

# Ace pitching carries DeSales to 3-0 start

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The DeSales baseball team is off to a 3-0 start this spring, but you wouldn't know it after talking with the Saints' head coach.

"I'm disappointed with our hitting. We're just not hitting the ball yet," said Frank Pane, whose team has outscored its first three opponents, 25-1. "A couple of our scores have been deceiving because teams have been giving us runs."

Pane added that his team has yet to face a strong team in the Finger Lakes West league. That will change this week as DeSales battles Naples (May 1), Honeoye (May 3), and Red Jacket (May 5). Honeoye (4-0) held a half-game lead over both DeSales and Red Jacket (3-0) at the beginning of the week. Naples stood at 1-2, but both losses were to Honeoye and Red Jacket.

While DeSales' bats have been dormant this spring, the pitching has been dominant. Frank Pane Jr. (2-0) has yet to allow a run in his first two outings, the latest a 5-0 win at Dundee on Friday, April 28.

The sophomore pitcher hurled a one-hitter and struck out 10 against Dundee. Catcher Matt Cannon provided the bulk of the offense with two hits and three RBI for DeSales.

Pane pitched another gem in DeSales' season-opener against South Seneca on Monday, April 24. He struck out 10 in that game, allowing just one hit as the Saints romped, 9-0. Dean Askin had two doubles to propel DeSales.

DeSales' other win last week came against Romulus, 11-1, on Wednesday, April 26. DeSales made the most of two hits, but scored most of its runs off of Romulus miscues. In going the distance for the Warriors, pitcher Dan Faiola walked five batters, hit three more and was victimized by his teammates' eight errors.

Romulus actually led the game 1-0 with a run in the top of the first inning. The Saints quickly struck back, however, scoring seven runs in the bottom of the inning on just one hit. Steve Vedora led off the inning with a double, followed by four Romulus errors, two walks, three steals and a sacrifice fly by Pane.

DeSales put the game well out of reach with single runs in the third and fourth innings and two more in the fifth.

Sophomore Jim Vedora (1-0) went the distance for the Saints. He tossed a six-hitter and struck out four.

Over in Section 4 Class C, Elmira Notre Dame dropped to 2-9 for the season (0-4 in the Sullivan Trail Conference) after losing to Southside, 10-1, at Dunn Field on Friday, April 28.

The win was the first of the season for Southside (1-3 league, 1-9 overall). The Hornets used two big innings to send John Cain's Crusaders to defeat. Southside scored three runs in the first inning and six more in the third to put the game away.

Bob Grosvenor, who was relieved later by Brian Sheehan, took the loss for ND. He is 1-5 for the season. Chris Jurusik plated ND's only run.

Earlier in the week, Corning East exploded for 18 hits in a 28-7 win over ND. Butch Mullaney and Kevin Havens drove in four runs each for the Trojans, who scored five runs in both the second and fifth innings, eight in the third and six more in the sixth.

The game was called after six innings due to the league's 15-run rule. Sheehan had two hits and two RBI for ND. Brion Woodworth (0-4) took the loss for the Crusaders.

Notre Dame notched its second win of the season with an 11-2 non-league victory over Addison on Monday, April 24. Grosvenor tossed a five-hitter to get his first win



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Kearney pitcher Bernie Bonn delivers a pitch to a Mooney batter during the Cards' 3-1 win over the Kings.

of the season. He also had three hits and three RBI for ND.

In non-league action involving City-Catholic League teams last week, Cardinal Mooney (3-7) beat Le Roy, 13-4, in the first game of the Greece Olympia Tournament on Saturday, April 29.

Charlie Sciortino blasted a grand-slam in the fourth inning to pace Mooney.

Ed Nietopski's Cards advanced to the championship game against Rush-Henrietta — a 9-4 winner over Olympia in the other first-round game — but the game was postponed by rain.

Aquinas got clutch hitting from Rob Burke and Alan Schlageter to beat highly touted Brockport, 7-6, on Saturday. Burke

and Schlageter had two hits and two RBI apiece as the Little Irish improved to 5-6 for the season.

Cardinal Mooney and Aquinas both won key City-Catholic League showdowns last Thursday, April 27. Sciortino was the hitting star once again, as the senior belted a two-run homer to propel Mooney (1-2 league) to a 3-1 win over host Bishop Kearney.

