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Knights nipped

In a field of 23 schools, McQuaid Jesuit High School's cross-country team came up just short of a victory in its season-opening meet at the Liverpool Invitational on Saturday, September 12.

In the relay-style meet, in which each school breaks its eight-man team into four two-man entries, the Knights trailed Baldwinsville by a 46-35 margin going into the fourth and final flight of 5K races. Sophomore Steve Foley and junior Dave Dugan subsequently came through with a first-and second-place finish to give McQuaid a shot at the team championship, but Baldwinsville's two runners produced a third- and 10th-place finish that was good enough to propel the Braves to a 49-48 victory.

"I like the relay set-up for a first meet," said McQuaid coach Bob Bradley, who was beginning his 26th season with the Knights. "It gives all eight men a chance to run up at the head of their races, and that's a great feeling."

Knight runners did lead each of the four races at the midway point, but only Foley stayed out front, winning his flight by a comfortable 150 yards. Senior co-captain Chris Cusack, who led McQuaid in every race last season, challenged Pittsford's ace runner John Horkheimer briefly, but fell back to fifth in the talent-packed first flight. Horkheimer stayed with Cusack and then pulled away to open a 60-yard gap on the field with his winning time of 15:39.

In the second flight, it was senior Tim Hess' turn to lead, and he moved up the front for about a half-mile before three runners, including Pittsford's Todd Kalbfus, overtook him. A strong kick brought Hess home third in the race followed by senior and co-captain Marc Dovi, who finished ninth.

Senior Chris Adin led his third flight for almost half the race, but was caught by Henninger's Ed Duncan in the last 600 yards. Adin's second- and junior Mickey Stone's sixth place finish set the stage for the fourth-flight charge that fell just short.

In the JV race, which was broken into two flights of three scorers, Pittsford left no doubts as to who would win by taking the first three places, but McQuaid and Baldwinsville battled to a 42-42 tie for second place. Juniors Andy Stone and Mike Sellar led McQuaid's scoring in the first flight, while the junior trio of Peter Panepento (third), Greg Roberts (seventh) and Jeff Hart (eighth) did the job in flight two. Hart's better sixth-man finish served to break the team tie with Baldwinsville.

For the first time ever, the Knights traveled to State College in Pennsylvania to compete in the Penn State Invitational last weekend. The Knights' Varsity-2 squad and a sizeable JV contingent will have a shorter trip when they travel south to Mt. Morris for the York Invitational.

Tribune's trio

Three former tri-star athletes of diocesan high schools are now playing for the women's soccer team at Monroe Community College.

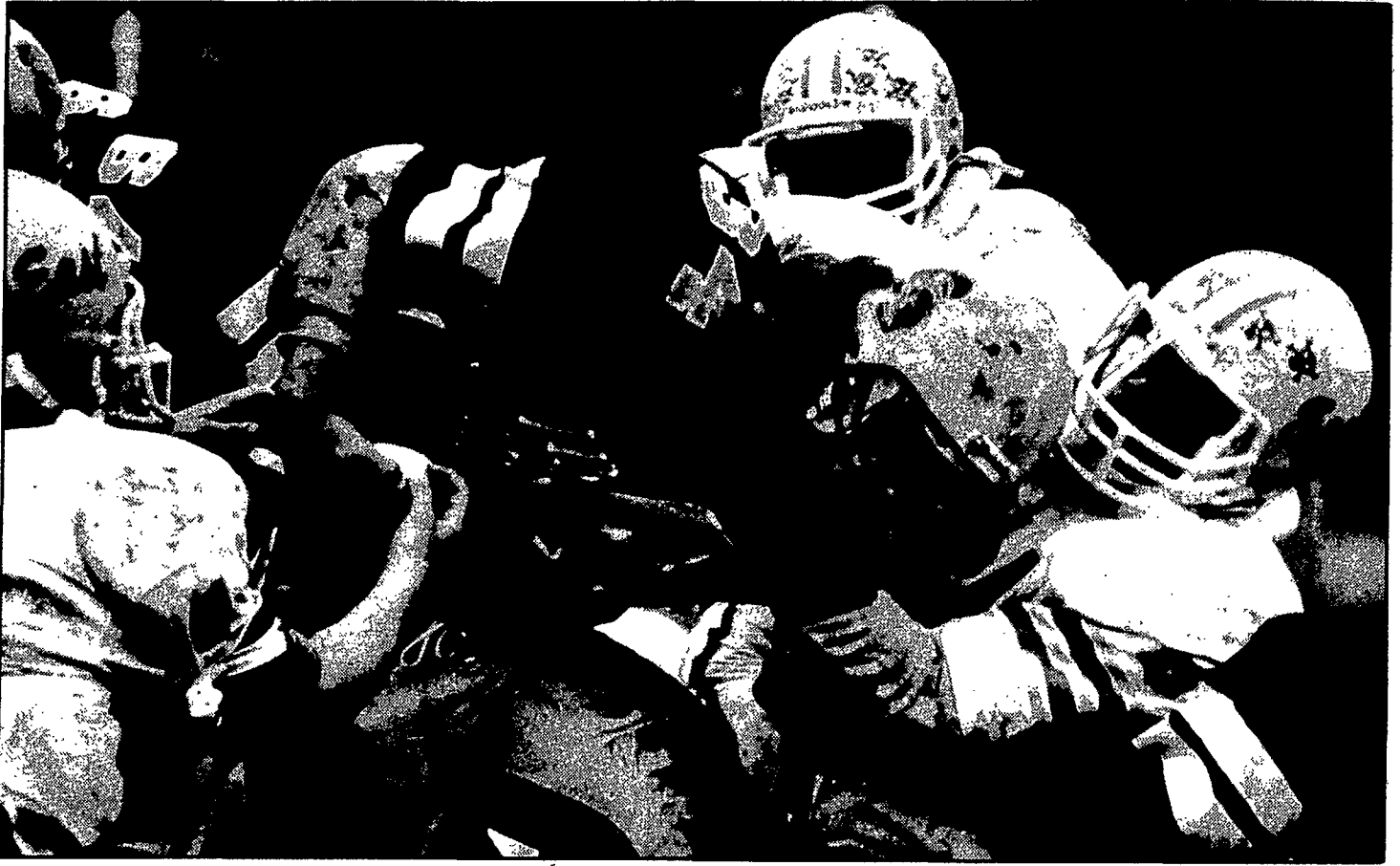
Twin sisters Cathy and Theresa Nietopski, who both played integral roles in leading Cardinal Mooney to Private-Parochial League championships in three different sports last year, are now playing midfield for the Tribunes. The Nietopskis were the mainstays of the soccer, basketball and softball Lady Cardinals, who captured the Section 5 Class AA title with a win over Hilton last June.

