

Sports

Kearney blanks Edison in tune-up for Arcadia

By Richard A. Kiley

Bishop Kearney's Fighting Kings tuned up for their Section 5 Class AA showdown with Greece Arcadia this weekend with an 18-0 shutout of visiting Edison in City-Catholic football action last Saturday, Oct. 29.

Nick Teta's Kings (5-1-1 league, 6-1-1 overall) are seeded No. 3 in the Class AA playoffs, and will battle No. 2 Greece Arcadia (7-1) at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium.

No. 1 Canandaigua (8-0) faces No. 4 Wilson (4-3-1) at 8 p.m. in the second game of the Class AA doubleheader at Fauver.

Against the winless Inventors (0-8), Kearney quarterback Craig Chodak ran three yards for one touchdown and passed 49 yards to Tim Dieter for another score, as the Kings dominated from the outset.

Lamin Massaquoia provided Kearney's other score with an eight-yard touchdown run. Chodak passed for 119 yards overall in leading the Kings to 298 yards in total offense.

Kearney's defense was once again stingy, allowing Edison just 111 yards in offense.

This will be the second consecutive trip to the Class AA playoffs for Kearney. Last year's Kings advanced to the championship game with a 14-8 win over Wilson. Kearney turned a fumble by Wildcat quarterback Charles Alexander into a touchdown to beat Wilson in the fourth quarter.

The Kings fell in the championship game to No. 3 Canandaigua, 21-7.

With the emergence of Chodak and the Kearney passing game this season, Teta said his team will open things up offensively against the Titans.

"Chodak has been throwing the ball real well, especially the last three or four weeks," said Teta, whose Kings are 13-4-1 the past two seasons. "We're definitely going to throw the football against Arcadia."

Like Wilson last year, Arcadia is predominantly a running team, but the Titan passing game is more consistent. The Titans ripped cross-town rival Greece Athena last weekend both with their running and passing game. Mike Lockhart was the star for Arcadia, scoring on a one-yard run and passing 65 yards to Jim LaRuez for another score.

"Arcadia is similar to Wilson in that they're basically a running team, but they are a better throwing team than Wilson," Teta said.

The Kearney coach added that heading into the practice week before the sectionals, some key players appear to have shaken off the effects of any injuries sustained earlier in the season.

Dieter had been bothered by an ankle injury that had kept him out of four games offensively, and Massaquoia was absent from the lineup in a 20-0 loss to East.

Kearney or Arcadia will face the winner of the game between Canandaigua and Wilson. Mike Foster's Braves have won four of the last five years.

"Canandaigua is always a well-coached football team, but they've had some close games this year," Teta said. "No team is unbeatable."

DeSales 13, South Seneca 0

The last home game of the season for the Saints (6-2) came to a bizarre and controversial conclusion, as DeSales shut out the Falcons (1-7) in a Finger Lakes West football game shortened by unsportsmanlike conduct penalties assessed to South Seneca.

The controversy arose when DeSales' Chris Ike was returning a punt with three minutes left in the third quarter. Ike was five yards out of bounds, when a South Seneca special teams player leveled him with a vicious hit near the Saints bench.

After officials broke up a melee between

players from both teams, South Seneca Coach Roger Clemenson pulled his team off the field. Questions abounded after the game as to whether the game had been cut short by Clemenson or the officials.

"He (Clemenson) called me (Sunday) morning and told me he felt his kids weren't in the frame of mind to play football," said DeSales Coach Bob Taney. "From my viewpoint, they really didn't come to play football."

Taney called the hit on Ike "malicious." "It was a malicious hit right near our bench," the coach said, adding that the South Seneca player was ejected from the game because of flagrant misconduct. "They just tried to intimidate us (all game), but our kids wouldn't have anything to do with it."

The Saints scored their first touchdown in the first quarter, when Peter Parshall blocked a Falcon punt and Aaron Montague ran the ball in from the 20-yard line for a touchdown. Ron Cecere added the extra point to make the score 7-0.

DeSales upped the lead to 13-0 on a four-yard run by Ike in the second quarter.

Although his Saints finished the season on a winning note, Taney came away from the game with a bad taste in his mouth.

"I'm frustrated by the way it ended; a lot of the kids were hoping to get in one last time before the home crowd," Taney said.

