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## Sports

# Mooney falls in Class A semis; Spencerport ousts McQuaid

By Richard A. Kiley

After squeaking into the Class A semifinals a a wild-card team, fifth-seeded Cardinal Mooney has fallen to fourth-seeded Penfield to end a crazy season for the Cards and head coach Paul Forte.

Mooney, which struggled through an inconsistent regular campaign, caught fire late in the season, winning its first two games in Group 2 of round-robin play in the Class A sectionals. But a loss to the Chiefs at Spencerport High School last Saturday, Nov. 7, put an end to the rollercoaster ride for the Cards (13-8-1).

Penfield frustrated Mooney's offense by clogging the middle of the field and not allowing the Cardinals to play their wideopen offensive game. The Chiefs then took advantage of one of their few scoring chances when senior striker Mike Coliani redirected a pass from Dave Elliott past Mooney keeper Chris Kehoe to score the game's lone goal, with 23:20 remaining in the second half.

Forte moved Kehoe up near midfield late in the game to try and get the equalizer - in effect pulling his goalie — but Penfield keeper Eric Lurie kept Mooney from scoring. Lurie was credited with eight saves.

Forte was disappointed that his team couldn't beat Penfield's defensive scheme. "It affected us, but not to the point where we couldn't have won the game," Forte said. 'We need space to operate, and we had a tough time adapting to it."

Mooney's best chances came in the game's early moments, but nothing materialized. Pat Corrigan — who played the first half for Mooney -- and Kehoe combined for nine

The Cardinals gained the semis despite falling to Group 2 opponent and secondseeded Hilton, 3-2, last Tuesday, Nov. 3, at Brockport. Mooney beat out Dan Schied's McQuaid's Knights' who fell to Spencerport

2-1 in their final Group 1 game — for the wild-card spot. The two Catholic schools finished with identical 2-1 records in round-robin play, but Mooney scored more goals (7-6) in its three games.

At Brockport, the second-seeded Cadets (17-4-1) jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first half and held on to a 3-2 win over Mooney. Peter Mojsej scored twice for the Cards, who found themselves down by two goals less than 30 minutes into the game.

We played a flat first half," Forte said. "Then when we finally got one in, (Hilton) came right back," Forte said.

Mojsej's second goal of the game proved to be key, however, giving Mooney the nod over McQuaid for the wild-card spot.

The Cards ended the season with 61 goals and 22 against for a 3-1 scoring average

TOP-SEEDED MCQUAID had difficulty with Spencerport in a 3-2 OT win earlier in the season, coming from behind late in the game to notch the win. The Knights weren't so lucky last Tuesday, Nov. 3, at Spencerport, losing 2-1 to finish the season

Carl DiMaggio scored both goals for the tournament's sixth-seeded team. Mark Paris scored McOuaid's lone goal.

The loss, which ended a 15-game winning streak for Schied's club, also marked the end of McQuaid's playing mistake-free soccer. Both of Spencerport's goals came after critical errors on the Knights' defensive half

'Mistakes finally caught up with us," Schied said after the game. "Both goals were mental mistakes on our part."

McQuaid outshot Spencerport by more than a two-to-one margin.

Despite the disappointing end to the season, Schied couldn't help but look back in amazement on what his team had ac-

"(The) season went a little beyond what I



Penfield's smothering defense did not allow Mooney to generate much offense as the Chiefs eliminated the Cards in the Class A semifinals.

was thinking (we could do); this is the most solid team McQuaid has ever had," said Schied, a former player f McQuaid from which he graduated in '77.

The Knights were ranked in the top 10 of high school soccer teams in the state for much of the season.

OVER IN CLASS B-2, seventh-seeded Aquinas' hopes of winning its second consecutive sectional title were ended with a disheartening 1-0 loss to eighth-seeded Honeoye Falls-Lima in the Class B-2 final at

Emilio Monti's Little Irish (11-10-1) lost

despite dominating play early in the game. Honeoye Falls-Lima (14-5-3) carried the play in the second half, and finally scored one goal from Kevin Neenan with 22:17 to

AQ advanced to the B-2 final by beating third-seeded North Rose-Wolcott 1-0 at Sodus last Tuesday, Nov. 3. Rodney Encina scored the game's lone tally 8:30 into the first

The game wasn't without controversy, as North Rose-Wolcott had a goal disallowed in the first overtime.

# ND girls topple Trumansburg before falling to Groton in sectional final

By Richard A. Kiley

In just its second full season as a varsity team, fourth-seeded Notre Dame reached the girls' Section 4 Class C finals before losing to second-seeded Groton in the championship game, Nov. 7.

Groton received one goal and one assist from Melissa Howard in a 2-1 win at Ithaca High School. Howard was the goalie in Groton's 1-0 win over Steve Weber's club in last fall's sectional seminfinal.

Howard, who scored 38 goals and assisted

on 15 others out of the goal this season, was too strong offensively for the Lady Crusaders to handle.

Overall, Groton outshot Notre Dame

"They controlled the tempo of the game, Weber said. "They're just a real good team offensively."

Notre Dame scored first on a goal by Katie Cain from Nat Kozlowski in the first 15 minutes. Groton answered back with two goals in seven minutes to secure the win.

Lady Crusader goalie Tina Maloney played superbly for ND, shutting out Groton in the game's final 50 minutes. Notre Dame applied pressure in the waning minutes of the contest, but couldn't score.

The Lady Crusaders advanced to the championship game by beating top-seeded and host Trumansburg 2-1 in OT last week.

Once again, Notre Dame jumped out early on a goal by Lisa Boulas from Nat Kozlowski 11 minutes into the game. Trumansburg tied the contest 1-1 with six minutes remaining in the second half to send the game into

Weber's girls got the game-winner when

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sophomore Cathy Lunch took a cross from Melanie Crisco two minutes into the first OT.

It was the first time this season the Lady Crusaders won without Kozlowski scoring. ND's defense kept Jennifer Clark, Trumansburg's leading scorer, from doing any damage offensively.

Weber thought the play of his midfielders was an integral part of the game. "Our midfielders were beating their outside midfielders to the ball," he said, referring to Heather Leljedal and Triscia Ratchford. "That was probably the key to the game."

Malone played spectacularly in goal for ND, bailing out her teammates on a couple of breakaways by Trumansburg.



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