

Football teams gear for post-season play

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Regular-season play in Section 5 ended with three diocesan football teams heading to post-season play, and with Bishop Kearney and McQuaid both clinching top seeds.

In addition, Notre Dame has already clinched a bowl bid in Section 4 with one game left in its regular season.

McQuaid 16, Aquinas 13

McQuaid (7-1) earned the top seed in Section 5 Class AAA by nipping visiting Aquinas, 16-13, on Saturday, Oct. 28.

The Knights grabbed the top seed when both Rush-Henrietta and Gates-Chili were upset over the weekend.

A second-half surge by Aquinas (3-4-1) almost added McQuaid to the upset list.

The game looked like a rout by McQuaid in the first half. The Knights completely shut down the Little Irish offense, which was unable to achieve a first down.

While the defense was doing its job, the Knights' offense put 16 points on the board.

McQuaid's Sam Owens returned the opening kickoff to the 45-yard line. The Knights moved the ball to the Aquinas 45, before Jamal Dunbar scampered 45 yards

for the score. Bernie Lipka, who returned after a week's layoff because of an injury, took the ball in for a two-point conversion, and the lead was 8-0.

In the second quarter, Lipka scored on a four-yard run to up the lead to 14-0, then plunged into the end zone on the conversion to increase the score to 16-0.

McQuaid drove down the field again at the end of the quarter, but missed a 30-yard field goal to keep the score at 16-0.

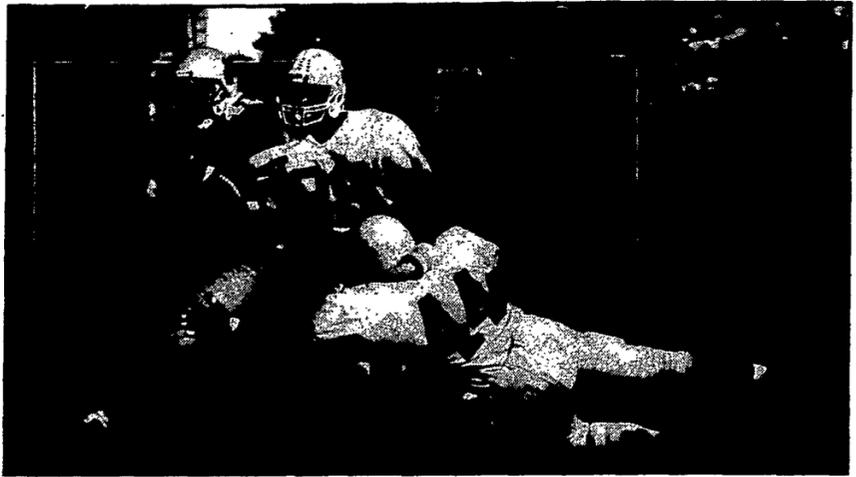
The second half was a different story. The Little Irish began to move the ball, and the Knights nearly self-destructed, as penalties repeatedly killed drives and kept the ball in the hands of the Aquinas offense.

Little Irish quarterback Heath Rist connected with Adrien Seay on a 35-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter, and after a successful kick the score was 16-7.

Kareem Patterson then punched the ball in from the three to pull the Little Irish to within three points, 16-13.

But in the fourth quarter, the Knights' defense broke up several long passes to end Aquinas' scoring threats and to preserve the McQuaid win.

For the game, the Knights managed 258 yards of offense. Dunbar dashed for



Jamal Dunbar races past two Aquinas defenders on his way to a game high 151 yards in 24 carries during McQuaid's 16-13 victory over the Little Irish on Saturday, Oct. 28.

151 yards on 24 carries. Lipka added 46 yards in 13 carries.

Kareem Patterson led the Aquinas ground game with 37 yards on 13 carries. Rist threw for 116 yards on 4-for-14 passing.

No. 1 McQuaid is scheduled to face fourth-seeded Fairport at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5.

The Raiders (6-2) slipped into the sectionals by upsetting Rush-Henrietta 26-16 last Saturday, Oct. 28.

DeSales 6, S. Seneca 0

Another team that slipped into the sectionals was DeSales, which squeaked by South Seneca 6-0 to take the last available spot in the Section 5 Class D playoffs.

The Saints (4-4) went into the game knowing that they needed a win to qualify for post-season play. But they seemed more intent on throwing the game away as they were plagued — as they have been all season — by turnovers.

