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Kearney's Beaver Smith (44) drives past a Penn Yan defender during the Mustangs' 7-5 win over the Kings' in a Section 5 Class B lacrosse semifinal played Friday night, May 26.

Kearney falls to Penn Yan in Class B lacrosse semis

By Richard A. Kiley
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Bishop Kearney's quest for a first-ever sectional championship in lacrosse came to an end under the lights at Newark High School last Friday night, May 26, as top-seeded Penn Yan edged the Kings, 7-5.

Kearney finishes its season at 9-8. The Kings had advanced to the Class B semifinals by drubbing Mynderse Academy, 13-3, in a quarterfinal game played at Kearney on Tuesday, May 23. Penn Yan drew a first-round bye in the tournament.

Penn Yan (15-3) will play No. 2 Geneva (15-4) in the Class B championship game at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium Friday, June 2, at 6 p.m. Geneva, which also got a bye in the first round, beat No. 3 Bloomfield, 8-0, in the other Class B

semifinal played at Newark.

Jason Paige was the main catalyst in helping the Mustangs hold off the Kings. Paige had two goals and four assists for Penn Yan. Michael Eighmey added two goals and one assist, and Michael Darcy scored two goals for Penn Yan.

Beaver Smith scored two goals and added one assist for Kearney.

The Kings had a far easier time of it beating Mynderse (5-13) earlier in the week.

Jim Ingrick had a big game for Kearney, collecting four goals and two assists. The Kings broke the game open in the second half after leading by just two goals, 4-2, at intermission.

Smith also played a key role in the victory over Mynderse with his three goals and three assists.

Basketball camp on tap at St. John Fisher College

St. John Fisher College is now accepting registration for its summer basketball camp for boys and girls ages 8-18. The camp will operate from June 26-30 and July 5-8.

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tion from some of the best high school coaches and college players in the Rochester-area.

The cost of the two-week camp is \$140. Call the athletic department at Fisher at 716/385-8309 for information.

Saints earn top seed in Section 5 Class D

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The Saints of Geneva DeSales, who finished the regular season a perfect 12-0 and captured their second consecutive Finger Lakes West League title last week, were named the top seed in the Section 5 Class D baseball tournament over the weekend.

DeSales received a first-round bye from tournament action, which began on Tuesday, May 30, for many teams. Friendship (10-1) is seeded No. 2 behind the Saints, followed by No. 3 Bradford (13-2), No. 4 Prattsburg (12-3) and No. 5 Greenwood (12-7).

Three other diocesan baseball teams qualified for sectionals. In Section 5 Class AAA, No. 10 Aquinas was scheduled to open up tournament play at No. 7 Brockport (13-7) on Tuesday, May 30.

In another Class AAA game on Tuesday, No. 12 McQuaid (10-9) was scheduled to play at No. 5 Gates-Chili (10-7).

The top seed in Class AAA is Fairport (20-3), followed by No. 2 Marshall (16-1), No. 3 Hilton (16-3), No. 4 Canandaigua (17-5) and No. 5 Gates-Chili.

Cardinal Mooney, which won 10 of its final 13 games after a 1-7 start, is not among the 16 teams vying for the Class AAA crown.

In Section 5 Class AA, Bishop Kearney (9-9) is seeded No. 8 in the 16-team tournament. The Kings, who have struggled after getting off to a good start, were scheduled to host No. 9 Greece Arcadia (8-10) on May 30.

The finals of this year's tournament are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 9 and 10, at Silver Stadium.

Over in Section 4 Class C, Elmira Notre Dame (3-9, 6-15) did not qualify for the sectionals for the second time in three years.

The Crusaders closed out their season with a win and a loss last week.

In a game that was suspended due to darkness back on May 4, the Crusaders lost to Corning West, 15-11, in a nine-inning Sullivan Trail Conference game on Wednesday, May 24.

Mike Mustico had three RBI to lead the Notre Dame attack. Blake Pierce had two RBI and Bob Grosvenor had one run batted in and two hits in the losing cause. Brion Woodworth took the loss for John Cain's club.

Jason McEnroe paced Corning West's offense with two hits and five RBI.

Notre Dame beat Addison, 14-10, in a non-league game on Monday, May 22. Chris Berrettini, who emerged as one of the Crusaders' top hitters this season, was 4-for-4 with two RBI. The senior also scored four runs.

Other hitting stars were Mike Bernatavitz (2 RBI) and Chris Jurusik (3-for-4, 2RBI). Woodworth, who is just a freshman, picked up his first win of the season against Addison.

Although Notre Dame will lose outstanding talent with the graduation of Grosvenor, Berrettini and Bernatavitz, the Crusaders have a solid nucleus returning with the likes of Brion and Geoff Woodworth, Pierce, Brian Sheehan, Jurusik and Mike Bennett (injured earlier in the season).

Nietopski lands BK hoop post

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Cardinal Mooney High School will close later this month, but the coaching legacy of Ed Nietopski will continue.

Nietopski was named the new varsity basketball coach at Bishop Kearney High School, replacing Mike Ruff who resigned in April. Brother John J. Johnson, principal at Bishop Kearney, made the announcement last Thursday, May 25.

The veteran coach compiled a 339-172 record in his 25 years as Mooney's basketball coach. He guided the Cardinals to the Section 5 championship in 1982.

Nietopski said that coaching basketball at Kearney "presents a great opportunity" for him.

"I wanted to stay in Catholic education, and the opportunity at Bishop Kearney will let me do that," said Nietopski, who also coaches baseball and served as athletic director at Mooney. "I'm excited about next year."

At Kearney, Nietopski will be able to do two of the things he loves most: teaching and coaching. In addition to serving as basketball coach, he will also be chairperson of the physical education department and teach freshman theology.

"I didn't want to have any administering duties because it took me away from what I like to do best," Nietopski said. "I'm really looking forward to working with the kids."

Nietopski inherits a program with potential. The Kings were 7-13 last season, but they gave top-seeded Newark all they could handle in a second-round sectional game. Only two key contributors will be graduating this year, and the JV Kings were 16-2 last winter.

Kearney will also benefit from playing more comparable competition next season. The Kings will see bigger city schools only once.

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