

DeSales, Elmira ND return to form with blowout wins

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Geneva DeSales and Elmira Notre Dame returned to winning form, while costly turnovers kept Aquinas from earning its second consecutive victory in high school football action on Oct. 5-6.

In other games involving diocesan boys' football teams, McQuaid Jesuit failed to win for the second week in a row and Bishop Kearney was without Rene Ingoglia as the Kings remained winless after week five.

A fired-up DeSales offense regained its scoring momentum when the Saints (4-1) suffocated hapless Marcus Whitman (0-5) in Rushville, 43-8.

The Wildcats jumped to an early lead when Daye Borden scored on a one-yard run in the first quarter. Mike John ran for the two-point conversion to give Whitman its only lead of the game, 8-0.

Then the Saints began to march and dominate the remainder of the game. In the beginning of the second quarter, Jim McDermott raced 83 yards for a touchdown, and he added the two-point conversion to tie the score, 8-8.

Only a few minutes later, John Conner scored on a one-yard run. John O'Neil's extra point made the score 15-8.

O'Neil was instrumental in padding the lead when he gathered in a 10-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Frank Pane Jr. He racked up another point on the PAT to give the Saints a comfortable 22-8 advantage at the half.

Shortly after the start of the third quarter, Conner scored on another one-yard run. O'Neil's kick made the score 29-8. McDermott then ran 40 yards for another touchdown, and O'Neil's point-after attempt was good to make the score 36-8.

O'Neil ended DeSales' onslaught with a 25-yard run and his fifth PAT to provide the final score of 43-8.

Saints' coach Mark McCheyne credited McDermott and O'Neil for their outstanding performances. McDermott had nine carries for 138 yards, and O'Neil was 5-for-5 on his extra points.

DeSales will host South Seneca — which recently lost to Clyde and Lyons — at its Homecoming game on Oct. 12.

Notre Dame (4-1) got its offense back on track when the Crusaders traveled to Whitney Point and clobbered the Eagles, 35-8, on Oct. 6.

The Crusaders opened up the scoring in the first quarter with a 20-yard run by Geoff Woodworth. Pat Palmer's extra point made the score 7-0.

Mike Bennett followed that up with a two-yard run and another Palmer PAT pushed the lead to 14-0 at the end of the opening quarter.

The Crusaders' scoring continued in the last seconds of the second quarter when Geoff Woodworth scored on a 90-yard interception return. Palmer booted another extra point to give ND a 21-0 halftime lead.

Geoff Woodworth added another score on a two-yard run in the third quarter. Palmer kicked the PAT to increase the margin to 28-0.

Whitney Point averted the shutout in the fourth quarter when Sean Dean ran two yards for a touchdown. Dean added the two-point conversion to trim the lead to 28-8.

Palmer closed out the scoring when he burst through the Eagle line for a 60-yard TD. Palmer's PAT was good to make the score 43-8.

Geoff Woodworth had 20 carries for 94 yards, Bennett had nine carries for 85 yards, Palmer rushed for 75 yards (he was also 5-for-5 on extra points) and Bryan Woodworth was 4-for-5 passing.

The Crusaders will try to go 5-1 for the season when they host Chenango Valley (3-2) Oct. 12. The game will feature a rematch of last year's Section 4 bowl game won by the Warriors.

Canandaigua's Mike Green was too much for host McQuaid Jesuit to handle as he scored four touchdowns to lead the Braves to a 33-13 victory over the Knights on Oct. 6.

Green began his amazing performance with a 40-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. A successful kick gave the Braves a 7-0 lead.

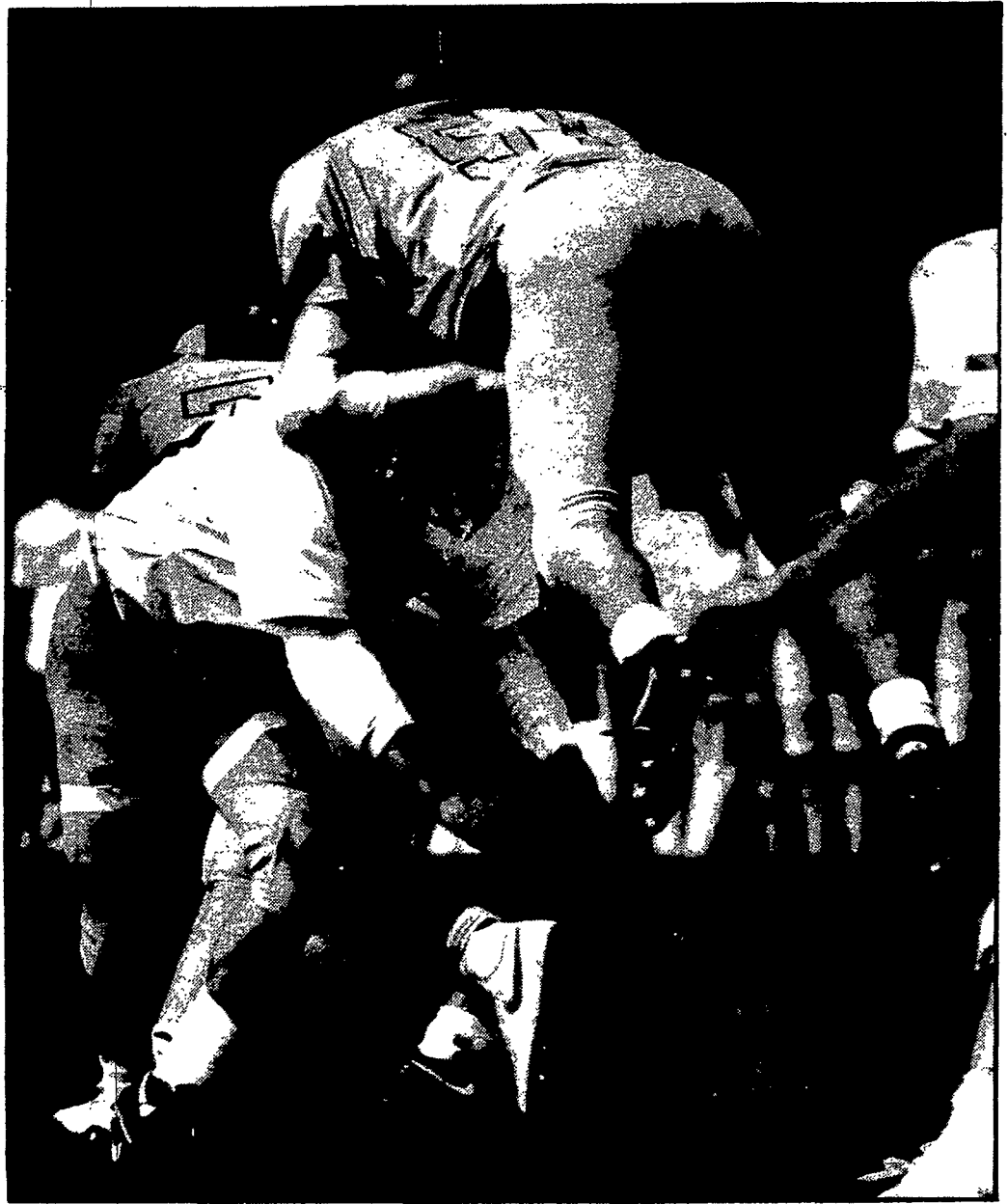
In the second quarter, Green was a one man wrecking crew for Canandaigua as he first ran five yards for a score and then turned around and returned a punt 95 yards to add another touchdown. After the first PAT failed, Canandaigua added the second conversion to make the score 20-0.