Both Nietopskis are playing at midfield for MCC coach Charles Salamone, whose Tribunes are the defending National Junior College Athletic Association national champions.

Donna-Jean Enright, who helped lead Aquinas to a perfect 11-0 start to the 1986 season, is also playing for MCC. Enright was the starting goalie for the Little Irish, who finished second to Mooney in the league race last fall. She is serving as backup to Karen Schoppe, MCC's All-American goalie from a year ago.

The Tribunes finished the 1986 season a perfect 20-0 for their second consecutive national title, marking the first time a junior college women's soccer team completed a season with an undefeated record.

— Richard A. Kiley



McQuaid back Joe Ritchie found the going tough as he ran into the East line last Saturday afternoon. The Knights' running game was virtually non-existent in the Orientals' 14-7 win.

Point shortage in second weekend of football

By Richard A. Kiley

The second weekend of the high school football season featured three shutouts involving diocesan grid teams.

ND 20, Edison 0

After thoroughly dominating Watkins Glen in its season-opener last weekend, Elmira Notre Dame played somewhat uninspired football in beating Edison of Elmira Heights, 20-0.

"We were a little flat," Crusader coach Mike D'Aloisio, after watching his club

battle adverse weather conditions and a psyched up Edison team. "We really didn't play up to our ability."

Those aren't exactly words you would figure to hear from a coach whose team just won by three touchdowns and didn't let its opponent muster much offense all evening.

But D'Aloisio's Crusaders are the cream of the crop in Mark Twain country right now, and he would have liked to see his club play more like it did in its season opener.

"We knew it wasn't going to be an easy game; the Edison coaches came prepared,"

D'Aloisio said.

ND's only long scoring drive culminated with an eight-yard TD toss from quarterback Kevin Harney (4-for-9, 1 TD, 1 INT) to Scott Long on its first possession.

The Crusaders' other two scores came after the Spartans turned the ball over deep in their own territory.

Bob Grosvenor, who scored his lone touchdown shortly after one fumble, carried the ball 20 times for 120 yards. Mike Bernatavitz rushed the ball 10 times for 76 yards and one touchdown.

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Knights, Cards battle for top spot; Crusaders at .500

By Richard A. Kiley

Although the boys' high school soccer season is only a couple of weeks old, the City-Catholic League showdown between McQuaid and Cardinal Mooney on Tuesday, September 22, loomed big for both teams as this issue went to press earlier that day.

The two Catholic schools entered the game with nearly identical records — Paul Forte's Cardinals were 3-1 and Dan Scheid's Knights stood at 4-2 — and a win by either team might provide the momentum and emotion needed to take a league title.

Forte should have had no problem getting his club up for the key battle; after all it was McQuaid that eliminated the Cardinals last year in the sectional quarterfinals, 2-1.

