

## Sports

## Mercy, Mooney out; ND in as girls' tournament rolls on

By Richard A. Kiley

And then there was one.

Coach Steve Weber's Lady Crusaders of Notre Dame are the lone diocesan girls' soccer team remaining in this year's sectionals after last week's slate of post-season games.

Fourth-seeded Notre Dame (6-10-1), which competes in Section 4 Class C, advanced to the semifinals against No. 1 Trumansburg (12-3) with a win over fifth-seeded Union Springs (3-13-1). The game against Trumansburg, which received a first-round bye, was scheduled earlier this week.

Weber's Lady Crusaders received three goals from Nat Kozlowski to advance to the next round of play. The second-year ND coach moved his leading scorer around during the game against Union Springs, and she was able to notch a hat trick during the win.

The key point of the game came moments after Kozlowski had given her team a 1-0 lead 18 minutes into the first half. A hand-ball in the penalty area enabled Union Springs to gain a penalty kick, but Crusader goaltender Tina Maloney turned the free-kick away, and ND cruised from there on in.

"Tina guessed one way and she ended up being right," Weber said. "If they had

scored it might have given them the momentum."

Kozlowski scored twice more in the second half for Notre Dame, which outshot Union Springs, 18-10.

Against Trumansburg, the Lady Crusaders must be able to muster enough offense to beat a team which averaged four goals per game.

**FAIRPORT IS THE CINDERELLA** story of this year's Section 5 Class AAA girls' soccer tournament as the ninth-seeded Red Raiders (13-6-1) have disposed of top-seeded Mercy and eighth-seeded Cardinal Mooney.

Kathy Boughton's girls played inconsistently in their 2-1 overtime loss to Fairport during a quarterfinal game at Wayne last Saturday, Oct. 31.

Kris Jacoby scored the winning goal for the Red Raiders with just three seconds left in the game's second sudden-death overtime as her direct kick from 15 yards out eluded Monarch goalie Andrea Colaruotolo. Fairport was awarded the direct kick after a Monarch fullback was called for a push near the penalty area.

Fairport jumped to a quick 1-0 lead two minutes into the contest before Holly Sims tied the game for Mercy with just under eight

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Mercy's Monarchs had their eyes on doing something big in the sectionals after being named the top seed in Class AAA, but that was before an upstart Fairport team stole the show in this year's tourney. The ninth-seeded Red Raiders ousted Private-Parochial League powerhouses in Mercy and eighth-seeded Cardinal Mooney last week to advance to the semifinals. Both of Fairport's wins came in sudden-death overtime on goals by Kris Jacoby.

## McQuaid survives, Mooney rolls in Class A; Aquinas gains Class B-2 semis

By Richard A. Kiley

Although it's still early, McQuaid appears to be on its way to breaking the hex that has caused recent top seeds in the Section 5 Class A tournament to fall by the wayside.

Dan Schied's top-seeded Knights (18-2) are 2-0 heading into the third stage of play in the World Cup format after wins over Brighton (0-2) and Brockport (0-2).

McQuaid overcame a slow start and then a furious finish by Brighton to defeat the Barons in overtime, 2-1, at Brighton, Friday, Oct. 30.



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McQuaid was able to fend off Brighton despite a slow start and a furious finish by the Barons.

Much to the dismay of Schied, the Knights played lethargic soccer in the first half, which ended with no score. Brighton outshot McQuaid 8-4 in the first 40 minutes.

"It was not a good first half at all," said Schied, who sat some of his players after his team's punchless start. "They responded well in the second half though ... this club seems to do well under pressure."

And how. With just six minutes to play, the Barons got the equalizer and appeared to have the Knights reeling a bit. But McQuaid withstood the storm, and Pat Shaw scored on a direct kick with 4:30 left in the second OT as McQuaid fended off seventh-seeded Brighton.

McQuaid's P. J. Mooney had given the Knights a 1-0 lead on a head shot into the goal just after the midway point of the second half. But Brighton tied the score with just six minutes left after the ball slipped by Knight keeper Kevin Murphy, who did well to stop a number of shots from close range just prior to the tying goal.