For the game, DeSales coughed the ball up seven times, including four fumbles, a blocked kick, and two interceptions.

In addition, two potential touchdown passes were dropped in the end zone.

The miscues almost spoiled a fine effort by running back Chris Ike, who compiled 120 yards and scored the lone touchdown of the game — a six-yard dash in the second quarter.

The Saints defense turned in another good performance, limiting the Falcons (3-5) to 170 yards of total offense.

In the fourth quarter, the DeSales defense was tested as Seneca recovered a fumble on the Saints' 30, and drove to the 10-yard line. But DeSales stopped the drive.

The Saints then took over the ball, but fumbled on the first play, and South Seneca had the ball on the DeSales seven. Two sacks threw the Falcons back to the 25, however, and DeSales escaped with the victory.

The win put the Saints into a semifinal game against top-seeded Elba (8-0) Saturday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Oakfield-

Alabama.

Kearney 34, Penn Yan 14

Bishop Kearney (5-1-1) clinched a playoff berth in Section 5 Class A three weeks ago, but its 34-14 win over visiting Penn Yan on Friday, Oct. 27, earned the Kings the top seed in their classification.

Kearney completely dominated the Mustangs (3-5) from the outset, piling up 350 yards of total offense while limiting the visitors to just 170 yards.

The bulk of the Kings' offense was supplied by Rene Ingoglia, who rumbled his way to two touchdowns and 202 yards on 19 carries. Ingoglia had 190 yards in the first half alone, and didn't play at all in the fourth quarter.

The junior running back finished the regular season with 1,050 yards, an average of 150 yards per game.

The Kings didn't need an air attack as Lamin Massaquoi, who missed two games because of a sprained ankle, returned to the lineup and ran the ball 13 times for 90 yards.

In fact, Massaquoi celebrated his return by scoring Kearney's first touchdown, a one-yard run in the first quarter. The kick gave the Kings a 7-0 lead.

In the second quarter, Massaquoi made his presence known again, this time on a 12-yard scoring romp. The kick failed, and the score remained 13-0.

Not to be outdone, Ingoglia carried the ball in from the 12-yard line to up the Kings' lead to 19-0. The pass failed, however, and the score remained 19-0 at the half.

Penn Yan got on the board in the third quarter to cut the lead to 19-6, but Ingoglia barreled in from the nine for a score, and a Dave Armanini pass to Bert Richardson gave Kearney a 27-6 bulge.

Massaquoi scored the final points for the Kings in the fourth quarter when he recovered a Penn Yan fumble and bolted 50 yards for a touchdown. The kick gave Kearney a 34-6 lead, and coach Nick Teta cleared his bench.

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Third time proves a charm for BK; Penfield ends McQuaid's season

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The third time proved a charm for the Bishop Kearney boys soccer team.

The fifth-seeded Kings (12-6-2) defeated host and fourth-seeded Aquinas, 1-0, in a Section 5 Class BB quarterfinal matchup on Saturday, Oct. 28.

The two teams played twice during the regular season play — finishing in a 2-2 tie at Kearney on Oct. 6 and a 3-1 Aquinas win at Aquinas Oct. 18. As a result of the sectional victory, Kearney became the only diocesan boys' soccer team to advance beyond the quarterfinal round.

As was the case in their earlier meetings, the teams played a tight, defensive game. The game's only score came with seven minutes left off of a header by Steve Andiloro.

Kearney goalies Kory Kuhns and Marco DiMarzo combined for seven saves and the shutout.

Kearney outshot Aquinas 16-9. That margin was reflective of the game, acknowledged Aquinas coach Gary LaPietra. "I give a lot of credit to them: they were more into it than we were," he said.

In order to advance to the quarterfinals, Kearney beat visiting and No. 12 Albion, 5-0. Tony Floreano booted two goals for the Kings. Andiloro and Dan Finegan each recorded a goal and an assist, and Dan McGuinn scored a goal.

The Kings took control of the game early, jumping out to a 3-0 lead at the half. Kearney outshot Albion 31-3.

Kearney was scheduled to play top-seeded Pittsford Mendon Wednesday,

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McQuaid defensive back Doug Irwin manages to get his hands on the ball in time to break up a pass to Aquinas' wide receiver Matt Hill. Irwin's deflection prevented Aquinas' final attempt to come back halfway through the fourth quarter.

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