



McQ, AQ teams shine at championship meet

The City-Catholic League track and field championships took place at McQuaid Jesuit High School last Monday, May 22. McQuaid's Brad Sumner (clockwise from far left) nears the finish line in the 1,600. He finished in first place with a time of 4:29.2. The sun provides an interesting backdrop as a pole vaulter attempts to clear the bar. Aquinas' Brendan Doane competes in the 110 hurdles. He finished second to East's Derek Robinson with a time of :14.7.

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Bishop Kearney lacrosse earns first trip to sectionals

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Bishop Kearney lacrosse coach Jim Burns got the phone call he was waiting for all day last Sunday. The Kings have earned a bid to this year's Section 5 Class B lacrosse tournament.

Fourth-seeded Kearney (8-7) was making its first-ever appearance in the postseason when the Kings took the field against visiting and fifth-seeded Mynderse Academy on Tuesday, May 23. The winner of the quarterfinal game between Kearney/Mynderse will play top-seeded Penn Yan in the semifinals at Newark High School at 8 p.m. Friday, May 26.

Third-seeded Bloomfield took on No. 6 Newark in the other quarterfinal game on Tuesday, May 23. The winner of that game will play No. 2 Geneva in another semifinal on Friday, May 26. The Class B championship is scheduled for the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium on Friday, June 2.

Kearney beat Mynderse twice during the regular season by scores of 8-5 and 8-1, but Burns and his players aren't taking anything for granted. The two teams have had some nip-and-tuck games in recent years.

"Every year we usually split with them, so we know they're a tough team to beat," Burns said. "We're expecting a real competitive game."

The Kearney coach got some unexpected good news last week when he learned that former starting goalie Mark Hall could re-join the team. Hall and Beaver Smith, who was leading the team in scoring earlier this season, were both declared academically ineligible a month ago. Smith returned to

the team on May 9, but Burns had been told Hall wouldn't be back.

"It was a big surprise ... a pleasant surprise," Burns said of the news that Hall could return May 17. "Hall's game experience makes the team a little more confident with him in there."

The return of his goalie means that Burns can move John Werner — who played admirably between the pipes while Hall sat out — back to his customary defenseman position.

Kearney closed out its regular season with four games last week, losing to Penfield and Rush-Henrietta in close games, after dominating Cardinal Mooney and McQuaid earlier in the week.

Penfield (13-5) scored six goals in the second quarter to overcome an early 4-0 deficit against visiting Kearney, and then held off a late rally by the Kings to win the non-league lacrosse game, 14-12.

Penfield led 6-4 at the half before the Kings rallied to tie the game, 8-8, at the end of the third quarter.

Andy Pike and Brian McGlynn collected four goals each for the Chiefs.

Jon Hand and Beaver Smith got three goals apiece for the Kings.

Kearney was coming off a 6-4 loss to R-H the day before. The Kings led the game 4-3 heading into the final quarter.

Kearney beat visiting Cardinal Mooney, 15-3, in a game played on Thursday, May 18. Smith, who has looked strong since re-

turning to the Kearney lineup, won eight of the 10 faceoffs he took during the win.

In Kearney's 13-2 win over visiting McQuaid on Monday, May 15, attacker Ryan Kennerson had four goals, and Smith had three goals and four assists to lead the Kings' attack. Hand also helped key the win with one goal and five assists.

Hand and Smith finished the regular season tied in goals scored with 35. Hand had 35 assists to Smith's 18. Other Kearney players who contributed offensively were Jim Ingrick (15 goals, three assists), Ryan Kennerson (14 goals), Mark Shicker (12 goals, three assists) and Jeff Failing (nine goals, 12 assists).

Craig Chodak led all defensemen in scoring with a goal and four assists.

Mercy's Julie Buntich will play at Canisius College next fall



Julie Buntich will play basketball at Canisius this fall.

Our Lady of Mercy point guard Julie Buntich, who was recently named a third-team member of the Class A all-state girls basketball team, announced last week that she will attend Canisius College on a full basketball scholarship this fall.

Buntich, who had a key role in leading the Monarchs to the state semifinals last March, was also courted by Niagara University, St. Bonaventure and the University of Buffalo.

"They offered me a full ride; the other schools didn't," said the 5-foot-8 senior, who averaged 21 points and five assists for the Monarchs. Mercy finished the season 24-2 and won a sectional title for the fourth time in six years.

Canisius College, which is located in

Buffalo, plays lower-level Division I competition. The Catholic school recruits heavily in the Rochester-area. Buntich said she was able to get a lot of first-hand information from former-area standouts who now play for Canisius head coach Mike Rappi.

Buntich said she will look to land a spot as a shooting guard, as opposed to being a point guard. "That's what I'd rather be," she said.

Mercy basketball coach Kathy Boughton said Buntich should have an immediate impact on the women's program at Canisius. "I'm excited. Wherever she goes she will add to the program," Boughton said.

Buntich said she will major in sports medicine at Canisius.

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