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AQ, Mooney wait until seventh to score league wins at Silver

By Richard A. Kiley

Wins haven't exactly come easy this season for Aquinas varsity baseball coach Rich Pilliter. But that's not to say that the Little Irish have been the doormats of the City-Catholic League this spring. On the contrary, they have taken the top clubs in both their league and Section 5 to the wire on a number of occasions. Unfortunately for Pilliter, key mistakes in pivotal situations have kept the Little Irish (3-12 overall, 2-2 league) from winning more.

Last Sunday, May 3, AQ met another team familiar with being on the wrong end of a one-run game — McQuaid. And the City-Catholic League contest was, appropriately, decided by a single run.

Chris Culver's single in the bottom of the seventh inning scored Mark Chapman from second base, giving Aquinas a 4-3 win over the Knights in the league contest played in a chilly Silver Stadium.

Chapman, who started and pitched five strong innings for Aquinas, helped himself by going 3-for-4, ripping two triples and scoring three runs for the afternoon. It was only the second start for the junior right-hander, who had missed the first three weeks of the season due to an arm injury he suffered while playing football last fall.

The Little Irish each showed few signs of the injury until he tired in the sixth inning. Pilliter said Chapman's offensive heroics may have made his exit from the game inevitable.

"He did so much running, and I think it got to him later in the game," Pilliter said of Chapman's pitching. "He got wild in the (sixth) inning, because he still hasn't reached his (full) velocity; he's still not as fluent as he was last year."

Not on the mound, maybe — but at the plate and on the base paths, Chapman looked to be in mid-season form, smashing two opposite-field triples to ignite his team.

McQuaid had jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning, when junior

Keith Boeck scored on a two-out single by designated hitter Steve Peacock.

But, thanks to Chapman, AQ rallied to take the lead in the bottom of the third inning. After Jim Delly reached second base with a single and a stolen base, Chapman powered a Steve Wilmarth fastball to the base of the right field wall, scoring Delly. Chapman then scored on some heady base running two batters later, without the ball even leaving the infield. He broke for home after Brian Monteleone was thrown out at first base, and arrived just before Todd Tonucci's toss to catcher Scott Hebert, to put his team up, 2-1.

The junior right-hander got himself into trouble in the fifth inning, however, when his throwing error enabled Steve Schott to reach second base. Schott later scored on Chip Golembeski's single to center field, tying the score, 2-2.

Chapman atoned for the fielding miscue in the top of the inning by ripping yet another Wilmarth pitch to the wall, for his second triple in the bottom of the inning. He later scored on a wild pitch, to make the score 3-2 in favor of Aquinas.

Tim Jordan's Knights tied the game, however, in their half of the sixth. Two consecutive walks to Kevin Kelleher and Hebert forced Pilliter to use his 6'3" junior, Eric Knapp. After striking out Peacock, Knapp yielded a two-out single to Schott, to score Kelleher and tie the game at 3-3.

Culver's single in the seventh gave Pilliter and his squad an uplifting win.

"We really needed to beat a good team," said Pilliter, pointing out that McQuaid is the only team thus far to beat Cardinal Mooney. "We have been playing decent ball, but we've just been making key mistakes."

Pilliter was also pleased with the performance by Knapp, who had not seen a league opponent this season.

"I think he was a little surprised," Pilliter said. "He's pitched well for us, especially his last four starts."



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The throw arrives too late for Peter Kowal, as Joe Altobelli slides into second base.

In the second game of the double-header at 500 Norton Street, Cardinal Mooney edged Bishop Kearney 1-0 in a game dominated by stellar pitching.

Steve Miesenzahl's RBI single in the bottom of the seventh inning provided the lone run in the City-Catholic contest between the league's top teams.

Senior right-hander Craig Banaszewski pitched a one-hitter with eight strikeouts for the Cardinals (4-1 league, 11-1 overall), who had to overcome a phenomenal Steve Arriola. The senior Fighting King ace allowed just three hits while striking out 14 Mooney batters. In a game at Silver Stadium last spring, Arriola whiffed 16 McQuaid batters to propel his team to a win.

Last Sunday, however, Kearney's bats were tamed by Banaszewski.

In other recent City-Catholic League action, 13 was the lucky number for both Mooney and Kearney in wins on Monday, April 27.

The Cardinals broke open a tight 2-2 contest, scoring 11 runs in the sixth inning to

beat Aquinas, 13-2.

Pitcher Mike Magans pitched a no-hitter for Mooney. He yielded five walks, however, which directly led to the Little Irish runs.

Brian Puffer's towering double with the bases loaded began the Mooney rally in the sixth. The big blow was followed by a Dave Brescia single, to send Mooney on to the league win.

McQuaid's Peter Kowal and Todd Tonucci drove in three runs apiece, to help McQuaid deal the Cardinals their first and only loss of the season thus far, 11-3, in a league game at McQuaid on Wednesday, April 29.

Wilmarth was the winning pitcher for Jordan's squad, yielding just four hits while walking two and striking out five Cardinals in six innings of work.

Carm Urzetta's Fighting Kings blew out the Orientals of East 13-0 on Monday, April 29, behind solid outings by both Arriola and Scott Valyear. Joe Falbo was the hitting star for Kearney as he belted two doubles and knocked in three runs.

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