as the weather in going a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate. Included in Cooney's batting clinic were a pair of doubles and three RBIs.

Aquinas and Bishop Kearney are tied for first in the City-Catholic League with unblemished 3-0 records.



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