

## Kings improve mark to 5-2; Mooney blanks Medina, 7-0

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The Bishop Kearney lacrosse team passed its first gut check of the season last Saturday, April 22, when the Kings beat Mynderse Academy, 8-5, in a non-league lacrosse game in Seneca Falls. Kearney (5-2) was coming off a tough 8-5 loss to Geneva just two days earlier.

Against Mynderse, a team the Kings beat 8-1 earlier this season, senior midfielder Beaver Smith continued his exceptional play by winning all 10 of his faceoffs and scoring five goals to go along with one assist. Saturday's contest marked the third time in four games that Smith scored five goals in a single game.

Junior attacker Jon Hand contributed one goal and four assists for the Kings.

Smith has been a scoring machine for Kearney this season. The midfielder had five goals and three assists in Kearney's 14-4 win over Cardinal Mooney on Tuesday, April 18. In Kearney's game against Newark the day before, he had five goals to go along with one assist in the Kings' 9-0 shutout of the Reds.

The Kearney middle has also scored four goals in one game twice this season.

Hand has also been an offensive force for Kearney. In addition to the five-point game against Mynderse, the attacker had three goals and five assists against Mooney and two goals and four assists against Newark last week.

The Kearney team will need all the scoring it can get in the next two weeks, as the Kings near the most difficult part of their schedule. After playing McQuaid this Thursday, April 27, Kearney will face four consecutive games against Monroe County

League lacrosse teams. Burns' team will play Webster twice (April 29 and May 6) as well as Pittsford (May 5) and Rush-Henrietta (May 8).

After return engagements with McQuaid (May 13) and Mooney (May 19), the Kings close out their regular season against powerful Penfield on May 20.

Cardinal Mooney notched its second win of the season under new coach Tom Kraft with a 7-0 shutout of Medina in a non-league lacrosse game last Saturday, April 22. Matt Payment scored three goals for the Cards, who received a strong performance in goal from Jim Lamparella (10 saves). Scott Bevilacqua had two goals and two assists for the Cards (2-5), who broke a five-game losing streak with the win.

In Mooney's 14-4 loss to Kearney earlier in the week, Mike Meyer had a hand in all of Mooney's goals, collecting two goals and two assists.

Just three days after watching an inspired McQuaid team drop a 15-6 decision to Rush-Henrietta, Mike Schepis watched his team lose to lowly Bloomfield, 7-0, at McQuaid on Thursday, April 20.

The Knights (1-6) could not get their offense going against a physical Bloomfield team. McQuaid trailed 5-0 at the half and never recovered from the poor start.

McQuaid was without Rob Warren, who will be sidelined the rest of the season with a broken ankle.

"We just fell apart against Bloomfield. It was a bad game for us," Schepis said.

Things were far different against host R-H on Monday, April 17, as McQuaid got a hat trick from junior midfielder Scott Cottier.



McQuaid attacker Matt Heath (16) cradles the ball in his stick as he dodges a Bloomfield defender during the Bombers' 7-0 win on Thursday. Linda Dow Hayes/Catholic Courier

## McQuaid, Kearney tied atop league standings after wins at Silver

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After being shut out in the first two games of the season, McQuaid's baseball team has been punishing the baseball.

The Knights (2-0 City-Catholic, 5-3 overall) won their fifth game in six outings last Sunday, April 23, as Dave Nientemp went 4-for-4 with three RBI, leading McQuaid to a 12-7 win over Cardinal Mooney in the first game of an all-Catholic high school doubleheader at Silver Stadium.

Another Dave, Bishop Kearney's Dave Armanini, was the hero in the second game as the junior shortstop came through with a two-out, two-run single in the bottom of the seventh inning to give the Kings (2-0 league, 5-1 overall) a 3-2 win over Aquinas.

Bishop Kearney and McQuaid are tied atop the league standings. The two teams won't see each other until a May 9 showdown at Silver Stadium.

McQuaid's Nientemp has picked up right where he left off last season. He batted .455 last spring with 10 RBI. This season, McQuaid coach Tim Jordan said the third baseman is hitting well above .500, including a double and a triple last Sunday.

Senior first baseman Dan Wilmot collected three hits and three RBI against the Cardinals, who got a home run and four RBI from Scott Hylas.

Hylas' home run came in the first inning off McQuaid pitcher Ed Horton. The junior left-hander improved his record to 3-0 this season despite giving up six hits and six earned runs in five innings of work.

Rich Davison pitched a three-hitter and struck out five batters for Kearney in the second game, but it looked like he wasn't going to have anything to show for it until the Kings' seventh-inning rally over Aquinas (3-4).

Joe Geraci started things off for Kearney in the seventh with a single, followed by



McQuaid leftfielder John Steinbrenner slides into first base ahead of the throw during the Catholic high school doubleheader Saturday. Christopher Millette

Pat Dillon's single on a hit-and-run play. One out later, Armanini delivered the game-winning hit.

In other baseball action from last week, the Kings staged another late rally with two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to beat visiting Victor, 3-2, on Thursday, April 20. Victor shocked Kearney, 5-3, in the first round of the sectionals last spring.

Kearney pitcher Marty Alexander tallied the winning run when he scored from second base on an errant throw.

Bernie Bonn hurled a seven-hitter to lead Kearney to a 7-2 win over visiting Edison on Wednesday, April 19. Bonn struck out seven Edison batters during the win.

Kearney's other win last week came against Midlakes, 10-6, on Tuesday, April 18. Eastridge-transfer Rene Ingoglia had three hits, three stolen bases and three RBI for Art Carlisi's Kings. Ingoglia also scored three runs.

McQuaid's bats were held in check on Thursday, April 20, as Fairport edged the visiting Knights, 5-2. McQuaid led the game, 2-0, for five innings until the Red Raiders rallied behind the hitting of Bill Freeman (two RBI) and Keith Beach (two RBI).

The Knights collected 15 hits in a 13-2 win over visiting Franklin in a City-Catholic League game on Wednesday, April 19. McQuaid sent 14 batters to the plate during a nine-run second inning. Junior left-hander Andy D'Vonth struck out eight batters in five innings of work.

McQuaid right-hander Kurt Schmidt pitched a no-hitter with nine strikeouts as visiting McQuaid beat East, 12-2, in a City-Catholic game on Tuesday, April 18. According to Jordan, the no-hitter was the first of Schmidt's career. The McQuaid pitcher had three hits and one RBI to help his own cause.

Jim Schrader struck out nine East batters in a 7-2 win by Aquinas on Wednesday, April 19. The victory marked AQ's first in the league this season.

Over in Section 4 Class C, Elmira Notre Dame is 1-7 for the season (0-2 league) after dropping back-to-back Sullivan Trail Conference games to Elmira Free Academy and Horseheads.

Visiting Horseheads edged ND, 6-3, on April 14. The Crusaders were without Mike Bennett, who will be lost for the season after breaking his ankle. Bennett was the No. 2 pitcher and a shortstop for the Crusaders.

Bob Grosvenor, who missed Notre Dame's 8-0 loss to EFA, allowed three runs in the first inning against Horseheads before settling down the rest of the way. Grosvenor was 2-for-2 and had two RBI for ND against Horseheads. Brian Sheehan also had an RBI for the Crusaders.