McQuaid trimmed the lead when Rob Warren scored on a 50-yard pass from quarterback Christian Klein. Warren's extra point pulled the Knights to within 20-7.

But that score didn't last for long. With 19 seconds left in the half, the Braves ran a reverse and Green scored on what Knights' coach Tom Sprague called "a beautiful fake."

The point-after attempt failed, keeping the lead at 26-7 at the half.

McQuaid added another score in the



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer
DeSales running back John O'Neil managed to get off a pass just moments before colliding with Marcus Whitman's John Prendergast during the Saints' 43-8 win.

fourth quarter when a 50-yard pass from Klein found its way to Steve Paul in the end zone. Warren botched the kick, but the Knights were hopeful of coming back with the score 26-13.

But their hopes were dashed when the Braves scored on another short run and added the extra point to provide the final margin of 33-13.

The Knights visit City-Catholic League rival Bishop Kearney on Oct. 13.

According to Aquinas coach Bob D'Ettore, the Little Irish (1-2) had a real frustrating day at Edison (4-0) as they absorbed an 18-6 loss at the hands of the Inventors.

Edison scored on its first possession after a 40-yard pass play, but the run for the two-point conversion failed, keeping the score at 6-0.

On its next possession, the Little Irish drove the ball deep into Edison territory only to fumble it away. Edison recovered the ball and returned it 95 yards for a touchdown. Another botched run for two points gave Edison a 12-0 lead.

In the second quarter, Edison moved the ball effectively on the ground. The Inventors struck for a 40-yard touchdown run to increase their lead to 18-0. The two-point conversion failed.

With two minutes left in the fourth quarter, Aquinas finally scored on a five-yard run by Matt Ticcone. Jim Fischer's two-point try failed.

Ticcone carried 14 times for 140 yards, and Fischer carried 24 times for 120 yards. Defensively, Adrian Seay and Fischer each had seven tackles for AQ.

D'Ettore is looking forward to his team's league game at Wilson on Oct. 13.

It was another week and another loss for last year's Section 5, Class A champions. Bishop Kearney (0-4) was handed its fourth loss of the season during the Kings' Homecoming game against Bishop Timon, 25-6, on Oct. 5.

According to Kings' coach Nick Teta, the void created by the injury to Rene Ingoglia — who sat out two earlier games with a shoulder injury — has caused severe problems for Kearney. To make matters worse, Ingoglia injured his knee in the Sept. 29 game against Aquinas and couldn't play against Timon. Teta said Ingoglia will be out for at least another three weeks.

Bishop Timon scored early in the first quarter on a 50-yard pass but missed the kick for a 6-0 lead. Damont Mack tied it up for Kearney on a quarterback-option play. Craig Phillips' kick was no good and the score remained tied.

A pumped-up Bishop Timon team cranked out three more touchdowns before it was over — two in the second quarter and one in the third.

Kearney will continue its quest for a win when the Kings host C-CL rival McQuaid on Oct. 13.

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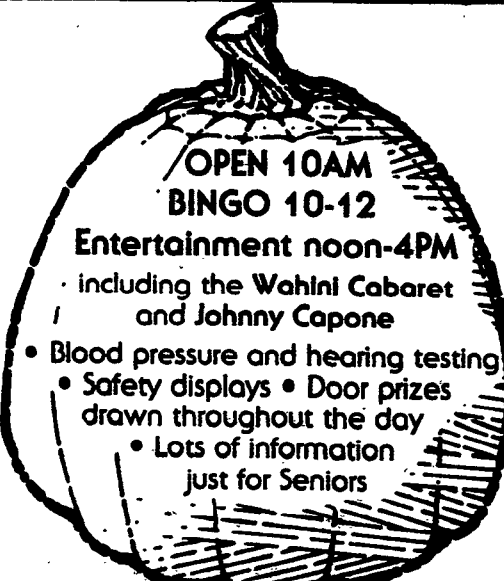
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