

Gates-Chili blanks McQuaid; Kearney boys, girls lose

Aquinas to play Greece Arcadia in Class B clash

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Oh, what a rollercoaster ride the Section 5 boys' and girls' soccer tournament has proven to be for Rochester-area Catholic schools.

Riding emotional highs after upset victories over the tourney's top seeds in Class A and B, both McQuaid and Bishop Kearney were brought down to earth by crushing defeats to Gates-Chili and Arcadia respectively.

The No. 8-seeded Cardinals advanced to play the Spartans (15-4-3) by edging Paul Forte's No. 1-seeded Cardinal Mooney team, 2-1. The Mooney-McQuaid matchup had all the intensity of a semifinal or final game and apparently left Coach Lou Boyon's Knights (13-8) with little to bring against the No. 3 Spartans. McQuaid fell to Gates-Chili 3-0.

It was a nightmare for a first half for the Knights in the game played at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium on Halloween night, as the Spartans outshot McQuaid 9-1 and scored twice.

Both goals were scored by junior Larry Gilchrist, with the first coming off a direct kick at the 12:22 mark. Gilchrist redirected Todd Regelsberger's 35-yard boot past Knight net-minder Phillip Farchione, to give the Spartans a 1-0 lead.

Gates-Chili then took advantage of some sloppy play on the part of the Knights to score its second goal. After Farchione kicked the ball from his goal mouth, the Spartans' Tony DeRosa outstayed the McQuaid defense to the ball. De Rosa then passed the ball perfectly to Gilchrist, who found himself all alone after a McQuaid defender fell down. Gilchrist fired Farchione at his mercy, and fired the ball into the net with 4:43 remaining in the first half.

McQuaid began to assert itself in the second half, but couldn't turn any opportunities into goals. The Spartans scored the only goal of the second half, when Ozzie Mazzuli's corner kick was punched out by Farchione right onto the foot of Spartan midfielder Pat Tata, who converted the rebound to make the score 3-0.

Boyon attributed the rather lopsided score to his players' lackluster first half and their unfamiliarity with playing in an open stadium like Fauver.

"I think the high point of our season was beating Mooney; it took us a while to get up (against Gates)," said Boyon, whose team fell to Gates-Chili 1-0 earlier in the season. "The considerable wind effect hurt us, especially when the fullbacks tried to clear it. We dominated (play) in the second half, but we weren't finishing our plays."

Gates-Chili's third goal appeared to take the wind out of the Knights' sails, Boyon said. "That third goal was very important for Gates. One goal would have put us right back in the game."

Boyon called the Spartans "quite a team" and picked them to beat Athena, a 2-0 winner over Penfield in the second game at Fauver, to win the Class A crown.

McQuaid advanced to the semifinal matchup against Gates-Chili with a 2-1 come-from-behind win over Mooney at Spencerport on Wednesday, October 26.

The Cardinals (15-4-2) scored just 6:46 into the contest, when one of Peter Moisej's patented 20-yard throw-ins was headed into the goal by Kevin Khuns. Khuns outleaped several McQuaid defenders and his team a 1-0 lead. That was the last goal Mooney would see for the

1986 season, however, as McQuaid tallied twice in the second half to eliminate the tourney's top seed.

John Lama knotted the score at 1-1 at 28:30 of the second half, when he headed the ball past Mooney goalie Scott Cortese. Cortese hesitated on the initial McQuaid shot toward his net, enabling Lama to reach the ball first and score.

McQuaid went ahead for good in the game with 10:44 left, on a play which looked much like the Knights' first tally. This time it was Mark Ungerer's turn to use his head as he beat Cortese to the far side of the goal.

"We weren't really attacking in the first half; we were laying back too much," said Boyon, whose team would have advanced even if it had tied Mooney, due to the fact that McQuaid scored one more goal than Mooney against Group 1 opponents East and Edison. "We pressured them continuously in the second half and took advantage of some defensive mistakes."

Boyon is leaving McQuaid after coaching the varsity boys for five years, and the junior varsity for one season. He is confident that the Knights will continue in their winning ways even in his absence.

"I always set a goal to make McQuaid competitive," said Boyon, whose teams have reached both the semifinals and quarterfinals twice in his five years. "The (soccer) program is really coming on. The JV team went undefeated this year (under Dan Scheidt), and the freshman team had a strong year also."

