

Sports

Kings tame Wildcats, reach AA final; Little Irish blanked

By Richard A. Kiley

Defense played a key role in both section 5 playoff games involving diocesan football teams last weekend.

Kearney 14, Wilson 8

Despite thoroughly outplaying top-seeded Wilson on both sides of the ball at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium last Friday night, Nov. 6, Bishop Kearney (7-2) needed a key turn of events early in the fourth quarter of the Section 5 Class AA semifinal game to nail down a 14-8 win over the previously unbeaten Wildcats (8-1).

Nick Teta's fourth-seeded Fighting Kings capitalized on a crucial Wilson turnover two minutes into the fourth quarter, when Wildcat quarterback Charles Alexander fumbled at his own five-yard line. Jeff McCullough scored on a four-yard run two plays later to earn Kearney a place in the Class AA final game.

Kearney will meet third-seeded Canandaigua (8-1) Saturday, Nov. 14, at 8:30 p.m. at Fauver Stadium in the Class AA championship game. Mike Foster's Braves knocked off top-seeded and previously unbeaten Newark, 35-7, in the first game of the sectional doubleheader at Fauver.

Spurred by linebackers Carlos Shippy and Wendell Spiva, the Kings did what Teta wanted — stop Burnice Green and Varick Baiyana before they reached the secondary.

For Green (17 yards), the game was a far cry from last year's 16-16 tie against the Kings, when he carried the ball 31 times for 238 yards. He and Baiyana (18 yards) each carried the ball nine times, and were often met by Kearney tacklers as soon as the handoff came from Alexander.

"They're both tough in the open field so we wanted to get to them before they got (into the secondary)," Teta said after the game. "Our kids were up for this game and they did what we wanted them to."

The dominating play of Kearney's defense was nothing Teta hadn't seen before. The Kings registered four shutouts during the regular season and — typical of the game against Wilson — physically wore down their opponents.

"We've played pretty well all year; we only lost two games and one was to Aquinas," Teta added. "We dominated that game too. I think we played a little tougher competition (than Wilson) on a week-to-week basis."

Teta's club came out fired up and marched 64 yards on nine plays in its opening drive to earn a 7-0 lead. The running of freshman back Lamin Massaquo was the key to the drive, which culminated with a two-yard touchdown run by quarterback Craig Chodak. Brian Bode's extra point gave the Kings a 7-0 advantage.

The score held until the last play of the first half, when Alexander hooked up with Green on a 27-yard pass play for a touchdown. After Baiyana catapulted into the end zone for the two-point conversion, the Wildcats went into the locker room with an 8-7 lead.

The Kings looked more like a big running team in the third quarter, using up 10 minutes of the clock only to lose the ball on downs. As the third quarter drew to a close, Wilson stopped a fourth-and-one play at the six yard line to end an impressive 16-play offensive drive.

But Alexander's fumble, which was



Bonnie Trafelet/Courier-Journal

Irondequoit's defense gave Aquinas' Little Irish all they could handle in their Class AAA semifinal at Fauver Stadium. The Braves held Aquinas' potent offense to 99 yards during a 28-0 win.

pounced on by Spiva, gave the momentum back to Kearney. McCullough's short TD run and Bode's kick gave the Kings a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

Teta must now ready his club for Canandaigua, which poses problems for Kearney in that the Braves feature a balanced running and passing game.

"Canandaigua is a little bit more diversified (than Wilson)," Teta said. "They'll be a little tougher to coach against!"

Irondequoit 28, Aquinas 0

The wheels came off the wagon for third-seeded Aquinas against No. 2 Irondequoit as Rob Snedden's kicking and Dave Vinci's running gave the Indians a 28-0 win over the Little Irish in the first game of the Class AAA semifinal doubleheader at Fauver Stadium last Saturday, Nov. 7.

The win puts Irondequoit into the Class AAA championship game against top-seeded Fairport, which beat No. 4 Greece Athena 17-7 in the second game.