Murphy made seven saves for McQuaid, which ended up outshooting Brighton, 16-14.

McQuaid opened the Class A tourney with a relatively easy 3-0 win against 12th-seeded Brockport on the Blue Devils' home field.

John Redmond got McQuaid going in the first half, and Tom Prame scored his 22nd and 23rd goals of the year to ice the win.

The Knights outshot Brockport, 26-13, for the night. Mike Boychuk made five saves in the net for McQuaid.

McQuaid was scheduled to play Spencerport, which gave the Knights problems in a 3-2 win by McQuaid earlier in the season, on Tuesday, Nov. 3, at Spencerport.

Paul Forte's fifth-seeded Cardinals (13-6-1),

who ended the regular season unbeaten in four games, have continued to play tight defensive soccer in the sectionals with wins over 11th-seeded Webster and eighth-seeded Irondequoit.

Peter Mojsej and Sackda Viravong both scored in Mooney's 2-0 win at home over Webster last Saturday, Oct. 31. Mojsej's goal came with 7:41 remaining in the first half and Viravong — on an assist by Mojsej — scored 16:40 into the second half.

Goalie Pat Corrigan made seven saves as Mooney notched its 10th shutout of the season.

Against Irondequoit on Tuesday, Oct. 27, Mooney avenged a 3-1 defeat to the Indians earlier in the regular season by beating Irondequoit by the identical score in the game played at Mooney.

Mojsej, who has now scored six goals and added five assists since Forte moved him up from the midfield spot, scored two more goals for the Cards. Chris Kehoe, who has split the goaltending duties with Corrigan this season, made 10 saves for Mooney.

Forte believes his team, which was scheduled to play Hilton at Brockport on Tuesday, Nov. 3, might finally be coming into its own.

"They're finally realizing they have the potential to do something," Forte said.

**IN CLASS B-1**, host and No. 8 Batavia (6-14) jumped out to a 5-0 lead and held on to a 5-3 win over Greg Schuber's ninth-seeded Bishop Kearney team. Tim Calus scored twice, and Brian Haves once for the Kings, who finished the year at 4-12.

**DEFENDING CHAMPION** and seventh-seeded Aquinas has beaten No. 2 Livonia and No. 10 Geneva to advance into the semis against No. 3 North Rose-Wolcott in class B-2. Coach Emilio Monti's Little Irish beat Livonia

2-0 in a quarterfinal game at Livonia. Rodney Encina and Jeff Mucha scored for Aquinas (10-9-1), which was scheduled to play at North Rose-Wolcott on Tuesday, Nov. 3. AQ outshot Livonia, 12-8. Little Irish goalie Mike Compisi turned away four shots to gain the shutout.

AQ advanced to the quarterfinals with an easy 4-0 win against Geneva on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Aquinas.

Encina, Jeff Mucha, Jason Mucha and Dave Hemmerick all scored for Aquinas.

Monti isn't surprised by his team's accomplishments in the pressure-packed sectionals.

"We play a tough schedule all year and that gives us a lot of experience (dealing with pressure)," Monti said. "We're playing good soccer right now."

**HENRY FERGUSON AND** his Crusaders' defense of their title in Section 4 Class C ended abruptly last Saturday, Oct. 31, as fourth-seeded Whitney Point (10-6) knocked off the fifth-seeded Crusaders, 1-0, at Whitney Point.

Notre Dame lost despite outshooting its opponent 22-12.

Jose Vascomcellas scored the only goal Whitney Point would need when he weaved through the Crusader defense and shot the ball over Rob Jones' head at 22:50 of the first half.

It was a tough ending to a season that saw Notre Dame come on strong at the end.

"I thought I had them mentally prepared for (the game)," said Ferguson, whose team saw far superior talent to Whitney Point against teams like Elmira Free Academy and Horseheads this fall.

The Crusaders dictated the pace for most of the game. Ferguson added that his club may have been hurt by a week-long layoff before the sectionals began.

ND finished the season at 6-11-1.

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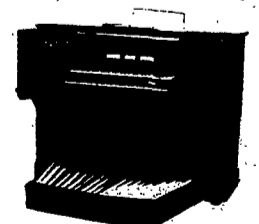


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