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Staying one step ahead of Rush-Henrietta's Jason Rich (32) is Jeff Merkey (10) of Cardinal Mooney. The two teams locked horns on Wednesday, Oct. 26, for the first round of the Section 5 Boys' Class A soccer tournament. Seventh-seeded Mooney beat out No. 10 Rush-Henrietta with a 2-1 win.

# McQuaid advances with win over Brighton

By Richard A. Kiley

As the old sports adage goes, it's tough to beat a good team twice in one season. Just ask the Brighton Barons.

The third-seeded Knights of McQuaid Jesuit blanked their cross-town rival, 3-0, in a Section 5 Class A quarterfinal game at McQuaid on Saturday, Oct. 29, avenging one of the Knights' (16-2-1) two losses this season.

The win advanced McQuaid into the semifinals against No. 2 Webster (12-3-4), which beat seventh-seeded Cardinal Mooney (9-6-5), 2-0, at Webster on Saturday, Oct. 29. The game between the Warriors and the Knights was scheduled for Spencerport at 7:30 p.m.

The other Class A semifinal featured No. 1 Greece Athena (14-1-4) against No. 5 Penfield (10-4-5).

McQuaid broke open a tight game in the second half on goals by Chris Teerlinck and Benjy Shaw. The win over the sixth-seeded Barons was extra sweet because of Brighton's 2-0 win over McQuaid back on September 24.

"We had the advantage of playing them before. They tend to play a striker that stretches our defense," Schied said.

Schied also told his players to move the ball quickly against the swarming Baron defense, something they didn't do in the first game.

"We didn't hold on to the ball very much,

that's the key when you play against a defense like that," Schied said.

The first goal by the Knights came after some confusion in the Barons' goal mouth. Mark Paris pounced on a loose ball and guided it to Matt Parrinello, who directed it past the Brighton keeper and into the net.

Kevin Murphy was in goal for McQuaid. Murphy looked on from the sidelines in McQuaid's first-round game against No. 14 Marshall (7-8-1) on Wednesday, Oct. 26. The Knights thoroughly dominated the visiting Jurists in a 2-0 win.

Mike Boychuk made three saves in the McQuaid net. Schied said he may play both Murphy and Boychuk against Webster, which McQuaid scrimmaged back in the beginning of the season.

Schied said he wouldn't be able to deploy any strategy based on the scrimmage since players on both teams hadn't secured starting positions yet.

Paul Forte's Cards advanced to the Class A quarterfinals by beating No. 10 Rush-Henrietta, 2-1, on Wednesday, Oct. 26.

Alan Ebertz's head shot early in the second half proved to be the game-winning goal for Mooney in the first-round game.

Ebertz's goal came on a corner kick by Jim Shoniker.

The Cards came back from a 1-0 deficit when Steve Lichtenberger scored at the 12:00 mark of the first half. The Royal Comets had scored two minutes earlier on a goal by Ben Herrera.

Jim D'Anza played a strong game in goal for the Cards, recording 10 saves.

**IN ACTION** from Class BB, sixth-seeded Aquinas (8-6-2) lost to host and third-seeded Churchville-Chili (9-6-2), 2-0, in a quarterfinal game on Saturday, Oct. 29.

Mike Compisi played a spectacular game in goal for the Little Irish, who were outshot by the Saints 22-3.

No. 9 Pittsford Sutherland ousted No. 8 Bishop Kearney, 3-1, at Spencerport on Wednesday, Oct. 26. Steve Andolaro scored the only goal for the Kings in the first-round game.

Sutherland outshot Kearney, 20-3. Kearney goalkeeper Greg Klebs made 14 saves.

**OVER IN** Section 4 Class C, Elmira Notre Dame, seeded seventh out of eight teams, dropped a 2-1 decision to No. 2 Marathon on Saturday, Oct. 29.

The game was 1-1 at the half. Mike Ramich scored the lone goal for the Crusaders, who ended the season at 2-13-3. Marathon was co-champions of Class C last fall.

Henry Ferguson's Crusaders were outshot, 23-6.

## Kearney

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two-point conversion failed.