The DeSales coach said he wouldn't let the bizarre finish ruin what was a tremendous fall for the small Geneva regional high school.

"It's a little disappointing we didn't make the sectionals, but we met our goals," Taney said.

Elmira ND 29, Waverly 26

Elmira-Notre Dame came through with yet another impressive win in Section 4 Division IV football action at Waverly on Friday night,

Oct. 28, but league-leading Windsor's 18-6 win over Newark Valley on Saturday, Oct. 29, eliminated the Crusaders (3-1 league, 6-2 overall) from any chance of playing in a bowl game against Binghamton Seton Catholic or Chenango Forks.

If Windsor loses to Whitney Point this weekend, Mike D'Aloisio's Crusaders can tie for the league championship with a victory over Dryden (2-6) at home this Friday, Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Although the win over the Wolverines (2-2, 4-4) marked the return of ND running back Bob Grosvenor — who had been sidelined with a knee injury the last four games — the night belonged to running mate Mike Bernatavitz.

Bernatavitz, who lives just three miles from Waverly Stadium, rushed for 157 yards and three touchdowns. Grosvenor was dominant as well, carrying the ball 20 times for 118 yards.

"This was Mike Bernatavitz's night; he can remember his last game there with a lot of pride," D'Aloisio said.

Although ND had a comfortable edge in total offense — 338 yards compared to Waverly's 260 — the Crusaders had to come back three times before securing the win.

Most of the Wolverines' offense came from quarterback Todd Pudiak, who competed nine of 16 passes for 158 yards.

Waverly scored quickly in the first quarter when Pudiak hooked up with Pat Terwilliger for a 43-yard score. The two-point conversion failed.

The Crusaders evened the score on a four-yard run by Bernatavitz. Kicker Chris Jurusik added the extra point to give ND a 7-6 lead.

Waverly regained the lead in the second quarter when Terwilliger intercepted a Mike Bennett pass, leading to a one-yard run by Mark Casterline. An attempted run for the

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Mercy's Julie Buntich (17) races for the ball as Rush-Henrietta's Patti Waderich (32) slides in during the first round of the Section 5 Class A girls' soccer tournament Tuesday, Oct. 25. Mercy came out victorious, scoring two goals to R-H's one.

Mooney, AQ gain BB semis; Gates ousts Mercy in Class A

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Despite the outcome of his previous two trips to the sectionals, Cardinal Mooney girls' soccer coach Scott Morrison had a good feeling early on about his Cardinals' chances of moving past Greece Arcadia in a Class BB quarterfinal game last Saturday, Oct. 29.

Four first-half goals will do it every time. Despite a fierce wind and a week-long lay-off, the third-seeded Cards (13-1-4) came out storming against the sixth-seeded Titans (8-10-1) with four goals in the first half en route to a 5-1 win at Mooney.

The win propelled the Cards into the Class BB semifinals against Pittsford Sutherland (16-2-1), which defeated No. 7 Bishop Kearney (9-10-1), 2-0, at Sutherland on Saturday, Oct. 29. The Mooney-Sutherland showdown was scheduled for 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at Webster.

In the second game of the Class BB double-header, No. 5 Aquinas Institute (13-7) took on top-seeded Pittsford Mendon (16-2-1) at 7 p.m. Both the Little Irish and the Vikings won their quarterfinal matches by identical 3-1 scores over No. 4 Victor (11-7-1) and No. 8 Batavia

(7-12-1), respectively.

The Class BB championship game will be an all-Catholic final this Saturday, Nov. 5, if both Mooney and Aquinas won Wednesday, Nov. 2. The venue for the title game is to be determined.

Mooney's win over Arcadia marked the first time in three years that the Cardinals won a sectional game. Lisa Dudek scored two goals, and Kelly Marron added a goal and an assist for the Cards.

Gia Cucinelli put Mooney on the scoreboard at the seven-minute mark of the first half, after she converted a cross from Marron. Three minutes later, Dudek headed in her first of the afternoon to up the lead to 2-0. After Dudek's second goal of the game, Arcadia scored off of a corner kick to make it 3-1.

Leslie Burst's second goal of the season made the score 4-1 at the half. Morrison said his team was brimming with confidence.

"We played really well in the first half, and we were going against a really strong wind too," Morrison said.

Morrison said that before the game he tried

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