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Bernatavitz

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the Notre Dame 45-yard line with 1:30 left, but were stopped once again by the Crusader defense.

Langan was honored in a touching halftime ceremony, when D'Aloisio and Bernatavitz presented the former ND standout with a game jersey. Bernatavitz wears No. 21 in his honor.

ND plays host to Seton Catholic of Binghamton this Friday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. Seton, which has destroyed Oneonta and Chenango Valley the past two weeks, will look to avenge last year's 49-43 loss to the Crusaders.

DeSales 14, Whitman 6

Running back Chris Ike, who rushed for 90 yards, scored on runs of 32 yards and five yards in the third quarter to keep the Saints (4-0, 5-0) unbeaten and ruin Whitman's Homecoming game.

Marcus Whitman, which normally runs its offense out of an "I" formation, used the "shotgun" — a passing formation — to jump out to a 6-0 lead at halftime. Whitman's touchdown came on a 70-yard scoring drive on its second possession of the game.

"They wanted to spread us way out (on defense) by using a shotgun formation. It scared the living daylights out of me at first; I thought it was going to be a long day," said DeSales head coach Bob Taney. "They didn't feel they could run against us."

Taney made a defensive adjustment at halftime to offset the play by Whitman (2-3). "We normally play a zone, but we shot one of our linebackers in to neutralize that," Taney said.

DeSales' defense forced Whitman to turn the ball over six times: four in the air and two rushing. The Saints compiled 267 yards in total offense. Quarterback Ron Cecere was 8-for-18 passing for 114 yards.

The Finger Lakes West division title comes down to this week's game between DeSales and Romulus (3-0, 5-0). Romulus ran up nearly 350 yards rushing to blank Red Jacket 22-0 last weekend.

Taney said his Saints must try to stop the Warriors' running game, forcing them to do something they haven't done too much this season — pass.

"Romulus is a very physical team, they pride themselves in their strength," Taney said. "They haven't thrown the ball all year."

Offensively, the Saints may throw the ball more this Saturday, Oct. 15, at 4 p.m. "We see a few areas where we can exploit the defense," Taney said.

Aquinas 34, Edison 26

Yogi Berra, who coined the phrase "It's not over 'til it's over," would have been in his glory had he taken in the City-Catholic football game between the Little Irish and the Inventors.

AQ jumped out to a 28-6 halftime lead and increased the margin to 34-6 later in the game, before Edison scored three touchdowns in the

last five minutes to make things close for Chris Battaglia's club.

Aquinas (3-0-1, 3-1-1) was led offensively by Jermaine McGowan, who scored three touchdowns while piling up 217 yards rushing on 14 carries.

McGowan culminated a 90-yard scoring drive with a four-yard TD run in the first quarter. Earlier in the drive, he broke one for 40 yards to set up the score.

McGowan's third touchdown was for 63 yards.

Aquinas' defense was impressive for most of the game, forcing Edison to make four turnovers (three fumbles, one interception). One of the big men for the Little Irish defensively was Alcindor Coleman, who recovered one fumble and had an interception. McGowan was outstanding as well, recording 11 tackles during the game.

AQ plays host to winless Cardinal Mooney this Saturday, Oct. 15, at 2 p.m. The Little Irish are in second place in the City-Catholic League behind East. The two City-Catholic foes do not play each other this season.

East 20, Bishop Kearney 0

In Bishop Kearney's first home game of the season on Saturday, Oct. 8, the unbeaten Orientals (5-0, 5-0) broke open a scoreless game with three touchdowns in the second half to seriously damage any Fighting King hopes of a league title.

East took the lead when Marc Gray ran back the second-half kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown.

Later in the quarter, East's Derrick Howard forced a Kearney fumble and Ron Simmons returned it 50 yards for a score to give the Orientals a 14-0 bulge over Nick Tet's Kings (2-1-1, 3-1-1) heading into the fourth quarter.

A 10-yard touchdown pass from East quarterback Sean Johnson to Eric Small closed out the scoring.

The Kings play host to Marshall this Saturday, Oct. 15, at 2 p.m.

McQuaid 34, Mooney 6

The City-Catholic football game between the Knights (3-2, 3-2) and the Cardinals (0-4, 0-5) on Sunday, Oct. 9, was all McQuaid after the first quarter.

The McQuaid running game just wore down Mooney, which is still looking for its first win for new coach John Walker.

After Jamal Dunbar gave McQuaid the lead in the first quarter with a seven-yard run, senior running back Troy Beason rumbled 55 yards for the first of his three touchdowns for the day on the second quarter's first play to make the score 14-0.

Dunbar then set up a seven-yard run for a touchdown by Beason before halftime with a 56-yard run of his own. Beason finished the game with 151 yards on 13 carries.

Dunbar had 124 yards on 16 rushes.

McQuaid plays host to City-Catholic foe Franklin this Saturday, Oct. 15, at 2 p.m. Mooney will play at Aquinas at 2 p.m. as well.

Forte

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"I figure three wins out of the six and we're in," Forte said.

McQuaid (7-0 league, 9-2 overall) has put together a four-game winning streak since losing to Brighton back on September 24. The Knights blanked both Aquinas and Mooney in their most recent wins.

Against AQ on Friday, Oct. 7, Dan Schied's club got two goals from Dan Wilmot in a 2-0 City-Catholic win, but Little Irish coach Gary LaPietra was impressed by his team's play.

"They (McQuaid) were just a little quicker than we were; they got two quick goals in a two-minute span with about 15 minutes left," said LaPietra, who watched his team lose to McQuaid, 6-0, back on September 15. "We remembered the last time we played, and we knew we were better than that."

The Little Irish were in dire straits the last time the two Catholic schools played. But after losing back-to-back games to McQuaid and Marion, LaPietra's club went on a seven-game unbeaten streak (4-0-3) until the most recent loss to the Knights.

"I wasn't too worried when we weren't playing well in the early part of the season," LaPietra said. "I knew we'd come around"

Not surprisingly, the AQ coach said defense — led by Joe and Chris Valentino — and goaltending (i.e. Mike Compisi) have been the

heart of this year's Little Irish team.

Defense has also been a strength of Bishop Kearney (3-9-2, 2-4-2) of late, but the Kings are having difficulty scoring goals of their own. Greg Schuber's team played to a scoreless tie against Mooney on Thursday, Oct. 6, after a scoreless tie with Aquinas just two days earlier.

"We're just having a tough time finishing it," Schuber said. "Our wins have been like 2-1 and 1-0. I think we're pressing (to score) a little too much."

Senior Ken Doohan has been the only King to find the net on occasion with five of Kearney's 14 goals this season.

The lack of scoring punch — coupled with an 0-5 start — has hurt the Kings, but Schuber thinks his team's recent play has been up to par.

"We're 3-4-2 over our last nine games ... I thought before the season we'd be about a .500 team."

Over in Section 4 Class C, Elmira Notre Dame lost a heartbreaking, 3-2 overtime decision to Elmira Southside — after leading 2-1 heading into the second overtime session.

Eric Breeman had both goals for Notre Dame.

Henry Ferguson's Crusaders (2-10-2) will make the sectional tournament in Class C regardless of their record because of the level of competition they play.

Mike Ramich, who is near the top of the Sullivan Trail Conference in scoring, has been a bright spot for this year's ND team.

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