Then it was the Crusaders' time to answer back after ND recovered a Waverly fumble. Bennett then completed his lone pass of the night, a 60-yard touchdown toss to Geoff Woodworth. Bernatavitz added the two-point conversion to give Notre Dame a 15-12 lead at the half.

Waverly scored the lone touchdown of the third quarter on a one-yard run for a touchdown by Eric Boehm, to give the Wolverines an 18-15 lead. The two-point conversion gave Waverly a 20-15 advantage.

The Crusaders continued deploying their ground arsenal in the final quarter, as Bernatavitz and Grosvenor began to wear down the Waverly defense. Bernatavitz added scores from the three- and two-yard line to put ND on top, 29-20, with two and a half minutes left.

"We just came out in the second half and played power football," D'Aloisio said. "The offensive line won this football game for us. Bob Grosvenor was a little tentative in the first half because of a tight hamstring, but he ran real well in the second half."

Although the Crusaders will come up a little short of a bowl game for the second consecutive year, D'Aloisio said he was proud of his team's accomplishments on the field.

"They're going to be a little disenchanted (about not making the bowl game) but before the season started people didn't give us a chance to win more than two football games."

This year, the Crusaders can tie the school record for games won (7) set by last year's team.

In other grid action featuring diocesan teams last weekend, McQuaid (6-2) rolled over cross-town rival Brighton, 46-6; Gates-Chili defeated Aquinas (4-2-2), 35-6; and Marshall blanked Mooney (0-8), 14-0.

McQuaid will play at Gates-Chili, and Aquinas will travel to Webster this Friday night, Nov. 4.

Mooney will play at Eastridge on Saturday, Nov. 5, in another non-playoff game this weekend.

## Mooney, AQ

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to avoid talking about the demise of the past two Mooney soccer teams.

"They were talking about the bad luck in the sectionals, but I tried not to mention it all," the Mooney coach said.

Instead, Morrison emphasized strong defensive play by his fullbacks and aggressive play by his midfielders.

"In every game we've won this year, our midfield has moved the ball well," Morrison said. "We started to get control of the ball early and we were getting our chances."

Mooney outshot Arcadia, 25-14.

**GREG MCMASTER'S** Little Irish edged host Victor (11-7-1) by a 3-1 score on Saturday, Oct. 29. Jill Hutchinson got the winning goal for AQ with just :41 left in the first half.

The Little Irish, who, like the Cardinals, appear to be reaping the benefits of a tough

schedule during the regular season, advanced to the BB quarterfinal game by knocking off No. 12 Eastridge (0-17) by a score of 2-0 on Wednesday, Oct. 26.

Cissy Bell paced the Little Irish with one goal and an assist. She scored off of a direct kick at the 10:21 mark of the first half. AQ earned another goal late in the first half when Marcie Meagher scored with :27 remaining.

Bishop Kearney advanced to the quarterfinals against Sutherland by drubbing No. 11 Newark, 6-0, on Wednesday, Oct. 26. Stephanie Fame led the Kings with one goal and two assists.

**IN ACTION** from Section 5 Class A, sixth-seeded Our Lady of Mercy dropped a close 2-1 decision to third-seeded Gates-Chili on Friday, Oct. 28.

The host Spartans (14-4-1) got a goal with 6:10 remaining to oust the Monarchs (9-6-1) from the tourney. Mercy advanced to the Class A quarterfinal game by nipping No. 11 Rush-Henrietta, 2-1, in a first-round game played at

Cardinal Mooney on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Amy Doyle's goal — on an assist from Julie Buntich — proved to be the game winner for the Monarchs over the Royal Comets (6-12-1).

Buntich also gathered an assist on Holly Sims' goal 19:25 into the first half.

**OVER IN** Section 4 Class C, second-seeded Elmira Notre Dame (7-10) dropped a 2-0 decision to third-seeded Charlotte Valley (15-2) on Saturday, Oct. 29. Both of CV's goals came in the second half.

Steve Weber's Crusaders opted to have the wind at their backs in the first half, but they couldn't take advantage. With the wind at its back in the second half, CV scored on a breakaway with just two minutes off the clock.

Charlotte Valley added another with a little less than 10 minutes left in the game.

Weber said his team looked flat compared to its play in recent weeks, and that a week lay-off before the sectionals started might have been a factor.

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