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Kearney falls to Arcadia; ND drubs Dryden, 38-0

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Post-season football games at any level are often decided by which team earns the most breaks.

In the Section 5 Class AA semifinals between No. 3 Bishop Kearney and No. 2 Greece Arcadia at Fauver Stadium last Saturday night, Nov. 5, the Titans got the breaks.

Steve Wiard's 26-yard field goal with 2:23 remaining in the fourth quarter — just moments after Beaver Smith's fumble deep in Kearney territory — earned Arcadia (8-1) a 3-0 victory over Bishop Kearney (6-2-1).

The win enabled the Titans to advance to the Section 5 Class AA championship game against top-seeded Canandaigua (9-0), which drubbed No. 4 Wilson, 36-14, in the second game at Fauver.

Kearney fell to Canandaigua, 21-7, in last year's final.

The critical fumble occurred when the ball slipped through the arms of Beaver Smith into the waiting arms of Arcadia's Jon Ring at the 14.

After three running plays gained virtually no yardage, Arcadia elected to try for the field goal. Luckily for the Titans, they got two attempts to kick the ball.

On the first try, a poor snap forced Arcadia holder Mike Lockhart to opt to run with the ball when he couldn't properly place it for Wiard. But the Kings were offside on the play, giving Wiard a second chance at the kick. After Kearney called a timeout to "ice" Wiard, he kicked the ball through the uprights.

"Football is a game of breaks, and the last break went to them," said Kearney Coach Nick Teta, who has guided the Kings to a 13-5-1 record the past two seasons.

Teta added he was impressed with his team's performance — especially defensively — even though Arcadia came out on top.

"I've had teams where we've won and I've

been ashamed of how we played," he said. "This game could've gone either way. They (his players) have nothing to be ashamed of."

Notre Dame 38, Dryden 0

Elmira Notre Dame ended its 1988 season on a resounding note with a shutout of Dryden in Section 4 Division IV football action last Friday night, Nov. 4.

The win for ND (4-1 league 7-2 overall) before an enthusiastic home crowd — coupled with Whitney Point's 13-12 victory over Windsor last Saturday — earned the Crusaders a tie for the divisional title.

The victory also tied the school mark for most wins in a season (7), which was set by last year's team.

Unlike some previous nail-biting finishes this fall, Mike D'Aloisio's club dominated Dryden from the beginning. The Crusaders led 18-0 after one quarter and 25-0 at the half, enabling D'Aloisio to play everyone.

ND got on the board quickly with a 39-yard touchdown run by Bob Grosvenor on the Crusaders' first possession. Mike Bernatavitz followed his running mate's feat by scampering 30 yards for a touchdown on ND's second possession.

Later in the first quarter, Grosvenor returned an interception 56 yards for a score to balloon the lead to 18-0.

The shutout was the Crusaders' third this season — the other two coming against Whitney Point and Dryden by identical 6-0 scores.

Grosvenor and Bernatavitz closed out their illustrious running careers at Notre Dame with impressive numbers. Grosvenor rushed for 161 yards on 21 carries and scored two touchdowns, running the ball to go along with his one interception for a score on defense.

Bernatavitz, fresh from yet another strong performance against Waverly a week earlier, rushed for 120 yards and one touchdown on 12 carries.

Notre Dame held a big advantage offensively, compiling 408 yards in total offense to 176 yards for Dryden.

D'Aloisio was full of praise for both of his backs, calling them "two friends who I hope we'll always stay that way."

"I've been their coach and their teacher, but they are also good friends to me," the ND coach said of his players. "After the game was a pretty emotional time for me. They are not only tremendous football players, but they are also tremendous human beings."

Despite missing four games this season, Grosvenor rushed for 778 and eight touchdowns. As he concluded his high school career, Grosvenor became the No. 6 all-time career rusher in Twin Tiers history with 2,657 yards. He rushed for 28 touchdowns at ND and scored 37 overall.

Bernatavitz, a good friend of Grosvenor's on and off the field, rushed for 865 and 10 touchdowns this season.

D'Aloisio commended his entire team for accomplishments many saw as beyond their reach this fall.

"They can be very proud of what they did this year. I told them that one of the greatest things in life is accomplishing something that other people said you couldn't," D'Aloisio said.

With the graduation of Bernatavitz and Grosvenor, D'Aloisio said that next season may mark the return of "Air Notre Dame," with sophomore quarterback Mike Bennett returning along with the entire offensive line and a corps of outstanding receivers.

"We've got some receivers coming back that I think could be the best we've ever had," D'Aloisio said.

Webster 42, Aquinas 0

Host Webster (6-1-2) compiled 256 yards and 24 first downs in a lopsided win over the Little Irish (4-3-2) in a Section 5 non-playoff game on Friday night, Nov. 4.

