

Sports

Trio of shutouts mark openers for diocesan teams

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Three diocesan teams posted shutouts last weekend as the 1988 high school football season got underway. Picture-perfect weather greeted players and coaches, who hope to realize hopes for sectional berths this November.

DeSales 14, HF-Lima 0

Bob Taney's head coaching debut was a success as the host Saints (1-0) snapped a 10-game losing streak, blanking the Cougars, 14-0, on Saturday, Sept. 10. DeSales last tasted victory back in 1986.

In front of an enthusiastic home crowd, the Saints' defense forced six turnovers and scored a touchdown as well against its non-league opponent.

Midway through the second quarter, Larry Guefri returned a fumble 30 yards for DeSales' first touchdown of the season. Steve Vedora closed out the scoring with a 70-yard run off tackle.

The turning point of the game came early in the second quarter when the Cougars had the ball first and goal. The Saints forced a fumble, recovering the ball in the end zone for a touchback. In all, the Saints intercepted two passes and recovered four fumbles for the afternoon.

On offense, the Saints were able to control the ball behind the blocking of offensive tackles Pedro Rojas and Peter Parshall. Rojas, a 6-2, 258 lb. returner from last year's 0-8 team, was responsible for the block to free Vedora's touchdown run.

"Both tackles played outstanding ball games," said Taney, who spent more than a decade as an assistant coach to legendary DeSales coach Harry Furman. "The offensive line is going to get better as the season goes on; our defense will carry us until then."

The first Finger Lakes West battle of the season comes this Saturday, Sept. 17, at Dundee. The return of several starters on offense, including quarterback Ron Cecere (5-9, 155 lb. senior) as well as running backs Chris Ike and Vedora give DeSales an above average running game, but that might not help against the Scotsmen.

"They have a defense geared to stopping the run, so we'll have to have a passing game this Saturday," Taney said. Dundee was hit hard by graduation with only three starters returning on defense.

Aquinas 19, Marshall 0

Although Aquinas advanced to the Section 5 Class AAA semifinals last November, the season got off to a bad start for Chris Battaglia and his Little Irish when Gates-Chili stunned Aquinas 16-12 on a late touchdown off of a blocked punt.

"We weren't going to let anything like that happen this year," Battaglia said.

Visiting Aquinas (1-0) broke open a tight 7-0 game in the third quarter as senior wingback Corey Collins found the end zone twice, propelling the Little Irish over their City-Catholic League foe on Saturday, Sept. 10.

AQ's offense outgained Marshall, 233-15, for the day. Senior quarterback Jim Schrader speared in the end zone on a two-yard run before the first half ended, and Collins added short touchdown runs of three and 11 yards to ice the game in the third quarter.

Although the Little Irish aren't the team they were a year ago, they still could take the newly realigned City-Catholic League. Even with some heavy losses on offense (namely all-star Mark Chapman and quarterback Brian Monteleone), Battaglia has an outstanding backfield with Collins and Jermaine McGowan returning.

The first real test of the season comes this Saturday, Sept. 17, in a non-league battle against St. Joe's of Buffalo. AQ, which will not play league opponents East or Franklin this season, has six league games, while all other teams will play seven. Another non-league test comes on the last game of the season when the Little Irish will face a stacked Gates-Chili team.

Aquinas' traditional game against Rush-Henrietta has been dropped from the schedule.

ND 26, Watkins Glen 14

Elmira Notre Dame opened its season in impressive fashion in front of an overflow home crowd on Friday night, Sept. 9, with a resounding win over a veteran Watkins Glen (0-1) team.

Mike D'Aloisio's Crusaders (1-0) rushed for 280 yards on the ground as ND held a 302-193 advantage in total offense.

Bob Grosvenor, who ran for more than 1,000 yards last fall, began his 1988 season on the right foot by rushing 11 times for 167 yards and



McQuaid Jesuit quarterback Kurt Schmidt can't get around Wilson's Frederick Washington (1) during second-half action of the Knights' thrilling win over the visiting Wildcats last Saturday, Sept. 10.

four touchdowns. When he wasn't blocking for Grosvenor, Mike Bernatavitz rushed for 110 yards on 16 carries.

Sophomore quarterback Mike Bennett (5-10, 170 lb.) played well in his first start on the varsity, as ND raced to a 13-0 lead. The Crusader defense forced four turnovers for the night, as ND increased its lead to 20-6 after three quarters and cruised in the final quarter.

Notre Dame opened up its 1987 season with a 36-13 win over Watkins Glen, setting the tone for a record-filled, 7-2 season. Although the Crusaders are young and will see some of the best grid teams in the state this fall, they could play the role of spoiler.

Key games will be at Windsor on October 1 and home against Newark Valley on October 7. Battles at Chenango Forks on September 24 and home against Seton Catholic on October 14 will also severely test ND.

McQuaid 35, Wilson 30

The host Knights (1-0) received an outstanding performance from running back Jamal Dunbar, who ran for 208 yards on 14 carries, and McQuaid held off a late rally by Wilson (0-1) to defeat the Wildcats.

Starting in just his first game on the varsity, Dunbar scored three touchdowns on runs of 67, 33 and 37 yards before an ecstatic home crowd.

