

# Crusaders cruise to 6-0; Mercy's offense on a roll

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Things are already heating up for diocesan girls' soccer teams just three weeks into the regular season.

## Crusaders cruising

With a perfect 6-0 record so far, the Lady Crusaders of Notre Dame are on a roll. Notre Dame started its season on Aug. 31, beating visiting Dryden 5-1 in the annual Lady Crusaders Soccer Invitational. Striker Jenny Fagan accounted for three of ND's goals. Claire Ramich and Christina Brunner each scored once.

The Crusaders cruised to a 3-0 win over Campbell in the tourney's championship game on Sept. 1. Fagan, Melanie Crisco and Lori Spaziani each tallied a goal for ND. Goalie Erin Kernan earned the shutout as Notre Dame outshot the Red Jackets, 47-1. Fagan was named MVP of the tournament.

In their first game outside of tournament action, the Lady Crusaders routed Addison 6-2 on Sept. 4. Ramich, a center-halfback, had two goals, and Megan Barbier, Crisco and Fagan each had one.

Spaziani scored two goals, and Fagan and Crisco each had one in ND's 4-1 triumph over Bath on Sept. 6. In yet another romp on Sept. 13, the Lady Crusaders outshot Corning 42-5 en route to a 6-0 win. Fagan kicked in three goals, Ramich put in two and Lisa Beaty joined the scorers by tallying one. Goalie Becky Sherman kept Corning off the scoreboard.

In a close match on Sept. 15, Notre Dame had to come from behind in a 2-1 win against visiting Hammondsport. The Lakers scored first in jumping out to a 1-0 lead at the half. But Fagan and Brunner both scored in the second half to keep ND's record unblemished.

Although coach Steve Weber said he was pleased with his team's progress thus far, he said the tough part of its league schedule would start against Elmira Free Academy on Sept. 18.

## Unstoppable Monarch

Our Lady of Mercy's Monarchs have definitely discovered their key weapon in junior striker Sheila Doyle, who had 12 goals in the first five games. Playing in her third varsity season, Doyle has been unstoppable thus far.

In a Sept. 4 match against Livonia, Mercy downed the Bulldogs, 3-1. Doyle had two goals and one assist, and junior Ann Carney scored once for the Monarchs. Goalie Ellen Lennox had 14 saves.

Mercy coach Kathy Boughton was pleas-

ed to see her Monarchs defeat a talented team such as Livonia, which many coaches consider to be one of the top small-school soccer teams in the Rochester area.

"Both teams were comparable," Boughton said. "We just had two good breakaways from Doyle."

In tournament action on Sept. 7, Mercy fell to defending sectional champion Penfield in a close 3-2 match. Doyle again showed her stuff on the field and scored both Mercy goals. Her second goal tied the game, 2-2, at the half.

But Penfield's Tanya Vogal scored the winning goal in the second half. Lennox had another outstanding game with 10 saves for Mercy.

In consolation play on Sept. 8, the Monarchs pulled out a 2-1 win in overtime against Pittsford Mendon. With 45 seconds left in regulation time, sophomore wing Mimi LaMagna scored to tie the game, 1-1. Doyle's fifth goal in three games came in the overtime session to win the match for Mercy. Goalie Lennox had eight saves.

Next up for Mercy was Webster on Sept. 11. LaMagna scored on a head shot off of a corner kick by senior wing Julie Sasso to give Mercy a 1-0 at the half. Doyle added another goal during second-half play to secure the 2-0 win. Lennox was spectacular in the goal for Mercy, turning away 18 shots.

Boughton credited her team's defense — especially senior Sheila Lang — for securing the shutout.



Bishop Kearney striker Janet D'Agostino scored twice during the victory over Nazareth.



Nazareth Academy's Becky Bachman (right) tries to stop Gina Pascarella of Bishop Kearney from scoring as goalie Donna Sargent (left) scrambles back into position. Pascarella put in the rebound to help the Lady Kings win 3-1.

