

Football

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ND outgained Edison on offense 281 yards to 120. Several of the Crusaders' offensive series, however, were stalled by penalties and one drive ended on Edison's one-inch line.

The Spartans got no further than the Crusader 24-yard line. On defense, the ND coach credited Randy Harvey, John Philipps, Mike Mesuch and Bernatavitz with strong performances.

With all due respect to Edison, D'Aloisio said his Crusaders would need a far superior effort in order to come out on top against Chenango Forks at home this Friday night.

"Chenango Forks is a real strong physical team," D'Aloisio said. "They're well-coached, well-disciplined and really have an established program."

Chenango Forks battled Corning East to a 7-7 tie last weekend.

Aquinas 27, Franklin 0

Aquinas' loss to Gates-Chili last weekend shocked many Rochester-area football enthusiasts, who predicted the Little Irish would be at the top of the City-Catholic League at the season's end.

Unfortunately for Franklin High and Quakers coach Ben Nix, Chris Battaglia's Little Irish (1-1) lived up to their billing last Saturday afternoon with an impressive 27-0 win at Aquinas.

Battaglia put his club through a tough week of practice, and the players responded with resounding results on both offense and defense.

The City-Catholic League game featured a blocking clinic by AQ fullback Tony Postell, who opened up holes for Little Irish runners all afternoon.

Aquinas, which dominated last week's game against Gates-Chili but failed to finish its offensive drives, received stellar offensive performances from Mark Chapman, Jermaine McGowan, Chris Culver and QB Brian Monteleone.

Chapman, who rumbled into the end zone from 63 yards out after gathering in a Monteleone screen pass to notch AQ's first score, later threw a 15-yard TD pass to Culver. Aquinas' other scores came on a 21-yard run by McGowan and a 10-yard run

by Corey Collins.

Battaglia's club outgained the Quakers 268-80 in total offense.

Aquinas will entertain Edison at home this Saturday at 1 p.m.

Kearney 21, Mooney 0

In a game eerily similar to last year's league-opener between the same two teams, Bishop Kearney blanked City-Catholic League foe Cardinal Mooney 21-0 last Sunday at Mooney.

Last September at Brother Clark Field, the Fighting Kings were spurred by a touchdown recovery in the end zone by Greg Becoats. Once again, the Fighting King defense and special teams stifled Mooney's efforts to score all afternoon.

Last Sunday, Nick Teta's Kings scored just moments after blocking a Cardinal punt in the second quarter and cruised from there. Steve "Beaver" Smith started things for Kearney when he scampered into the end zone after Garland Sweeney blocked a Mooney punt from deep in its own territory.

Tim Englert later tossed a 27-yard pass to Pat Ryder to up the lead to 14-0 before halftime, and Tim Dieter rumbled in from the nine-yard line to end the scoring in the final quarter.

Mooney's defense yielded just 113 yards for the afternoon, but John Heck's offense could only grind out 85, as the Cardinals fell to 0-2 for the season.

Kearney is now 1-0 in league play and 2-0 overall.

Dundee 31, DeSales 12

Although the result was the same, DeSales grid coach Jim McNicholas was far happier after his team's 31-12 home-opening loss to Dundee last Friday night than he was after his club's 19-0 season-opening loss to Honeoye Falls-Lima the week before.

The Scotsmen, whom McNicholas called powerful contenders for the sectional crown this year, led the hard-hitting contest by only 8-0 at the half. And that lone scoring drive in the first half was aided by a costly clipping penalty on a Saints punt.

DeSales (0-2) was overpowered in the third quarter, however, as the Scotsmen scored three times to ice the win. McNicholas' club scored twice in the final quarter to account for its points.

"They (Dundee) worked on our outside

linebackers in the third quarter and just wore them out," said McNicholas. "They are big and had a powerful running game. I'd call them a definite sectional contender."

Overall, McNicholas said he saw marked improvement in this compared to the game against Honeoye Falls-Lima.

"We played considerably better; their defense would bend a little, but it didn't break," said McNicholas, referring to a few other scoring opportunities for the Saints. "We had a lot more desire this week."

Mark Walters solidified his hold on the starting quarterback spot by moving the Saints' offense at times. In addition to his passing, the DeSales running game started to get going with fullbacks Steve Bedora and Chris Icke.

Defensively, Icke and senior defensive back Alex Onorato paced the Saints.

McQuaid

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First-year coach Dan Scheid and his club recovered to nip Emilio Monti's Little Irish team, 3-2. In that game at AQ, Mark Paris notched the winning tally for the Knights.

Over in Section 4 Class C, Henry Ferguson has enjoyed moderate success in Notre Dame's first six games of the season.

In the Corning Tourney, the Crusaders handed Corning its first league loss in two years by defeating the Vikings, 2-0, at Notre Dame.

ND was then thrashed by a strong team from Elmira Free Academy, 5-0. Ferguson, who has taken the Crusaders to the sectional finals two times in as many years, believes EFA will be the team to beat in the Sullivan Trail Conference and in the states this season.

The ND coach and his team regrouped to administer an 8-2 drubbing to Greene, one of the teams the Crusaders may see in the sectionals this October.

Against Greene it was clearly evident that ND's constant battles with larger schools such as EFA, Horseheads and Southside made the difference.

"Playing with the bigger schools keeps you in pressure situations all year round," Ferguson explained.

The Crusaders suffered what their coach called the two toughest losses of the season

DeSales will be looking to get one in the win column this Saturday at Red Jacket, which also stands at 0-2.

The two Finger Lakes West teams battled it out last year in a close game won by Red Jacket, 17-14.

East 14, McQuaid 7

McQuaid coach Tom Sprague and his Knights are still looking for their first win in 1987 after dropping a 14-7 decision to East (2-0).

The Orientals, who beat the Knights 28-21 on a late touchdown last season, were bolstered by a 66-yard interception for a TD by defensive back Adam Williams.

McQuaid, which isn't being helped by having to play all its games on the road while its field is renovated, plays at Cardinal Mooney this Sunday at 2 p.m.

thus far when they fell to Trumansburg, 3-2, and Horseheads, 4-3.

Against Trumansburg, which ND beat on the road to winning the title last year, the Crusaders squandered a 2-0 lead and eventually lost 3-2. ND played a much larger Horseheads team close throughout on Thursday, September 17, only to lose 4-3.

But the Crusaders are once again at the .500 mark after an uplifting 3-2 win in OT over Southern Cayuga, which defeated ND two years ago in the final game of the sectionals.

Ferguson is hoping to use that win as a springboard to bigger and better things — namely wins over the established teams in the STC — as the season progresses.

"I'm hoping that game will really help us," Ferguson said, adding that because Southern Cayuga has no football program they were bigger than ND in both size and in number.

Southern Cayuga led 2-1 until Bob Lagalia scored his first goal of the season to force overtime with :06 left on the clock. Shots were virtually even with Southern Cayuga holding a slight 21-20 edge.

ND will need to have the same intensity in games against Hornell and Southside this week.

Mark Donahue has six goals and three assists to lead the Crusaders in scoring thus far this season, followed by Jose Garzarain (seven goals, two assists) and Mike Ramich (two goals, four assists).

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