McQuaid's defense yielded 402 yards against Wilson, including 238 by Charles Alexander, but Tom Sprague's defense forced five turnovers.

The Knights' winning score came in the third quarter on a 14-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Kurt Schmidt to Tom Cahill.

McQuaid led 35-14 before holding off Wilson, which reached the 1987 Section 5 Class AA semifinals.

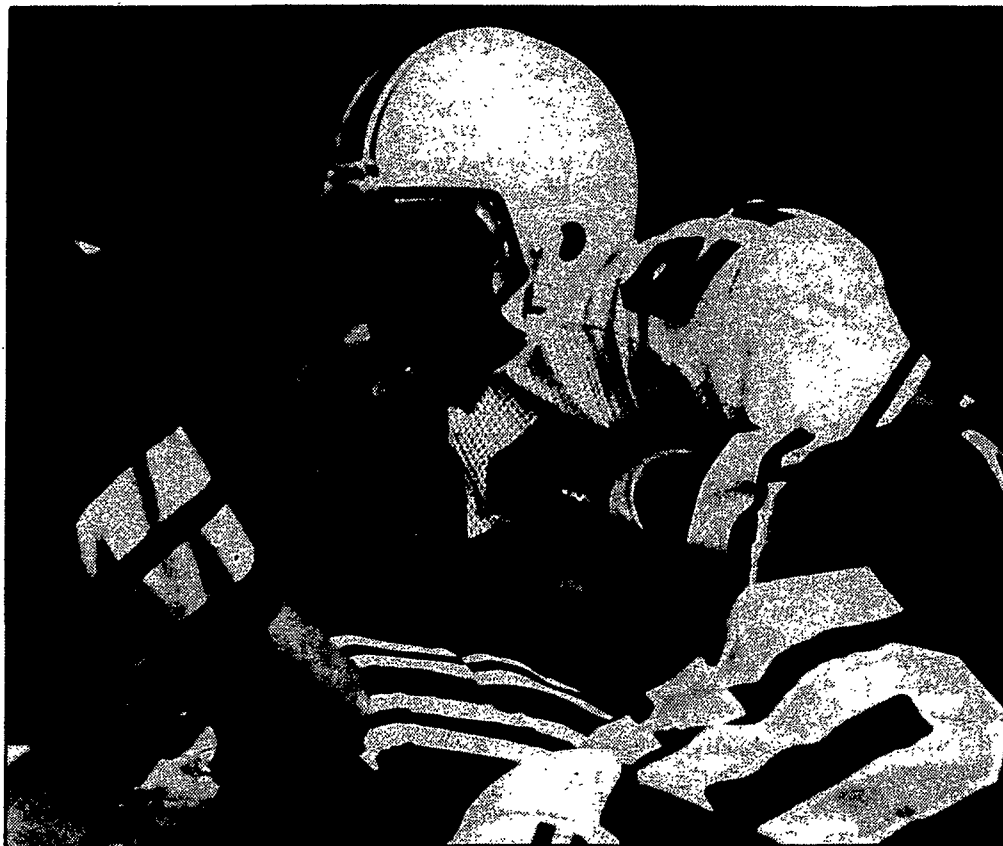
Bishop Kearney 17, Franklin 0

The Kings' defense picked up where it left off last year, recording six quarterback sacks as Kearney held Franklin to just four net yards on offense.

Nick Teta's Kings, who lost in the 1987 Section 5 Class AA final to Canandaigua, were led by Beaver Smith's two scores. Smith, who was injured after scoring four touchdowns last season, was on the receiving end of a 41-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Craig Chodak and also scored on a one-yard run.

With the emergence of Chodak, a second-year player on the varsity, Kearney looks to be better balanced this season.

"Chodak has become a passer, not just a



Wilson tailback Marc Washington high steps into a maze of McQuaid defensive players in the third quarter.

thrower," said Teta, who believes that the real question mark for Kearney this season will be in the offensive line. "He adds another dimension to our offense."

Lamin Massaquia rushed for 66 yards for the day as Kearney established its running game early. The Kings were without running back Tim Dieter due to an injury. He will play against McQuaid this Sunday, Sept. 18.

The Knights — 10-0 winners against Kearney last fall — will be dedicating their new football field.

Kearney will not play its first home game un-

til an October 8 meeting against East. Away games at Batavia and Aquinas await the Kings after McQuaid.

Greece Olympia 34, Mooney 3

Olympia's Chris Wojtas scored two touchdowns as the host Spartans (1-0) routed the Cardinals, ruining John Walker's debut as head coach for Mooney (0-1).

Mooney's offense was able to muster just 98 yards total compared to 282 for Olympia. The Cards will try to get their first win of the season at Franklin this Saturday, Sept. 17.

Mental health groups planning compulsive eating workshop

The Mental Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County, and Rochester Eating Disorders Organization are sponsoring an intensive one-day workshop entitled "Breaking Free from Compulsive Eating" on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Gateway Inn Banquet and Conference Center, 4831 West Henrietta Road.

The workshop, which will be facilitated by Francie White, M.S., R.D., costs \$75 for those who register prior to September 30, and \$90 thereafter. Students may attend for \$50. A limited number of scholarships are available.

For additional information, contact the Mental Health Association at (716)423-9490.