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girls' softball team National Championships in



heading into the bottom of the eighth.

DeSales advanced to the championship game by beating top-seeded Fillmore, 8-7.

Aquinas, which was beaten by Spencerport in the first round of the Section 5 Class AAA baseball playoffs, won the City-Catholic League title this year. Rich Pillitter's Little Irish took the title from Bishop

Kearney.

THE BOYS' baseball team wasn't the only spring program to thrive at DeSales this spring. In just his second year as coach, Pat Luzzi had the girls' softball team in the Class D final game where the Saints lost, 12-4, to top-seeded Avoca.

DeSales, which was led by the arm and bat of freshman pitcher Danielle Boncaro most of the season, came from behind to beat Belfast 14-12 in the semis to reach the final game.

Look for the Saints to be right back in the

thick of the title race again next year, as most of the team will return for another season.

AT THE NEW YORK State Public High School Athletic Association championships at Baldwinsville earlier this month, the McQuaid 3,200-relay team of Cusack, Adin, Romanowski and Sumner finished in 7:50.16, nearly six se-

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Boeck shines in all-star classic for seniors

By Richard A. Kiley

Although it was only an exhibition game, the intensity level on the field during last week's City-Catholic League Exceptional Senior all-star game at Silver Stadium overcame the spectator like a 95-degree day in mid-June.

Rallying from a 3-0 deficit in the third inning, the East Team nipped the all-stars from the West, 7-5, in a game that didn't matter in the standings but obviously meant a lot to the outstanding seniors who were playing baseball for the last time in their high school careers.

McQuaid's Keith Boeck collected two RBIs and scored two runs to lead the East. Monroe High's Marty Hardisky had two RBIs and was also the winning pitcher for the East.

McQuaid Jesuit baseball coach Tim Jordan said the game spotlighted players who — despite having impressive seasons — received little notice for their efforts.

"The game is nice for the seniors who don't get a lot of recognition during the regular season. It gives the guys one last chance to show what they've got," said Jordan, who — along with Franklin High's Bill Andrecolich — coached the winning East Team. "It also gives the guys who haven't had a chance to play at Silver a big thrill!"

The exceptional seniors also thrilled the small crowd — which included a handful of college coaches and scouts — with the kind of excitement you normally don't see in an all-star game.

The West Team — coached by Jim DeBell of Jefferson and Wilson's Steve Benedetto — jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the third inning, thanks to a couple of Aquinas Institute standouts. After the West all-stars loaded the bases, Mark Chapman plated one run with a sacrifice fly, and Brian Monteleone followed with a two-run single. Chapman and Monteleone helped Aquinas win the City-Catholic League earlier this spring.

But the East all-stars grabbed a lead they would never relinquish in the fifth inning, when they scored five runs to take a 5-3 lead.

Boeck, who this season nearly doubled his batting average from last spring, ripped a double to score Franklin's Reyes DeJesus for one run, and Hardisky singled home two more later in the onslaught. Bishop Kearney's Paul Viola also collected an RBI with his single.

Boeck showcased his hitting and base-running prowess in the sixth inning, as the East Team upped the margin to 7-3. The McQuaid out-

fielder singled home Kearney's Scott Thompson and then hustled home from second base on a double play later in the inning.

A ninth-inning rally by the West fell a little short when Chapman tripled to score Fred Rogers and came home on the same play, after a wild throw allowed him to score.

In the Monroe County League Exceptional Senior all-star game right afterward, the East Team defeated the West all-stars 4-3.

The exceptional seniors were honored in a ceremony before the Red Wings played Denver on Sunday, June 19 — Father's Day. In full uniform, each player was announced to the big crowd on hand for the game between the Wings and Zephyrs.

