

McQuaid in title hunt; Aquinas ekes out win

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As the high school football season nears its midpoint, diocesan high school teams are already beginning to look at what they need to accomplish the rest of the season to qualify for post-season play.

Red Jacket 20, DeSales 8

DeSales coach Bob Taney acknowledged that after a 20-8 loss at Red Jacket (3-0) Saturday, Sept. 23, the Saints (1-2) must win four of their final five games to have any chance of making the sectionals.

And in order to win those games, the Saints must find a way to put points on the board.

Against Red Jacket, DeSales was victimized by several errors at inopportune times.

The Saints took the opening kick-off and drove to the Red Jacket 23, only to fumble the ball away.

The DeSales defense — which held the Indians to just two first downs in the first half — later forced Red Jacket to punt. The Saints drove deep again, this time to the 27, but the Indians' Mark Sainsbury intercepted a pass from DeSales quarterback Frank Pane and ran 82 yards for a touchdown.

The Saints threatened yet again with 55 seconds left in the first half, driving to the Red Jacket four, only to fumble the ball away once again. For the game, DeSales lost two fumbles and threw two interceptions.

"We're able to move the ball, but it seems like whenever we get down close, we fumble or get a penalty," Taney said.

Red Jacket built up a 20-0 lead before the Saints finally scored with less than a minute to play in the game. Pane connected with Jeff Taney for a 64-yard touchdown and then with Chris Ike for the two-point conversion.

Pane passed for 170 yards, Taney said. Jeff Taney caught five passes for 108 yards.

This Saturday, the Saints will travel to Canisteo (2-1).

Aquinas 6, Franklin 2

Another team looking to awaken its dormant offense is Aquinas, which mustered just six points for the second consecutive week. Last Saturday, Sept. 23, however, those points were enough to give the Little Irish (1-1-1) a 6-2 victory over visiting Franklin (0-3).

Aquinas appeared to be on its way to another loss in the tight defensive struggle, until Heath Rist completed a 20-yard touchdown pass to Dwayne Postell with :51 left in the fourth quarter.

Franklin's only points came on a safety in the third quarter when the Quakers tackled Aquinas' Don Schwab in the end zone.

Rist completed four of 10 passes for 43

yards.

"We're definitely not generating any offense," coach Bob D'Ettore acknowledged. "We're lucky our defense is keeping us in the games."

The Little Irish compete in Section 5 Class AA along with the likes of undefeated Batavia, Canandaigua and Victor, making each game important the rest of the season.

This Saturday, Aquinas travels to Buffalo to face St. Joseph's.

Kearney 34, Gloversville 6

One team that isn't having any problems offensively is Bishop Kearney. The Kings (2-0-1) defeated Gloversville 34-6 at Gloversville last Saturday, Sept. 23.

Kearney scored the first time it had the ball when Rene Ingoglia ran for an 11-yard touchdown. The kick failed, but later in the quarter the Kings made up the point with a two-point conversion following a three-yard touchdown run by Lamin Massaquoi.

Quarterback David Armanini scored on a one-yard quarterback sneak in the second quarter, giving Kearney a 21-0 lead. Gloversville (0-2) finally scored in the second quarter to narrow the margin to 21-6 at the half.

In the third quarter, the Kings scored again on Ingoglia's second touchdown — this time a 10-yard run. Kearney closed out the scoring with Keith Osier's 39-yard interception return for a touchdown.

Kearney relied on its potent ground game for the bulk of its 366 yards on offense. Ingoglia gained 156 yards on 18 carries, and Massaquoi carried the ball 15 times for 157 yards.

Defensively, the Kings registered six sacks and held Gloversville's pass-oriented offense to 210 yards.

Kearney will stay on the road this week, but will be closer to home when it faces unbeaten Midlakes.

McQuaid 22, Marshall 14

McQuaid (3-0) has also found its scoring touch. Spurred by quarterback Andy Dvonch's 159 yards in passing, the Knights defeated host Marshall, 22-14, on Saturday, Sept. 23.

The only score of the first half came in the first quarter on a four-yard run by Jamal Dunbar. Despite a sore foot, the McQuaid back finished the game with 75 yards on 17 carries. Dvonch hooked up with Bernie Lipka for the two-point conversion to make the score 8-0.

McQuaid scored again in the third quarter on a 60-yard pass from Dvonch to George Gibbs. The point-after kick was good, giving the Knights a 15-0 lead.

Coach Tom Sprague admitted that the lead caused the Knights to let up a little defensively, and Marshall scored to pull within 15-6. The Jurists threatened again in

the fourth quarter, reaching the McQuaid 15.

But Sam Owens — who registered a game-high 16 tackles — stopped Marshall running back Krumie Mabry on a fourth-down play.

A five-yard touchdown pass from Dvonch to Lipka and a successful kick gave McQuaid a 22-6 lead. Sprague then sent in his reserves with three minutes to play, and Marshall scored with :15 left.

For the game, the Knights totaled 378 yards on offense. Lipka ran for 119 yards on 22 carries.

This Saturday, McQuaid hosts undefeated Edison in a game for first place in the City-Catholic League.

Notre Dame 29, Sus. Valley 13

On Friday, Sept. 22, the remnants of

Hurricane Hugo blew into Elmira, bringing heavy rain and gale-force winds.

But Susquehanna Valley (0-2) was more concerned with a hurricane named Michael Bennett.

Bennett threw for two touchdowns and ran for two others — including an 82-yard dash — leading Notre Dame (2-1) over the Sabres, 29-13.

Hugo didn't put in an appearance until the second half, but Bennett was in the game from the beginning. In the first quarter, he tossed a 10-yard touchdown pass to Geoff Woodworth. Brian Woodworth kicked the extra point to give the Crusaders a 7-0 lead.

Bennett scored on a one-yard run in the second quarter, then passed to Anthony Wisniewski for a two-point conversion and

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MONARCHS WIN — In a Private-Parochial League volleyball match last Thursday, Sept. 21, Mercy downed visiting Bishop Kearney 15-10, 13-15, 6-15, 15-7, 15-7. Above, Mercy's Natalie White makes a play at the net. White finished the match with 24 hits, 3 kills and 10 blocked shots. Right, Kearney's Dawn Wiegand prepares to set the ball.



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