Although no one has been named as yet to coach varsity next year, whoever does take the position will have a good core of players to work with. "Seven or eight juniors are returning next year. They all played so they'll improve."

Boyon, who is director of energy at Rochester Institute of Technology, is retiring to devote more time to his family, and to his coaching duties with the Rush-Henrietta Rage, a women's club team in Rochester.

In Class B-1 play, Coach Greg Schuber's Fighting Kings were beaten by Greece Arcadia 6-1 in the final game played at Spencerport on Saturday night, November 1.

The Titans, which moved down a class because of declining enrollment at the school, were propelled by two goals by Mike Bianchi in the win.

Arcadia was to play B-2 champion Aquinas at 7 p.m. Wednesday night, November 5 for the right to represent Section 5 in the state tournament, which begins this Saturday.

Kearney was never able to rebound from two early scores by the Titans, who improved to 16-3-1 for the year. The first goal came off a head shot by Sean La Dieu with just 2:59 gone in the contest.

Bianchi notched the first of his two goals approximately 10 minutes later, off a breakaway shot.

The second half was all Arcadia as Bianchi scored off another breakaway at 11:30 to make the score 3-0, and junior Brian Cawley converted a goal off a direct kick to up the margin to four goals just five minutes later.

Rick Fame ended any hopes of a Titan shutout when he Arcadia goalie Tim Brennan to make the score 4-1, but two more goals by Arcadia — Mark Pickering and Joe Guiliano — finished off any miracle comeback by the Fighting Kings.

Kearney had advanced to the B-1 final with a stunning upset of No. 1 seeded Pittsford-Mendon, while the Titans beat defending state champion Pittsford Sutherland in overtime by a 1-0 score.

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Spartan fullback Ron Cirra appeared to be flying during this first-half action as McQuaid's Dan O'Mara looked on last Friday night at Fauver Stadium. Gates-Chili breeched past McQuaid to advance to the Class A final game against Greece Athena.

Sperry dashes Aquinas' hopes of second season; East takes City-Catholic with win over Kearney

First-round games in the Section 5 Class AAA football tournament begin this Saturday and, for the first time in a while, all Rochester-area Catholic school grid teams will be spectators.

Aquinas was the only team with a shot at a tourney bid, but those hopes faded when Coach Chris Battaglia's Little Irish fell to Rush-Henrietta Sperry, 20-3.

The final score was not indicative of how close the game really was, as Sperry scored 14 fourth-quarter points to break open what had been a game dominated by the defense.

Mark Samuels' five-yard sprint, combined with a 32-yard interception return for a touchdown by defensive back Rocky Stefano — who also plays quarterback, punts and kicks — iced the win for the Comets.

The Little Irish had trailed just 6-3 at the end of the first half after Kevin Juif's 35-yard field goal.

With the win, Sperry (7-1) clinched the top seeding in the Class AAA tournament. Aquinas finished the season at 5-3.

In other games last Saturday:
● The Orientals of East clinched the City-Catholic League Division 1 football championship with a hard-fought 7-0 win over Bishop Kearney.

The Orientals, 5-1 league, 7-1 overall, notched the only score of the game when David Bryant rumbled in from the one-yard line. The stingy East defense also deserves

credit for this win. A Fighting King offensive drive in the second quarter moved all the way to the four, but East's defense held them down.

Kearney finished at 2-3-1 league, 2-4-2 overall.

● It was a typical ending to a disappointing season for Coach Tom Sprague's Knights of McQuaid, when Franklin scored as time expired, to win 22-14.

With the score knotted at 14-14, Sherman gathered in a 60-yard pass and then dodged through the Knight defense to score the winning touchdown.

Franklin's Rodney Griffin once again staged a running clinic as he went over the 1,000-yard mark for the season.

Franklin ended its season at 3-1-1, 6-2-2 overall. The Knights finished at 3-3, 3-5 overall.

● Coach John Heck's Cardinals ended the season on an upbeat note as they beat host Monroe 20-8.

The Cardinals jumped out to a 20-0 lead after three quarters and never looked back, finishing the year at 3-5. Monroe, a team that plays in Division 2, finished at 2-4-1.

Class AAA matchups:
● No. 2 Sperry Athena vs. No. 3 East, at 6 p.m. and No. 1 Rush-Henrietta Sperry plays No. 4 Pittsford at 8:30 p.m.

Both games will be played at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium this Saturday night.

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