

## Saints seeking perfect season; BK in title hunt

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Mother Nature washed away many high school baseball games last week, forcing coaches and players to practice inside most of the time.

Last week's multitude of cancellations means that coaches will try and get as many games in as possible this week before the sectionals begin May 29.

The rain may jeopardize what has been a perfect season at DeSales. Entering this week's action, the Saints (10-0 league, 11-0 overall) could do no worse than tie for the Finger Lakes West crown.

DeSales has three games scheduled this week, including league rivals Naples (May 22) and Red Jacket (May 23). A win in either game would clinch DeSales' third consecutive FLW title. The Saints close out the week with a non-league contest against Hammondspoint on May 24.

Like many coaches, DeSales' Frank Pane Sr. doesn't want tired pitching arms heading into the sectionals. "Whenever we have a layoff for three or four days it hurts us," Pane said. "It makes us vulnerable (to losing) the next game."

Pane's pitching has been nearly perfect of late — thanks to junior Jim Vedora. After throwing back-to-back no-hitters, the Saints' pitcher shut out Dundee, 8-0, on May 15. Vedora's no-hit streak came to an end when Dundee catcher Ed Woodruff singled over third base in the third inning for what turned out to be the only hit for the Scotsmen (2-7, 3-7). Vedora (4-0) struck out nine and walked two batters.

Although his no-hit streak came to an end, Vedora kept another one intact — he has not allowed an earned run in his last four starts.

While DeSales' great pitching has not been a surprise, its hitting continues to raise eyebrows. The Saints finished with 11 hits against Dundee, with most of the damage coming in a four-run second inning.

Vedora began the rally when he reached base on an error. He was followed by run-scoring hits from Jim McDermott, Joe Vedora, Frank Pane Jr. and Jeff Taney.

McDermott delivered the big hit in a three-run second inning with a two-run single. McDermott and Taney finished with two hits each.

Despite his team's continued success, Pane is concerned about how his team will react to a long layoff. "We've been rained out every Sunday practice except one," Pane said.

In limited City-Catholic League action from last week, Bishop Kearney (7-0, 9-5) routed host McQuaid, 12-1, on May 15. Kearney pitcher Marty Alexander (4-1) hurled a three hitter and struck out nine to win his fourth consecutive start. The Knights slipped to 3-4 league and 5-9 overall.

Alexander also helped himself with two RBI. Almost half of the Kings' offense came from the bat of Rene Ingoglia, who finished with five RBI.

After its game against Franklin was rained out on May 21, Kearney was scheduled to play Fairport, East, Aquinas and Rush-Henrietta the remainder of the week.



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McQuaid's Aaron Smith is out at the plate as Bishop Kearney's Bob Magil holds on to the ball during the Kings' 12-1 win over the host Knights May 15. Kearney (7-0, 9-5) has won nine consecutive games.

The game against the East Orientals at Kearney on May 23 loomed as the biggest contest of the week. East and Kearney both boast 7-0 league records, and the winner will likely take the division crown.

With the sectionals looming, Kearney coach Art Carlisi is hoping to get in as many games as possible this week to improve the Kings' chances of garnering the second seed in Class AA behind No. 1 Waterloo. Entering this week's action, Kearney and Penn Yan (12-2) were battling for the No. 2 seed. Whichever team gains the second seed won't have to play Waterloo until the championship game.

Aquinas (3-3, 6-12) is a team on the bubble for a sectional bid. The Little Irish helped their chances a bit by winning two out of three games last week.

Aquinas ripped Canandaigua, 10-5, in a non-league game at Canandaigua (13-7) on May 19. Rob Burke went 2-for-3 and had three RBI for AQ.

Brendan Pickett hit a three-run home run in the first inning to set the tone for the game. Senior Darren Diehl, who usually plays third base, pitched well in going the distance for the Little Irish.

"It was an experiment. I wanted to see what he (Diehl) could do for us," Pillitter

said. "He's a tough competitor and he's a senior so I had confidence in him."

With the possibility of playing four or five games this week, Pillitter said he will probably use Diehl again. The Little Irish were scheduled to play McQuaid (May 21), Wilson (May 22), Franklin (May 23), Kearney (May 24) and Victor (May 25) this week.

"We need to win three or four games this week — depending on how many games we play — to get in (the sectionals)," Pillitter said.

In AQ's other games last week, the Little Irish fell to Marshall 7-3 on May 16 after nipping Edison 7-6 May 14.

In the loss at Marshall, Aquinas squandered a 3-0 lead by committing seven errors. Allan Schlageter (3-for-4, 2 RBI)

was the offensive bright spot for AQ.

The Little Irish came from behind in the bottom of the seventh inning to beat the visiting Inventors. Edison had taken a 6-5 lead in the top of the seventh inning, but a two-run single by Schlageter (3-for-4, 5 RBI) pulled things out for AQ.

According to Pillitter, Schlageter is 8-for-11 with seven RBI over his last three games.

Over in Section 4 Class C, Elmira Notre Dame (5-4, 8-8) dropped two games last week. The visiting Crusaders fell to Sullivan Trail Conference foe Hornell 5-2 on May 15.

On May 14, Notre Dame dropped an 8-3 decision to league foe Corning East. Details on both games were unavailable as of press time.

## SPORT SHORTS



### Section 5 hoop standouts slated to play for Fisher

ROCHESTER — The St. John Fisher College men's basketball program has landed three Section 5 hoop standouts for 1990.

McQuaid point guard Kevin Brown, Avoca's Chris Sullivan, and Hornell's Steven Andrews have all enrolled at Fisher.

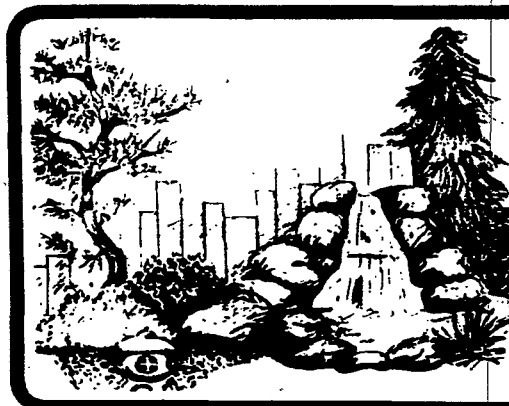
Brown led McQuaid to a 19-5 record last season, averaging 14 points, nine assists and six steals per game. He was named All-State (14th team) and was

selected to the *Democrat and Chronicle's* All-Greater Rochester high school basketball team.

Sullivan was named the Class C-D basketball Player of the Year by the New York State Sportswriters Association in 1990. A 6-5 center, he averaged 28.4 points, 18 rebounds and three blocked shots a game while leading Avoca (25-3) to the finals of the state Class D tournament. The Tigers lost to Alexander Hamilton (Section 1), 57-54, in the championship game.

During Sullivan's three varsity seasons, Avoca compiled a 76-5 record, winning the state title in 1989. He was also named the Most Valuable Player in the state Class D basketball tournament last year.

Andrews, a 6-0 guard, averaged 17.8 points, four rebounds and six assists for Hornell (12-10) last season. He was named All-Steuben County first team



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