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## Softball

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Coburn said, referring to the stressful hours before the game. "It shows a lot of character that we were able to overcome all that."

Coburn also said he believed Wilson might come into the June 2 game a bit overconfident, because of the outcome of the playoff game last spring.

"Wilson had a fine ball club last year," said Coburn, whose team finished third in the Sullivan Trail Conference this spring. The STC is made up of primarily Class A schools. "The hardest part about being champion is staying in there, repeating. That's why this year is not very satisfying yet. We set a goal to win the state championship. You have to keep setting goals."

But considering the circumstances leading up to last week's sectional final, Coburn seemed quite pleased with his team's chances against Wilson this spring.

"Last year we had a bunch of sophomores, and only four starting seniors," Coburn said. "The pressure may have gotten to them a little ... we've been fortunate this year."

Not all diocesan softball teams were as fortunate as Notre Dame, though. Hilton's Bridgette Newman pitched a

two-hitter as the Cadets ousted Paul Walker's Our Lady of Mercy team (6-10), 15-1.

In another outstanding pitching performance, Marsha Miller pitched a one-hitter as No. 9-seeded Rush-Henrietta blanked No. 8-seeded Nazareth, 5-0. Coach Dave Pisano's squad ended the season at 10-7.

Behind solo home runs by Kim Glover, Karen Hickey and Okeena Gadsden, No. 8 Hornell eliminated Linda D'Onofrio's No. 9

Bishop Kearney squad, 18-6. Kearney ended the season at 7-9.

And Pat Luzzi's first year as head coach of the DeSales Saints ended with a 16-7 loss to No. 10 Whitesville. The Lady Saints, who were seeded seventh in the tourney, finished the year at 7-8.

Whitesville broke open a 2-2 game after two innings with a seven-run third inning. Nine singles off DeSales pitcher Kris Guinan spelled defeat for Luzzi and his girls.

Carin Caravita had three singles for DeSales. Babette DeVaney added a triple for Luzzi's squad, which finished a respectable fourth in the Finger Lakes West Division.

"I found out in one year what it takes to win here," Luzzi said. "I'm happy that we ended up in the top half of our league. It was a real learning year for myself. And next year the girls will know what it takes to win. We won't be happy with a .500 record; we'll want to be a few games over .500."

## Short second season for school baseball teams

By Richard A. Kiley

It was a short second season, not only for diocesan high school baseball teams, but for most of the top seeds in this year's Section 5 Class AAA baseball tournament.

Second-seeded Irondequoit is the only one of the top eight seeds remaining in Class AAA, and No. 3 Bishop Kearney was quickly eliminated from the Class AA bracket by No. 14 Hornell.

Hurler Mike Edmunds scattered six hits as No. 14 Penfield upset No. 3 Cardinal Mooney at Mooney, 5-0. Coach Ed Nietopski's squad had beaten the Chiefs, 7-4, at Penfield during the regular season.

Ed Conklin and Chip Van Der Water were

the hitting stars for Penfield. Conklin smashed a two-run single in the fourth inning for the Chiefs, and Van Der Water added a two-run double in the same inning, to propel Penfield into the next round of the tourney.

Jeff Griggs pitched a four-hitter while striking out six, as Irondequoit eliminated Aquinas at Irondequoit, 10-1. Coach Rich Pillitter's Little Irish team finished the season at 9-13.

Steve Wintermute blasted a solo home run and Larry Salvado hit a three-run triple to lead the Braves offensively.

In a somewhat fitting ending to its season, McQuaid dropped yet another one-run game, as host Hilton nipped the Knights, 4-3.

Tim Jordan's club ended up 8-12 for the year. Several of those dozen losses were by one run.

Cadet pitcher Cory Mee improved his own record to 9-2 for the year, scattering five hits in seven innings of work.

No. 14 seed Hornell ousted Carm Urzetta's City-Catholic Division I champion from the sectionals, eliminating Bishop Kearney 7-3 at Avon. Hornell pitcher Kevin Farrell kept the Fighting Kings in check as he struck out seven to record the win.

Urzetta's squad finished the season with a 16-7 slate.

Both Geneva DeSales and Elmira Notre Dame failed to make the post-season.

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