

Cardinal Mooney softball is lone survivor of sectionals

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It was a short second season for many Rochester Catholic schools in baseball and softball, ending last week as the quest for 1986 sectional crowns got underway. Inconsistent play and inexperience spelled doom for all squads except the Cardinal Mooney girls' softball team. Coach Joette Abbey appears to have her girls, the defending Section 5 Class AA champions, peaking at the right time after two impressive wins over Greece Olympia and rival Bishop Kearney.

In baseball action:

• The Fighting Kings of Bishop Kearney, seeded seventh in this year's sectionals, received some timely hitting from first baseman Joe Falbo and outfielder Don Weigand in an 8-1 win over number 10-seed Brighton at Bishop Kearney High School.

Falbo and Weigand collected two hits each with Falbo notching two RBIs.

Two days later, however, coach Carm Urzetta's squad could not muster any offense at all against the Fairport Red Raiders — more specifically against pitcher Brian DeLola — in an 8-0 loss. DeLola mystified Fighting King batters all afternoon in the game played at the Aquinas Institute, limiting Kearney to just two hits for the game.

• One of the more disappointing showings by a Catholic school was the fourth-seeded Little Irish of Aquinas, who were beaten bad-

ly by a team seeded nine teams below. A recently revitalized Greece Olympia team downed Aquinas, 9-2.

Olympia's John Helfer helped spell the end for the hosts with a two-run triple in a four-run third inning to break the game wide open.

Two more runs in the fourth and three in the sixth ended any hopes of an Aquinas comeback.

• Too much of Brockport pitcher Pete Agostinelli and too little offense spelled doom for coach Tim Jordan's Knights of McQuaid in a 2-1 loss.

Agostinelli aided his own cause for the fifth-seeded Blue Devils when he tripled in his first run, giving Brockport a 1-0 advantage.

Knight first baseman Steve Hettrich evened things up with a run-scoring single later, but the effort proved futile in the fifth inning when Jordan's squad played somewhat sloppily. The Blue Devils scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly after a McQuaid fielding error and a wild pitch.

• Cardinal Mooney coach Ed Nietopski also witnessed a dormant offense in his squad's 3-1 loss to number-eight seed Canandaigua. Kevin Wheeler and Bill Evancher both plated runs in a two-run third inning to pace Canandaigua over the Cardinals.

• Over in Class C, two Fillmore pitchers held the Saints of Geneva DeSales in check as the number nine seed defeated the number eight

seed 3-1 at Bath.

Jeff Rickets went the first five and was aided by Chris Sweeney, who had two strong innings in relief.

In softball action:

• Catholic rivals Cardinal Mooney and Bishop Kearney met for the third time this year, but the result was far different from that of the first two meetings.

After losing two decisions to the Lady Kings during the regular season, senior ace Julie Staub stymied Kearney batters in leading her club to an 8-3 win.

Five of Mooney's eight runs were a result of home runs as catcher Mary Beth Prognos smashed a grand slam in the fourth, and right-fielder Julie Kolb added a solo shot in the sixth. The runs proved more than enough for Staub, who allowed just one hit during the contest.

• Two days earlier, in Mooney's first sectional contest, Staub no-hit Greece Olympia, enabling Mooney to advance.

• Coach Linda D'Onofrio's Lady Kings advanced to face Mooney when they defeated seven-seeded Gates Chili by a score of 6-2. Down 2-0, Kearney came back with six unanswered runs, thanks mainly to Melanie Lipka's three RBIs.

• Coach Dave Pisano's Nazareth squad was no-hit by Rush-Henrietta's Lynn Parrini in the first round of tournament play, losing 8-0. It

was the second time this season that the R-H senior right-hander pitched a no-hitter against an opponent.

The Royal Comets scored four runs in the sixth inning to provide Parrini with more than enough runs.

• Coach Paul Walker's Lady Monarchs of Mercy dug themselves too big a hole, and a rally in the seventh inning fell just short in an 8-7 loss to sixth-seeded Fairport.

Eleventh-seeded Mercy trailed 8-0 going into the final stanza, and pulled to within one when Laura Wambach cleared the bases with a two-out triple.

The Cardinal Mooney girls' softball team was scheduled to face sixth-seeded Fairport in a game at McAvoy Park Wednesday night. The winner of that game, and the winner of the game between Hilton and Rush-Henrietta, play for the championship on Friday, June 6, at 8:30 p.m.

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