Aquinas (2-1 league) got two hits from Darren Diehl, Bobby Rule and Jim Schrader to help the Little Irish to a 9-3 win over McQuaid (2-1, 5-4). Aquinas pitcher Todd Moore struck out 11 to notch the win.

## Webster edges short-handed Kings, 7-6, in lacrosse

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The Bishop Kearney lacrosse team lost a tough 7-6 decision at home to heavily favored Webster last Saturday, April 29, but the Kings suffered more damaging news off the field earlier in the week.

Midfielder Beaver Smith and starting goalie Mark Hall were declared academically ineligible last week, meaning that the Kings will be without the services of both until at least May 9. Smith leads the team in goals scored with 24, and had a chance to make a run at the school goal-scoring record set by Rich Shoap (52 goals) last year.

Hall had been playing brilliantly in goal for Kearney (6-3), compiling a 6.8 goals against average in his first six games of the

season — four of them wins.

According to assistant coach Steve King, the earliest Smith and Hall can return to the team is May 9, which means they will miss games against Monroe County League powerhouses Pittsford (May 5), Webster again (May 6) and Rush-Henrietta (May 8).

"We're trying to keep their heads up," said King, who — along with head coach Jim Burns — is hoping the Kings don't fall to 6-6 while Smith and Hall sit out. "Webster's been destroying people, but we gave them a game."

The Kings gave the Warriors (4-4) all they could handle Saturday, even without Smith and Hall. In addition, Kearney's burly defenseman, Craig Chodak, missed

the game because of the flu.

Still, Kearney held a 4-2 lead at the half before Webster notched four goals in the third quarter to take a 6-5 lead heading into the fourth period. Three of Webster's goals were on man-up situations.

"We really hurt ourselves with penalties," said King, after watching Webster score five of its seven goals while Kearney was a man down.

Kearney attacker Jon Hand, who is finding himself double-teamed throughout recent games, notched three goals. Jim Ingrick, another Kearney attackman, was also an offensive force with three goals of his own.

John Werner, a defenseman-turned-goalie with Hall out, made 15 saves in goal for the Kings.

Webster's scoring came from three players. Midfielder Dan Gunther pumped in three goals, and Brad Stever and Chris Bayer scored two apiece.

Kearney had a far easier time of it on Thursday, April 27, as Hand collected three goals and two assists in an 11-2 win over host McQuaid (2-8). The Knights were 1-2 for the week, after losing to host Newark, 13-3, on Saturday, April 29.

Mike Schepis and his Knights arrived in Newark a half hour late for the game after surviving a harrowing experience on the Thruway. The bus in which the team was traveling caught fire after its transmission broke down, and the Knights had to wait for another bus to take them to Newark.

Then it was the Reds who came out on fire in the first half, outscoring the Knights 11-1 over the first two quarters. "We played an atrocious first half. I think the kids were still a little shaky from the trip down," Schepis said.

The Knights played far better in the second half, with each team scoring twice.

Freshman Sebu Iducula and juniors Scott Cottier and Mike Diehl did the scoring for McQuaid. Paul Magerkurth made 16 saves in goal.

Cottier has taken over the team's scoring lead since David DiMarco injured his thigh early in a game against Bloomfield on April 20. Cottier now has six goals and Diehl is close behind with five.

Cottier also scored the winning goal with 3:57 left in an earlier game on Tuesday, April 25, as McQuaid nipped host Cardinal Mooney, 3-2.

In the 11-2 loss to Bishop Kearney, sophomore attacker Steven Paul and junior midfielder Stefan Bauer scored for McQuaid.

Mooney (2-7) lost at Waterloo, 12-1, on Saturday, April 29. Tom Kraft and his Cardinals arrived at the game 45 minutes late after arriving at the Waterloo high school to discover that the game was scheduled at the elementary school.

Mooney attacker Matt Finnegan scored the lone goal for the Cards.

Kraft's team was coming off an 8-6 loss in double overtime to visiting Bloomfield on Thursday, April 27. Mooney had beaten Bloomfield, 3-2, for its first win at the varsity level back on April 8. In that game, attacker Craig Kenney scored one goal for Mooney. Since then, Kenney has been declared ineligible because he is 20 years old.

Mooney got three goals from Greg Phillips, who was moved to attack from his goal position after Scott Bevilacqua — the leading scorer for the Cards on the JV level last spring — recently came down with mononucleosis. Midfielders Brian Meyer (two goals) and Mike Reinschmidt (one goal) also scored for Mooney, which led 3-2 at the half.

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