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In a Private-Parochial League match on Thursday, Sept. 28, host Aquinas downed Nazareth 3-1 to improve the Little Irish's record to 2-1 in the league and 6-3-1 overall. At top, Michele Khuns (18) kicks the ball past Nazareth goalie Rory Cottrell. Cottrell recorded 18 saves for the game. At left, Khuns celebrates her goal with Marci Meagher (16) and Jennifer Leonardi.



Bishop Kearney nips McQuaid; Fatigue hampering Notre Dame

By Lee Strong
Staff writer

The boys' soccer team at Bishop Kearney High School got off to a slow 1-3 start, but with a six-game winning streak under their belts the Kings are sending out a message to City-Catholic League — and sectional — opponents.

The latest warning issued by Kearney (4-0, 7-3) came Friday, Sept. 29, when the host Kings defeated McQuaid, 2-1, in double overtime. The winning goal came with just 15 seconds left in the second overtime on a corner kick by Tony Floreano. Floreano had also scored with three minutes left in regulation to tie the game, 1-1.

McQuaid (2-2, 4-4) had taken the lead 27 minutes into the second half on a goal by Mark Fandel. McQuaid finished the game with 16 shots on goal compared to 14 by Kearney. Kings' goalie Marco DiMarzo registered 10 saves.

Earlier in the week, Kearney routed host Marshall (0-1), 10-0, on Sept. 27. Scott Delgatto compiled three goals for the Kings, with Floreano and Terry Masci each scoring twice.

The Kings were scheduled to host Greece Athena Tuesday, Oct. 3, before traveling to Franklin Oct. 4. This Friday evening, Kearney will host Aquinas (3-0, 5-3-1) in a key City-Catholic League game.

McQuaid also routed a City-Catholic opponent prior to the game at Kearney, defeating host East (0-4, 0-4), 7-0, on Wednesday, Sept. 27. Matt Lane scored a goal and handed out an assist.

But on Saturday, Sept. 30, it was McQuaid's turn to be on the wrong end of a rout as the Knights fell to host Honeoye Falls-Lima, 5-0.

Knights' coach Dan Schied acknowledged that his team was flat after the tough loss to Kearney the night before. He added that the 9-2 Bulldogs "were up for the game."

The Knights were scheduled to play at

Edison (3-1, 3-2) Wednesday, Oct. 4.

Aquinas played only one game last week, a 6-0 win over Franklin. The Little Irish went with their second string most of the game against the overmatched Quakers. Joe Valentino and Jeff Page scored two goals each, with Valentino's brother, Chris, and Peter Ruggiero each contributing a goal.

The previous weekend, however, was less successful for Aquinas, as the team fell to host Brockport, 1-0, in overtime on Friday, Sept. 22, and to host Greece Arcadia, 3-1, on Saturday, Sept. 23. Jason Mucha scored the Little Irish's lone goal.

Aquinas was scheduled to host Marshall Tuesday, Oct. 3, and before traveling to East Wednesday, Oct. 4.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, Elmira Notre Dame (0-4, 5-7) lost to Seton Catholic of Binghamton, 3-1. The Crusaders took a

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Action heating up in hunt for league soccer crowns

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The longer the girls' soccer season goes on, the muddier the waters get in the hunt for the Private-Parochial League title.

Mercy (2-0-1, 5-3-1) appeared to have the early edge after defeating Aquinas and Nazareth, but Bishop Kearney (1-1-1, 5-2-2) put in its claim for title consideration by tying the Monarchs 1-1 in overtime on Friday, Sept. 29.

Kearney's Kris Labonski scored 20 minutes into the game to give the Kings a 1-0 lead. Labonski's goal held up until 13 minutes left in regulation, when Mercy's Sheila Doyle knotted the contest, 1-1. Neither team was able to score in overtime. Mercy had 18 shots on goal during the game, compared to 11 for Kearney.

Kings' coach Leo Teerlinck said the tie was important to Kearney, which lost to Mercy three times last year. "This shows we've really come a long way," he said, noting that at this point last year, Kearney was 3-6.

Kearney was scheduled to face Williamson at home Monday, Oct. 2. And the Kings are looking ahead to a critical home game against Aquinas on Oct. 6. Aquinas handed the Kings their only league loss of the season thus far, a 5-0 defeat back on Sept. 19.

Aquinas (2-1, 6-3-1) isn't ready to roll over and concede the title to Mercy. The Little Irish played four games in a five-day span last week, and emerged with three wins against just one loss.

On Saturday, Sept. 23, Aquinas downed Greece Arcadia 4-2. Kathy Thies continued to put the ball in the net as she scored the fourth goal for AQ. Lisa Messuro, Michele Khuns and Christy Prame scored the other three goals.

The Little Irish's only loss of the week came Sept. 25 against powerful Hilton, 1-0. Both teams had 13 shots on goal, with Hilton managing its only score on a penalty kick in the game's first 10 minutes.

Aquinas got back on the winning track the next day by beating Rush-Henrietta, 3-1. Mary Radford, Jill Banaszewski and Lisa Messario all scored for the Little Irish.

Just two days later, Aquinas registered its second league win of the season with a 3-1 victory over Nazareth (0-3, 3-3). Marci Meagher, Khuns and Beth Kelly all scored in the first half, while Liz Sawkyo scored for Nazareth. No scoring occurred in the second half.

Aquinas outshot Nazareth 31-7, with Nazareth goalie Rory Cottrell registering 18 saves.

The Little Irish were slated to play traditionally strong Fairport on Wednesday, Oct. 4, and then head to Kearney on Friday. Nazareth was scheduled to play at East on Thursday, Oct. 5.

Mercy's rough weekend did not end with the Friday-night tie against Kearney. The next morning, the Monarchs traveled to Honeoye Falls-Lima (8-3), where they lost 3-2.

Sheila Doyle, who has scored 13 goals in nine games, gave Mercy a 1-0 lead at the 13-minute mark. She scored again eight minutes into the second half to increase Mercy's lead to 2-0.

But the Monarchs, who play with only six substitutes, ran out of steam and were unable to hold the lead.

Mercy was scheduled to play Greece Athena at home Monday, Oct. 2.

Elmira Notre Dame coach Steve Weber decided six games ago that his team needed more speed on its front line, so he moved Jenni Fagan up from her usual midfield spot.

Since that move, the Crusaders (3-1-1 7-2-2) have gone 5-0-1. Fagan now leads the Sullivan Trail Conference in scoring, with 11 goals.

During the streak, Fagan has had two three-goal games, one against Hammondsport in a 3-1 overtime win on Sept. 25, and another against Corning in a 4-0 victory on Sept. 26.

Weber attributed the lone tie during the streak — 0-0 against Hornell on Sept. 28 — to fatigue after his team played six games in just 10 days.

The Crusaders were scheduled to travel to Horseheads Tuesday, Oct. 3. Horseheads handed Notre Dame its last loss, a 5-1 defeat on Sept. 14.



Aquinas' Michele Khuns looks to have a better angle on the ball than this Nazareth player, who hasn't sprouted a soccer head.

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