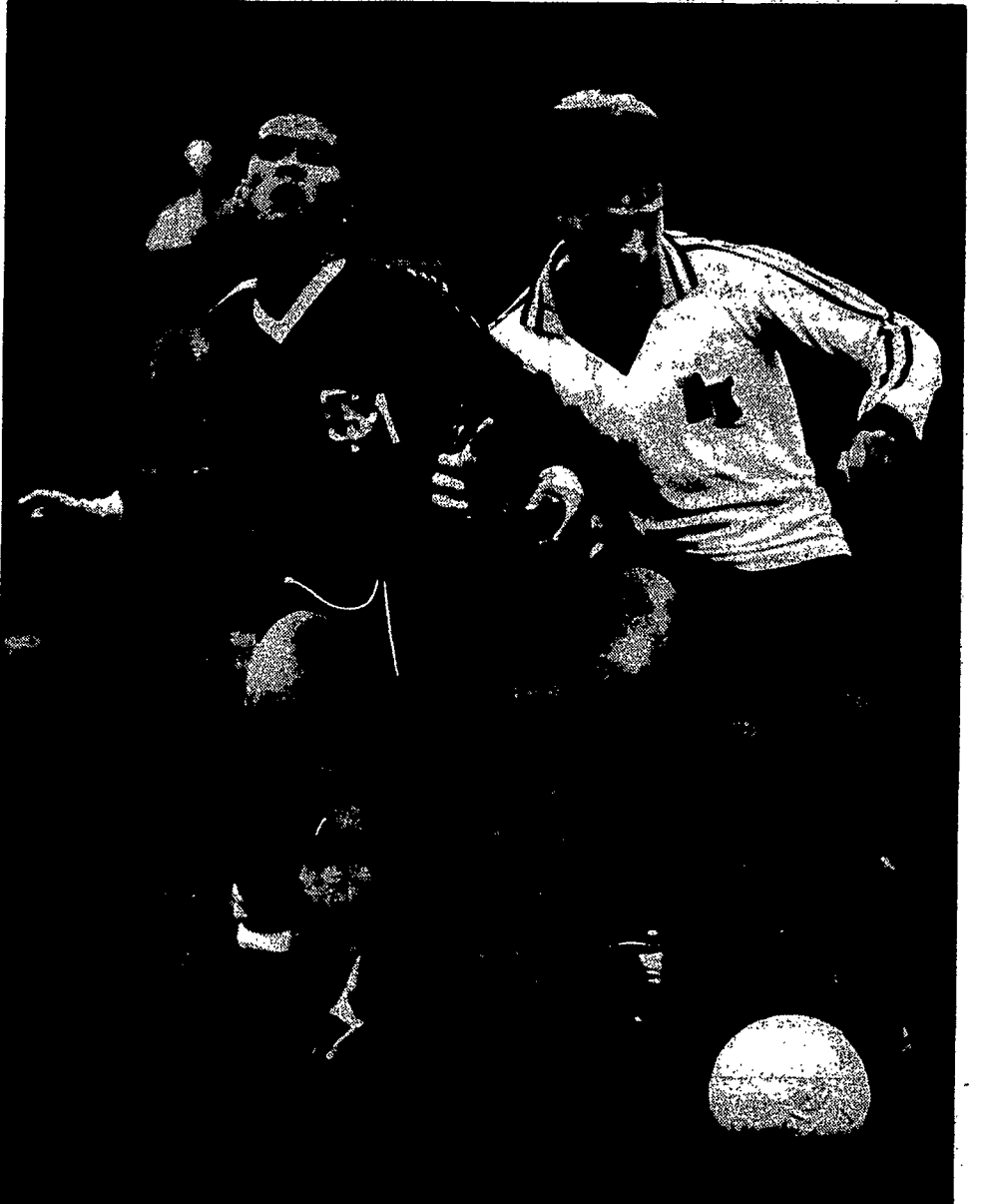
Mooney was riding a modest two-game winning streak going into the pivotal league game against McQuaid last Tuesday. After beating Horseheads of Section 4 and losing to host Hilton in the Cadets' tournament, Forte's Cardinals blanked Honeoye Falls-Lima at Mooney, 2-0. Senior Peter Mojsej, one of Mooney's most potent offensive stars, scored both times for the Cards.

Mojsej also found the net twice against Bishop Kearney, which is in the process of rebuilding after losing numerous players from last year's sectional finalist. The game, which Mooney won 4-0 marked the first league contest of the season for Forte's squad.

Both of McQuaid's losses have come against Rochester-area powerhouses — Pittsford Mendon and Pittsford Sutherland.

Mendon thwarted the Knights in the season-opening game for both clubs, and Sutherland blanked the host Knights, 3-0, on Tuesday, September 15.

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Mooney's Sackda Viravong, left, and Kearney's Joe Burke appear to be escorting each other during action from the first half of their league match. The Cards eventually danced to a 4-0 win over the rebuilding Fighting Kings.