

Mooney rolls into sectionals; ND wins opening game

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Cardinal Mooney may not be the No. 1 seed in the Section 5 Class AA softball tournament, but the Cards certainly have the hottest pitcher in the Rochester area.

Behind Cheryl Lennox's two one-hitters and one no-hitter last week, the Cards (22-1) closed out their regular season by clinching another Private-Parochial League title and earning the No. 2 seed behind Brockport (21-1).

Paul Forte's Cards were scheduled to begin tournament play at McAvoy Park Wednesday, May 31, when they hosted No. 15 Greece Arcadia (7-13).

Lennox was phenomenal in pitching Mooney to a sweep of a good-hitting Nazareth team in a league doubleheader on Wednesday, May 24. The senior ace threw a no-hitter in the first game and then a one-hitter in the second to propel the Cards to 6-0 and 9-0 wins over Nazareth. Lennox had another one-hitter the following day against Marshall in leading Mooney to an 8-1 win over the Jurists.

Our Lady of Mercy (5-13) drew the No. 16 seed in this year's Class AA tourney. The Monarchs had the unenviable task of playing the top-seeded Blue Devils at McAvoy Park on Tuesday, May 30.

The remaining three seeds behind Brockport and Mooney in Class AA are No. 3 Webster (13-4), No. 4 Marshall (13-4) and No. 5 Fairport (13-5).

Mooney and Brockport scrimmaged last April, and the Cards won 5-4.

McQuaid wins Class AA title; Mercy runs 4th

Brad Sumner won the 800 and 1,600 meters and helped the 1,600 relay earn a first-place finish, as the Knights won the Section 5 Track and Field Championships last Saturday, May 27, at the State University College at Brockport.

McQuaid edged East, 89-80, for the Class AA title, thanks to the efforts of Sumner and several other Knights. Sumner won the 800 in a time of 1:56.6 and the 1,600 (4:25.7), and along with Jason Fahy, Mickey Stone and Scott Romanowski, the Knights took first in the 1,600 relay with a time of 3:23.4.

McQuaid's Dan Riley assured the win for McQuaid when he won the high jump at 6-foot-3. The victory marked the second time in a week that the Knights had beaten the Orientals. McQuaid won a dual meet, 73-68, earlier in the week.

Geneva nipped Aquinas, 74 to 67 1/2 for the Class A team title. Aquinas' Brendan Doane won the pole vault (14-1) and the long jump (21-6 1/2), and finished second in the 110 hurdles (:15.2) behind Geneva triple-winner Nate Waye (:14.9).

In the girls' Class AA championships, Our Lady of Mercy (51) finished fourth behind Fairport (104), East (77) and Brighton (72).

Mercy's 1,600 relay team of Maggie Whelehan, Shannon O'Neil, Tisha LaMagna and Laura Young finished first with a time of 4:07.9.

Whelehan also grabbed a second place finish in the 800 (2:25.3). She was followed by Young (2:27.1).

In the girls' Class A championships, Cardinal Mooney finished in sixth place with 35 points, behind Newark (125), Geneva (71), Honeoye Falls-Lima (63), Midlakes 62) and Penn Yan (59).

Aquinas was 15th with four points. On Memorial Day, Sumner won the 800 (1:52.1) and he helped the Knights 3,200 relay team win (7:51.1) at the Eastern States Championships at Downing Stadium on Randall's Island. Sumner combined with Romanowski, Stone and Fahy to win the 3,200 relay.

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Nazareth, Bishop Kearney and Aquinas are among the 16 seeds contending for the Class A title. Nazareth (13-8) is seeded No. 6 behind No. 1 Penn Yan (20-0), No. 2 Livonia (15-2), No. 3 Victor (10-3), No. 4 Pittsford Sutherland (12-7) and No. 5 Hornell (10-6).

Nazareth was scheduled to play host to No. 11 Geneva (8-7) in a first-round game on Tuesday, May 30. No. 13 Kearney

(7-10) was scheduled to open up at Sutherland on Tuesday, and No. 15 Aquinas (6-13) drew Livonia.

Geneva DeSales (12-4) is seeded No. 5 among 16 teams hoping to win the Section 5 Class D crown. The four teams in front of the Saints are top-seeded Richburg (16-2), No. 2 Whitesville (14-2), No. 3 Bradford (11-2) and No. 4 Belfast (13-2).

Over in Section 4 Class C, No. 10 El-

mira Notre Dame (8-8) beat No. 7 Sydney, 8-1, in a first-round game at Chenango Forks on Saturday, May 27.

The Crusaders were scheduled to play No. 2 Deposit (15-1) in a quarterfinal game on Tuesday, May 30.

Candor (18-1) earned the top seed in Class C, followed by No. 2 Deposit, No. 3 Moravia (15-2), No. 4 Spencer-Van Etten (17-3) and No. 5 Whitney Point (11-5).

Youth Baseball Week scheduled for Silver Stadium in June

Youth Baseball Week, which features many of the outstanding players in Section 5, is scheduled for June 16-25 at Silver Stadium.

In addition to the players, organizers of this year's event have invited all Rochester-area high school bands to participate. The band voted most outstanding will receive a scholarship for \$500.

Youth Baseball Week will kick off with the Rush-Henrietta High School Invitational on Friday, June 16. The Exceptional Senior Doubleheader will take place on Saturday, June 17. All-stars from the City-Catholic League will do battle at 4:30 p.m., followed by all-stars from the Monroe County League at 7 p.m.

A ceremony honoring exceptional

seniors will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 25, before the Rochester Red Wings take on Pawtucket in an International League baseball game scheduled for 2 p.m.

Free Red Wing tickets for Sunday's game are available through Castle Hi-Tech Co., Rochester-area high school athletic offices and baseball coaches.

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