Mercy began Private-Parochial League play on Sept. 13 with an 8-4 win at Aquinas. Lisa Messuro scored the first goal of the game for the Little Irish, but Doyle soon tied things by converting a direct free kick. Mercy's junior striker then scored on a breakaway to earn the Monarchs a 2-1 advantage. Carney later scored on a cross from Doyle to give Mercy a 3-1 lead at halftime.

Messuro scored her second goal of the game early in the second half. Doyle scored yet again on her way to an amazing six-goal game. Carney finished with two goals.

Boughton cited junior stopper Gabby LaMagna and junior center halfback Carol Ganey for fine games.

## Injuries mounting

Nazareth Academy coach Dave Prophet blamed "nasty weather" for his team's double-overtime tie against Harley-Allendale Columbia in the HAC Tournament Sept. 5. Since the game was part of tournament play, a shootout took place to determine the winner. The Braves won the shootout, 4-3. Liz Sawyko scored the only goal in regulation time for Nazareth.

Sodus blanked the Lasers, 6-0, in the consolation match on Sept. 8. Prophet attributed his team's lack of scoring to the seven injuries sustained during the loss to Sodus.

"It was almost time for me to get out there and play," Prophet joked.

Things started looking up for Nazareth on Sept. 11 when the host Lasers recorded a 2-1 double-overtime win over East. The Orientals led 1-0 at the half, but senior striker Jenny Olley scored her first of two

goals with two minutes remaining in regulation time. Olley's second goal came in the second overtime to win the game for the Lasers.

The weather was again a factor in a Sept. 13 match against Bishop Kearney, but this time it was the heat — not the rain — that affected the Lasers. Corrine Strasner gave Nazareth a 1-0 lead only 12 minutes into the first half, but Kearney came on strong to win, 3-1.

Although Prophet was pleased with his team's performance in the first half, he said the heat wore down the Lasers in the second half.

## Coming together

The Lady Kings of Bishop Kearney are 3-4 after seven games. BK started play with a 2-0 win against Marion on Aug. 31. Sophomore striker Janet D'Agostino scored once in each half for Kearney.

BK lost its first game of the season, 3-2, on Sept. 4 when Wayne Central scored the game-winning goal in the last 15 seconds. Striker Joan Adamo and D'Agostino scored the Lady Kings' two goals.

In the Livonia Tournament on Sept. 6, D'Agostino helped take her team to the finals with a first-round win against Palmyra Macedon. She collected two goals and one assist, and Adamo and Holly Bhamme each tallied once to propel Kearney to a 4-1 victory. Unfortunately for the Kings, Livonia took them apart in the championship game, 5-0, on Sept. 8.

Kearney lost at Pittsford Sutherland on a penalty kick, 1-0, on Sept. 11, but downed visiting Nazareth, 3-1, on Sept. 13. Gina Pascarella scored two goals for BK, and

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**Fisher tabs new coach for cross country team**

Barbara M. Rudolph has been tabbed head coach of the men's and women's cross country team at St. John Fisher College.

Rudolph replaces Kim Henshaw, who served as cross country coach at Fisher since 1988.

Before graduating from the State University College of New York at Cortland in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in education, Rudolph was a member of the school's cross country and indoor/outdoor track teams.

Since 1987, she has been a physical education teacher at School # 44 in the Rochester City School District. Rudolph has also coached the girls' varsity volleyball team and served as assistant coach of the outdoor track and field teams at Edison Technical and Occupational School.

**SPORT SHORTS**

**Andy Moore named to St. John Fisher staff**

Andy Moore was recently named full-time associate head basketball coach at St. John Fisher.

Moore has served as a part-time coach at Fisher since 1987 and will now concentrate on recruiting, scouting and game preparation on a full-time basis.

A 1986 Mansfield University graduate with a bachelor's degree in secondary social studies, Moore was a member of the school's basketball team and set the single-season scoring record as a senior with an average of 18 points per game.

He formerly taught history at Hillside Children's Center.