

Kearney's lacrosse team hoping for sectional bid

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While watching the rain wash away any chance of playing a game last week, Bishop Kearney's lacrosse team got some good news and some bad news.

The good news was that the Kings (6-5) will get one of their most potent offensive players back for the remainder of the season. Beaver Smith, the Kings' high-scoring midfielder, will return this week after missing four consecutive games because he was academically ineligible.

Before he was sidelined by poor grades, the talented Fighting King led the team in scoring with 24 goals in seven games. Attacker Jon Hand has taken over the team's scoring lead in Smith's absence.

Kearney coach Jim Burns also learned last week that he will be without goalie Mark Hall for the rest of the season because Hall has not been able to improve his grades. Hall was impressive between the pipes in helping the Kings jump out to a 5-2 start.

John Werner, who previously played defense for Kearney, has taken over the goal-tending duties.

Kearney dropped three of four games with Smith and Hall absent from the lineup, but the losses did not reflect Werner's play. Two of the Kings' losses to Webster and Pittsford were by a total of four goals. Kearney also dropped a 10-4 decision to Webster, but the score was 5-3 heading into the fourth quarter.

Burns has had to move several players into unfamiliar positions while his team was short-handed; but the Kearney coach believes his team has come a long way.

That remains to be seen as all of Kearney's games were washed out by heavy rains last week. Sunny skies were supposed to return to western New York this week with the Kings facing a full slate of games. Kearney was scheduled to play host to McQuaid in a re-scheduled game on Monday, May 15, before playing at home against Cardinal Mooney May 18, and away against Rush-Henrietta May 19.

The Kings close out the regular season at highly touted Penfield this Saturday, May 20.

Last week's dismal weather got Burns and his players reacquainted with the school gymnasium. The Kearney coach said that he used the week of inaction to drill his players on some of the skills he saw lacking in three consecutive losses.

Burns admitted, however, that "it's tough to keep the kids up" when Mother Nature sends so many games to the showers. "In the past we've had the first couple (of games) canceled because of the rain, but never this many this late in the season," he said.

Even though he doesn't like finishing the regular season with three games in three days — especially since two of the games come against tough Monroe County League teams — Burns does not want to see any more contests rained out.

The Kearney lacrosse coach said he will stay home this Sunday, hoping to get a call from Section 5 lacrosse coordinator Pete Burkardt. "I'm not going anywhere in case he calls," Burns said.



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AQUINAS RELAYS — Above, Aquinas senior Brendan Doane competes in the long jump event. Doane won two events — the shuttle hurdles with teammates Brian Keyes, Gary Pellitier, and Alva Royston, and the pole vault — at the 26th annual Aquinas Relays at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium last Saturday, May 13. At right, Our Lady of Mercy's Maggie Whelehan finishes her leg in the 3200 relay. The Monarchs' team of Whelehan, Allison Adin, Katie Baumer and Romy Muoio finished with a time of 10:16.0.



Mooney returns to winning form

After dropping its first game of the season to Hilton, Cardinal Mooney got right back to its winning ways with a 7-3 win over Pittsford Mendon at McAvoy Park Saturday night, May 13.

The Cards, who improved to 13-1 for the season, scored five runs in the third inning to break open a close game. The big hit came on Regina Browne's two-run single.

Margue McGuire also had two RBI for Mooney.

Cheryl Lennox struck out two, walked two and gave up four hits to get the win for the Cards. Two of Mendon's three runs were unearned.

Last week's continuous rain turned the

schedule upside down for Mooney coach Paul Forte, but it did allow Lennox to rest her ailing back.

The Mooney senior will need it. Forte said his Cards will play at least four and possibly five games this week against the likes of Marshall, Mercy, Aquinas and Irondequoit. Mooney and Kearney may reschedule a Private-Parochial League game this Sunday, May 21.

In non-league action involving Private-Parochial League teams last week, Bishop Kearney defeated Midlakes, 8-4, and Nazareth blasted Harley-Allendale Columbia, 15-3.

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3-3. The senior pitcher struck out nine and walked four in getting the win.

Horseheads loaded the bases in the first inning with two walks and a Notre Dame error. Horseheads then tried to score on a passed ball but failed, and then Grosvenor registered a strikeout for the second out.

Yet another walk by Grosvenor reloaded the bases, but he ended the threat with his second strikeout.

Grosvenor was also the star for ND offensively. He had two doubles and drove in three runs, including two of ND's three runs in the seventh inning.

Brian Sheehan kept the seventh-inning rally alive with a two-out, two-strike single.

"Bob pitched real well. When he pitches ... it makes a big difference," Notre Dame coach John Cain said. "We can do pretty well against anybody with him out there."

The loss was the first for Horseheads in STC play. Unfortunately for Cain and his Crusaders, the rain did not allow them to keep the momentum from the win going.

Still, last week's win is the high point of the season so far.

"It would have been nice to get right back out there. We were feeling pretty good about ourselves," Cain said. "It certainly makes up for the way things have gone."

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