Aaron Williams scored on two short runs to propel the Warriors. Dan Helbig also recorded on a safety on defense.

Webster's defense held AQ to just four first downs.

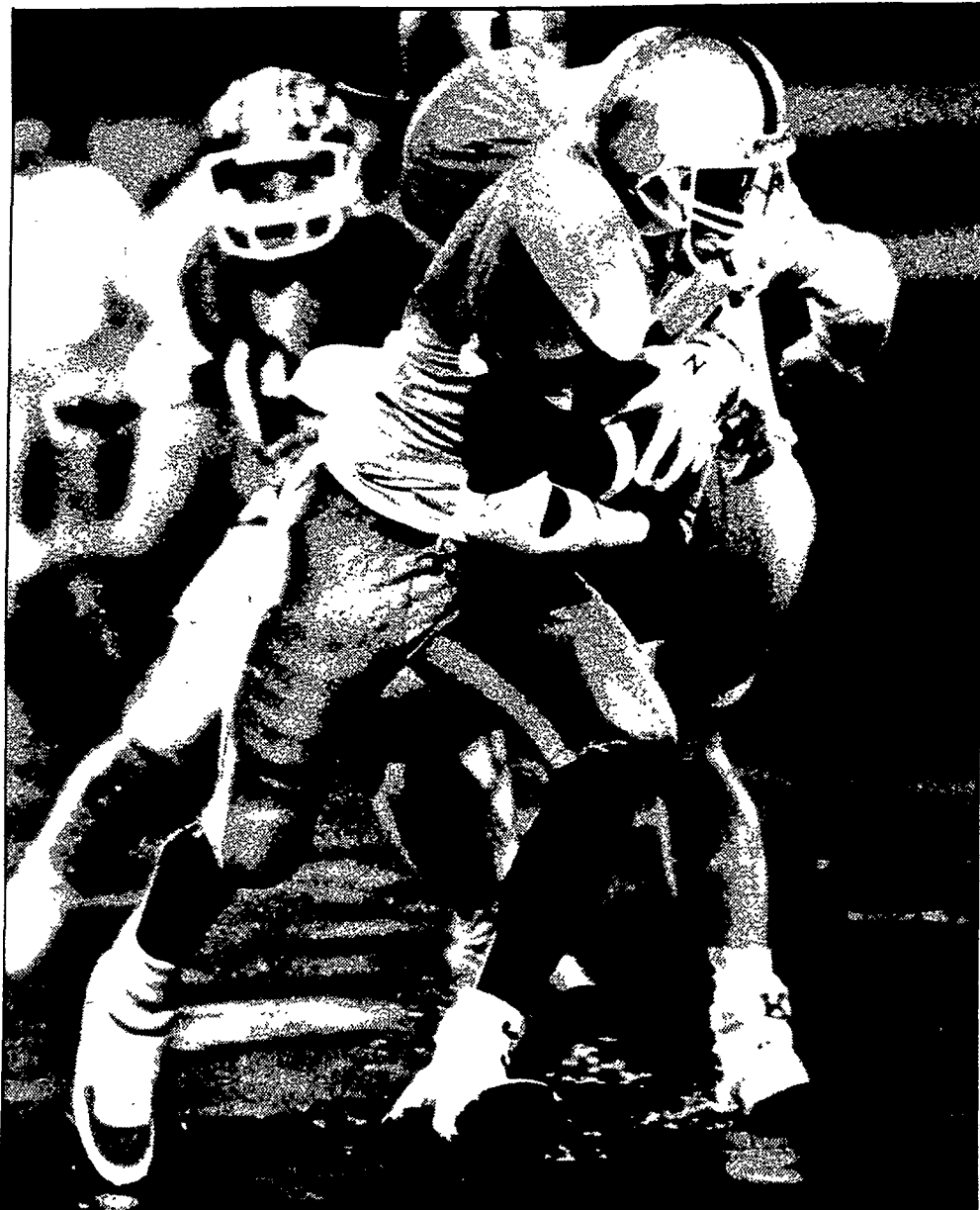
Gates-Chili 21, McQuaid 8

The host Spartans (6-1-2) jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter and cruised to a non-league win over the Knights (6-3) on Friday, Nov. 4.

