

## Sports

# Kearney blanks McQuaid; DeSales wins again

By Richard A. Kiley

Visiting Bishop Kearney (2-0) continued to dominate opponents defensively and offensively, as Nick Teta's Kings rolled to an impressive 27-0 City-Catholic League win over the Knights (1-1) on Sunday, Sept. 18.

Senior halfback Tim Dieter, who missed Kearney's season-opening shutout against Franklin with a sprained knee, reached the end zone twice in the second half for Kearney. Overall, he rushed eight times for 71 yards in his first game back.

"He played a little defensively for us last week, but this was the first time we used him on offense," said Teta, who guided Kearney to the Section 5 Class AA grid final against Canandaigua last November. "The knee didn't seem to be giving him any problems."

The Kings' defense gave McQuaid, which racked up 35 points in a victory against Wilson a week earlier, lots of problems until the Kearney offense got going.

Kearney opened up a 13-0 lead by halftime on a two-yard run for a touchdown by Steve Smith and an 18-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Craig Chodak to Marty Alexander.

The Kings' offense compiled an impressive 260 yards for the day — mostly on the ground. Smith rushed for 45 yards on 12 carries while sophomore Lamin Massaquoi finished with 81 yards in 17 attempts.

Kearney, which has outscored its opponents 44-0 this fall, held McQuaid running back Jamal Dunbar in check. Dunbar had rushed for 208 yards in a 35-30 win over Wilson a week earlier.

Kearney plays at Batavia Friday, Sept. 23, before traveling to Aquinas for a big league battle on Sunday, Oct. 2.

## Buffalo St. Joe's 10, Aquinas 7

It was a tough weekend all around for Aquinas coach Chris Battaglia. His Little Irish (1-1) dropped a hard-fought non-league decision to the second-ranked high school football team in the Queen City on Saturday, Sept. 17, and his favorite professional football team — the Chicago Bears — were manhandled by divisional foe Minnesota on Sunday by a score of 31-7.

Buffalo St. Joe's winning margin came in the form of a 35-yard field goal by St. Joe's kicker John Flood midway through the third quarter. Aquinas had jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first quarter on a one-yard run by quarterback Jim Schrader.

St. Joe's tied the game, 7-7, with a one-yard run by Joe Klein.

Aquinas gets back into league play with a home game against McQuaid this Sunday, Sept. 25.

## Franklin 6, Mooney 0

For the second consecutive year, the Quakers (1-1) had just enough offense to set down Cardinal Mooney (0-2), which is still trying to win its first game for new coach John Walker.

The City-Catholic League game was scoreless until the fourth quarter, when the Quakers scored on a one-yard run. The two-point conversion failed. Last year, Franklin nipped Mooney 12-7.

The Cards will try again this Saturday, Sept. 24, when they play their first home game of the season against Wilson.

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Kearney's Tim Dieter, shown here diving into the line for a short gain, rushed for 71 yards against McQuaid

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## DeSales 14, Dundee 8

Bob Taney Jr. is making an early-season run at Coach of the Year honors in the Finger Lakes West, as the first-year head coach and his Saints (1-0, 2-0) won their second consecutive game of the young season.

Despite thoroughly dominating the Scotsmen (0-1, 0-2) for most of the game, DeSales still trailed 8-6 late in the fourth quarter, until quarterback Ron Cecere engineered the game-winning drive with three minutes left.

Cecere hooked up with Joe Vedora on a 35-yard pass play with 3:30 remaining in the fourth quarter, and ran the ball into the end zone from the one-yard line on the following play to pull out the league win.

Chris Ike had given the Saints a 6-0 lead in the second quarter on an eight-yard run, but the lead was short-lived. Dundee's Roy Gavigan returned the ensuing kickoff 77 yards for a touchdown, and a successful two-point conversion put the Scotsmen on top, 8-6.

"We really hurt ourselves with penalties and fumbles; it was a frustrating game because we held them to minus yardage on offense and we were losing so late in the game," Taney said.

The Scotsmen didn't get a first down until the three-minute mark of the fourth quarter. After stopping DeSales on a broken play in a fourth-and-two situation at the Dundee 30-yard line, the Scotsmen appeared to have the game won until a crucial fumble recovery by Vedora.

"That was the key play; they gained 12 yards on the play previous to (the fumble), but our defense really came through," Taney said. "The defense was superb!"

The defense for the Saints, who have given up just eight points in two games thus far, forced three Dundee turnovers.

Offensively, Ike ran the ball 21 times for 100 yards, and Cecere completed six of 16 passes for 106 yards. The Saints totaled nearly 300 yards on offense.

DeSales' first real test of the season comes this Saturday, Sept. 24, at 1 p.m. in a home game against Red Jacket (1-0, 2-0). The Indians routed South Seneca, 36-6, in a West Division game last Saturday.

Taney said his team will have to play a near-perfect game to offset the bigger Indians.

"(Red Jacket) is an explosive team. They've got a 6-foot-9 end on one side and a 6-foot-2 end on the other, so they like to throw the ball," Taney said. "Our tallest guy in the secondary is 5 foot 7."



The Kings' defense did not allow McQuaid Jesuit running back Jamal Dunbar (40) any room to run last Sunday afternoon.

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Not making matters easier is the loss of full-back/outside linebacker Steve Vedora, who broke his ankle against Dundee.

## Notre Dame 34, Edison 6

The battle for bragging rights in Elmira was all Notre Dame's (2-0) after a shaky first quarter at Edison. Mike D'Aloisio's Crusaders took a first-quarter lead of 8-0 on a one-yard run by Mike Bernatavitz, but their cross-town rivals struck back quickly on an 88-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

Bob Grosvenor gave ND a 14-6 lead on a 31-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, but the key score for the Crusaders came on a fourth-and-goal play at the Edison 19.

After three consecutive pass plays — one of

which appeared to be a touchdown until ND was called for clipping — D'Aloisio elected to use a draw play. Grosvenor took the delayed handoff from quarterback Mike Bennett and rumbled into the end zone with :16 left in the first half to give the Crusaders a 21-6 bulge.

"I thought that was the key play of the game for us," said D'Aloisio, who has led ND to nine wins in the last 11 games. "He (Grosvenor) got big blocking on that play from Mike Bernatavitz and Brian Sheehan. That touchdown really gave us a lift!"

Grosvenor picked up where he left off in the third quarter, returning the second-half kickoff 89 yards for a touchdown to give ND a 28-6 lead. Senior running back Don Sheehan closed

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