

# Kearney notches first win over county lacrosse team

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After beating Pittsford last week for its first win ever against a Monroe County League lacrosse team, Bishop Kearney got a hard lesson from another county team: Irondequoit.

The Kings (2-1) trailed the powerful Indians (3-0) by just one goal at halftime, 3-2, but were outscored 7-1 in the third quarter and eventually lost, 14-5, in a non-league game played on a chilly afternoon at Irondequoit High School.

Bishop Kearney coach Jim Burns attributed Irondequoit's big third quarter to the Indians' depth.

"I think it was depth. Irondequoit is a very skilled team, and their depth kind of took its toll," Burns said. "The scoring was pretty much spread around."

Irondequoit did get big games out of three players. Andy Greaves led the Indians with four goals and three assists; Dan Cooper added three goals and one assist; and Paul Cantabene had three goals and three assists.

Jon Hand led Kearney with two goals. Jeff Failing, Mike Schicker and Jim Ingrick scored one goal each for the Kings.

The loss overshadowed an outstanding performance in goal by Kearney's Mark Hall. According to the Kearney scorebook, Irondequoit had 33 shots on goals to the

Kings' 23. Many of Hall's saves came on breakaways.

"Mark Hall played one heck of a game," the coach said. "When it's one-on-one, it's toughest on the goalie. He made some great saves."

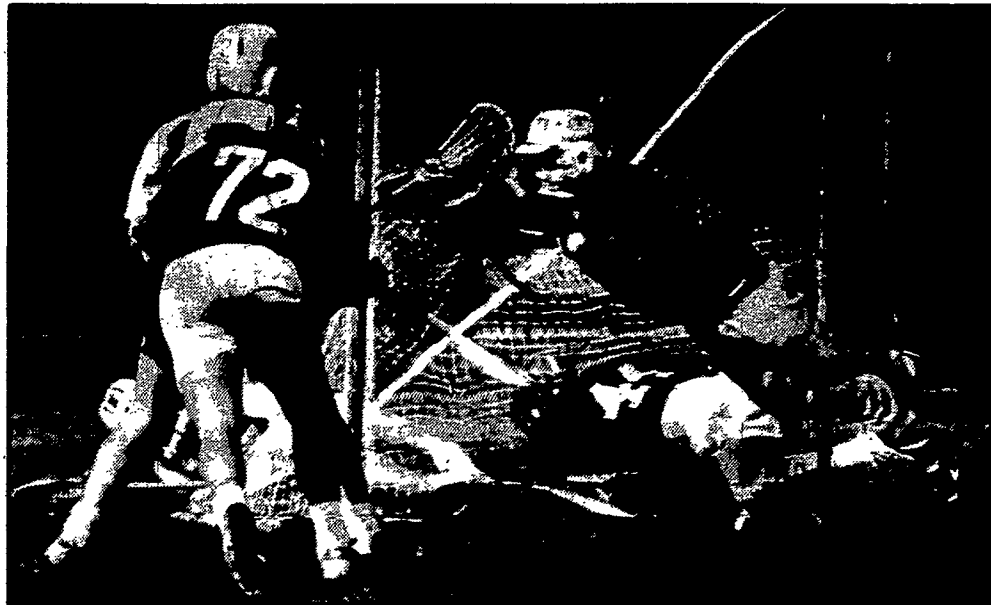
Hall and the Kearney defense was coming off a strong game against Pittsford earlier in the week. The Kings earned an 8-7 non-league win over Pittsford, marking Kearney's first win over a county school in the 10 years it has been playing lacrosse.

Hand got what turned out to be the winning goal when he gave Kearney an 8-6 lead with his third score of the day at 5:35 of the fourth quarter. Pittsford answered back with 1:11 left in the game, but Kearney was able to hold on for the win.

"That 1:11 seemed like eternity," said Burns, who remembered a game Kearney lost to Pittsford last year when the Kings surrendered a late goal and lost by one. "We had the ball, we were working it around and then it came loose. They called timeout with six seconds left, but they didn't do anything with it."

The game was a whiteknuckler throughout, as Kearney led 2-1 after one, Pittsford led 6-5 at the half, and the two teams were tied 6-6 at the end of the third quarter.

Beaver Smith scored four goals and added two assists for the Kings, who shut Pittsford's offense down to one goal the



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Mark Hall makes a desperate but unsuccessful attempt to stop an Irondequoit shot.

whole second half.

"We started pressuring them on their clears in the second half," Burns said. "They started turning the ball over and we took advantage."

Kearney held a 28-17 edge in shots on goal.

Burns said his Kings, who are hoping for their first-ever trip to the sectionals this year, are right where he wants them to be after the first three games of the season.

The Kings now have a chance to solidify their place in Section 5 Division B — which consists of all teams from the Finger Lakes area except for Canandaigua, as well as Kearney, McQuaid and Mooney — with upcoming games against Newark, Mooney, Geneva and Mynderse.

The Kings are scheduled to play Mynderse for the second time this season on Saturday, April 22. Kearney won the first encounter 8-1, but Burns believes his team will have a much tougher game this time around.

"I was surprised we beat them the way we did. I think the game will be a lot closer when we play them next," Burns said. The Kings were a man down 17 times against Mynderse, but did not let up a man-up goal all day.

Smith (8 goals, 8 assists) and Hand (8 goals, 3 assists) are pacing Kearney's offense this year. Failing has two goals and

two assists.

After recording the school's first-ever win in varsity lacrosse, McQuaid (1-4) dropped two games by identical 11-1 scores to Fairport and Penfield last week.

Mike Diehl gave the Knights a 1-0 lead two minutes into the Fairport game on Tuesday, April 11, but the Red Raiders scored the game's last 11 goals.

Against Penfield on Thursday, April 13, David DiMarco scored McQuaid's only goal in the second quarter while the Knights were a man up.

Paul Magerkurth, who has played between the pipes in all five McQuaid games this season, was busy in both games.

"He has played phenomenal since the start of the season," said Schepis, who was not as pleased his team's play against Penfield. "We didn't move the ball that well against them at all."

Despite the letdown against the Chiefs, Schepis has been satisfied with his team's performance through its first five games.

"Excluding the Penfield game, we're up a notch from last year," Schepis said.

The Knights will have the chance to notch more wins this season with the bulk of the remaining schedule featuring comparable teams from the Finger Lakes area.

Sophomore attacker Matt Heath leads the team in scoring with one goal and three assists while Diehl has two goals.



Bishop Kearney midfielder Beaver Smith gains possession of the ball after a faceoff during Irondequoit's 14-5 win last week.

## Players, coaches tabbed for annual all-star grid game

Coaches and players have been chosen for the seventh annual Eddie Meath All-Star Football Game at Fauver Stadium Saturday, Aug. 5.

Four players from diocesan high schools were named to the East team, which will be coached by Penfield's Jim Cleveland. Craig Chodak and Jeff Failing of Bishop Kearney as well as Kurt Schmidt of McQuaid Jesuit and Pedro Rojas of DeSales will play for the East.

McQuaid head coach Tom Sprague will be an assistant to Cleveland.

Three players from Catholic high schools in the diocese will play for the West team. Corey Collins and Derek Anichino of Aquinas will play for the West as will Scott Hylas of Cardinal Mooney.

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