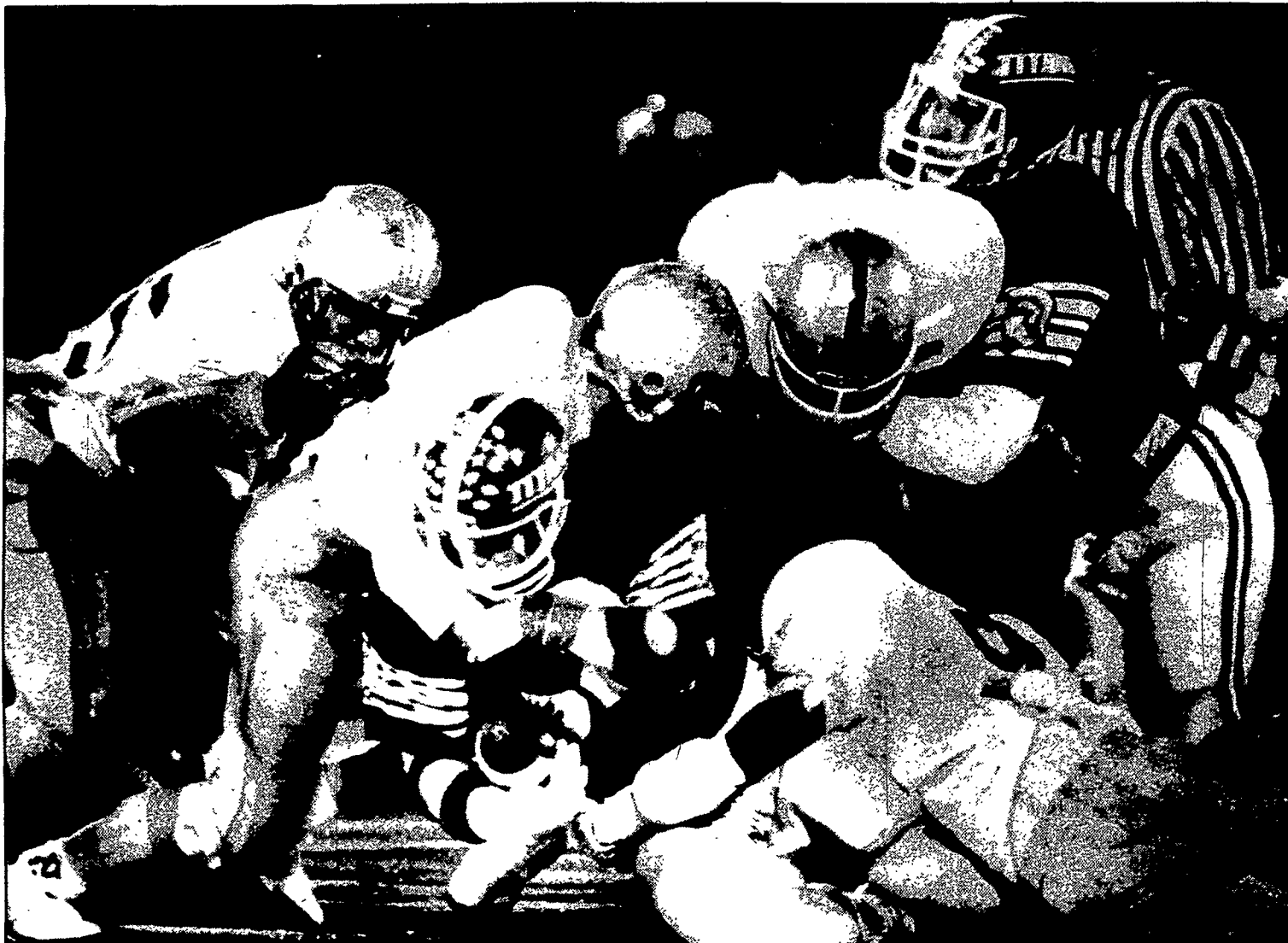
Gates-Chili's Jeff Wittman led the Spartans with 167 yards — including a 57-yard touchdown run — on 20 carries.

McQuaid's only touchdown came on a 76-yard pass from Dave Smith to Kurt Schmitt.

A scheduled game between Cardinal Mooney and Eastridge was canceled because Eastridge didn't have enough players to field a team.



After taking a handoff from quarterback Craig Chodak, Kearney running back Lamin Massaquino looks for a hole to run through as he splashes over the rain-soaked artificial turf.



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Bishop Kearney defenders form a wall to stop an Arcadia runner during the Titans' 3-0 win over the Kings in a Section 5 Class AA semifinal game at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium.

McQuaid football player injures spine during game

The condition of McQuaid Jesus High School football player Terry Wolak was listed as "serious" at Strong Memorial Hospital on Monday, Nov. 7, after the player sustained a spinal injury in the second game of the season against the Gates-Chili Spartans Friday night.

The 17-year-old Wolak was injured while leading Spartans running back Jeff Wittman, who was not injured on the play, weigh 130 pounds on Wolak's 120.

The injury of the player, Wolak's head hurt and he was unable to move his neck and arms, according to hospital officials. Wolak was taken to the hospital by ambulance and is expected to remain in the hospital for several weeks.

A McQuaid official said Monday that Wolak was able to move his legs and fingers, although he remains in hospital as a result of the injury. The injury

occurred during the second quarter of the game. Wolak was running with the ball when he was tackled by a Spartans player. The injury is believed to be a fracture of the spine.

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