Chris Battaglia's Little Irish, who were able to avoid key injuries in winning City-Catholic League's Division 1 this fall, early on lost two offensive stars in Jermaine McGowan and Corey Collins. That loss enabled the Indians to deploy triple coverage on Aquinas' Mark Chapman, who was not able to get open for quarterback Brian Monteleone.

The game featured three field goals by Snedden — the last two from a Section 5 record distance of 42 yards.

It just wasn't AQ's night.

"We were doing a good job (on defense); we'd hold them on downs, they would have fourth-and-five or fourth-and-six, and then the kid (Snedden) kicks two 42-yard field goals," Battaglia said after the game. "I think defensively we did what we wanted to do."

No argument there. Irondequoit featured great offensive talents in Snedden and David Walker, but AQ's defense stopped them from doing much damage. Snedden was only nine of 19 passing for 70 yards, and Walker ran for 52 yards — about a third of his usual yardage.

The injuries to Collins and McGowan stopped Battaglia from doing what he wanted to on offense — throw the ball successfully. "They were triple-teaming Mark and we couldn't generate our offense when we needed to," Battaglia said.

Snedden opened the scoring with 7:12 left in the first quarter on a 26-yard field goal.

Vinci then scored the first of two touchdowns before Snedden booted his two 42-yard field goals in the half's final minute. The second came after a Monteleone pass was intercepted.

Offensively, Aquinas crossed midfield just three times and gained 99 yards all night. The Indians intercepted Monteleone four times, including a 26-yard pickoff for a touchdown in the third quarter. Vinci closed out the scoring with a 37-yard run in the final quarter.

ND 48, Dryden 8

Not even a ferocious wind and Central

New York's first touch of winter could stop the red-hot Crusaders of Notre Dame, who crushed host Dryden 48-8 in the season finale for both Section 4 Class C schools.

Although Dryden opened up an 8-0 lead early on, ND led 24-8 at th half and 42-8 after three quarters of play.

Quarterback Kevin Harney ended his Crusader career on the gridiron by throwing for four touchdowns and 190 yards with no interceptions. "This was his showcase (game)," Coach Mike D'Aloisio said after his club ended the season 7-2.

Overall this season, Harney was 78-for-137 for 1,022 yards, including 12 touchdown passes and nine interceptions. Most of those interceptions came early in the season against Chenango Forks and Newark Valley.

Bob Grosvenor was impressive in his final game as a junior, running for 104 yards on 11 carries while scoring twice. The 6'1", 180-lb. back, who surpassed the 1,000-yard rushing mark last week against Waverly, also caught two passes for 23 yards. He averaged 7.6 yards per carry this season.

Bernatavitz, also a junior, rumbled for 77 yards on seven carries and scored twice. He ended the season wit 732 yards rushing and averaged 5.9 yards per carry.

Notre Dame amassed the following overall records this season: single-game scoring (49 points against Seton Catholic of Binghamton); number of first downs in a game (26 against Waverly); average yards per game for the season (345); most points in a season (268); most total yards, (3,105); most touchdowns (30); and most points per game average (29).

KITCHENS • BATHS • INSULATION • SIDING • DOORS • WINDOWS • ADDITIONS • PORCHES • KITCHENS • BATHS • INSULATION • SIDING

CALL US NOW FOR INSTALLATION BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS!



GW

KITCHENS

6 Feet Starter Kitchen

From **\$650** Counter tops & sinks additional

BATHS

- Vanity
- Toilet
- Faucets
- Bath Tub

From **\$1890** additional sealer, dry wall, electrical-direct

SIDING

Planning to put siding on?

GUARANTEED DISCOUNTS

25% OFF

ON ALL MATERIALS & LABOR

VINYL PRIME REPLACEMENT WINDOWS

BUY 4 GET 1 FREE!

GENERAL WEATHERMASTER

110 Lake Ave., Rochester, N.Y. **FREE ESTIMATES** Senior Citizens Discount

25 Hour Phone 647-1000

KITCHENS • BATHS • INSULATION • SIDING • DOORS • WINDOWS • ADDITIONS • PORCHES • KITCHENS • DOORS • WINDOWS • ADDITIONS