

# AQ handles Kearney, 4-1; McQuaid enjoys 3-0 week

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The Aquinas Institute boys' varsity soccer team hasn't lost a game in two weeks, while Bishop Kearney, McQuaid and Notre Dame have been victimized by inconsistent play.

In a match at home against Edison on Oct. 4, the Little Irish (6-3) handed the Inventors a 6-1 drubbing.

Pat DiNicola found the net twice in the first half, and Tyler Gleason added a goal to give the Little Irish a 3-0 lead at intermission.

Only one Edison goal got by Aquinas goalie Craig Stanton in the second half. Gino Ruggiero, Mike Deutch and A.J. Bianchi each added one goal to secure the Little Irish victory.

Aquinas shutout visiting Greece Athena on Oct. 2, 2-0. The Little Irish jumped out quickly in the first half with goals by DiNicola and Anthony Tata. Stanton kept the Trojans from scoring.

In what Aquinas coach Gary LaPietra called his team's "game of the year," AQ whipped host Bishop Kearney on Sept. 29, 4-1.

Brook Lefler notched the first Little Irish goal. Ruggiero and Tata followed suit in the first half to propel AQ to a 3-0 advantage.

Kearney's Derrick Mercury pulled the Kings to within two goals with his second-half tally, but Tata quickly answered back with his second goal to ice the win for AQ.

In his team's 4-1 loss to Aquinas, Bishop Kearney coach Greg Schuber said his Kings came out flat and fought an uphill battle all game.

The Kings (8-5, 4-2) had less of a fight against visiting Livonia on Oct. 6 when they nipped the Bulldogs, 1-0.

After a scoreless first half, Kirk Pero scored off a precision head pass from Dan McGuinn with five minutes left in the second half. Goalie Marco DiMarzio kept the Bulldogs from scoring a goal to gain the shutout.

The Kings traveled to East and handed the Orientals a 5-1 setback on Oct. 4.

Jim Kost and Dan Finnegan each tallied one goal to give the Kings a 2-0 lead at the half. In the second half of play, Scott Delgatti powered two shots into the goal and Finnegan fired in his second to propel Kearney to the 5-1 win.

The Kings took a 6-0 whopping at McQuaid on Oct. 2. "We came out flat and never recovered," Schuber said.

McQuaid Jesuit (8-4-1) won the game

after Tim Concannon and Eric Pederson fired in two goals each, and Rob Armbruster and Steve Roehrig each put one away for the Knights.

The match between McQuaid and Honeoye Falls-Lima scheduled for Sept. 29 was rescheduled for Oct. 11.

In another blowout against visiting Marshall, McQuaid coach Dan Schied got a chance to play everybody in a resounding win. Roehrig and Rich DiPrima helped ice a 6-0 win for McQuaid with two goals each.

In a double-overtime match against visiting East, the Knights snubbed the Orientals, 2-0.

Regulation play ended with the score, 0-0. Concannon put in the winning goal two minutes into the first overtime and added another score later.

In soccer action from Section 4, Notre Dame (6-6-1) lost to host Southern Cayuga on Oct. 5, 2-1, even though the Crusaders held a 30-19 advantage in shots.

Southern Cayuga scored its two goals in the first half. Mike Ramich cut the lead in half, but the Crusaders were unable to tie the game.

At Elmira Free Academy on Oct. 4, Notre Dame collected another loss, 4-1.

Twenty minutes into the first half, Rob Stiles scored off of an assist from Ramich. The Blue Devils had gained a 2-1 lead by halftime, and they went on to bury the Crusaders with two goals in the second half.

The Crusaders posted a 3-2 win against visiting Corning on Oct. 2.

Ramich scored off of a direct kick and Stiles notched another goal with a minute left in the first half to give ND a 2-0 margin at the half.

Corning scored with 25 minutes left in the second half, and then tied the match at the 23-minute mark to push the game into overtime.

Bob Cavalier scored the winning goal off of a shot by Ramich with three seconds left in the first overtime.

At Addison on Sept. 29, the Crusaders' defense shut out the Knights in a 3-0 match.

Fourteen minutes into the first half, Sira scored with the help of Ramich, who later tallied a goal off of a penalty kick.

Stiles notched the final goal off of an assist from Brian Milford with 32 minutes left in the game.

Notre Dame trampled visiting Hornell on Sept. 27, 17-0, thanks to Ramich's five goals.



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**PACING THE PACK** — Jessica Leblanc of Aquinas Institute came in first among her teammates in the girls' varsity A-2 race during the 26th annual McQuaid Invitational cross country meet held at Genesee Valley Park Oct. 6.

## Soccer tournament allows teams, parents an opportunity to meet

ROCHESTER — Seventeen boys' and girls' soccer teams representing nine Rochester-area Catholic schools took the field at English Road Park for a weekend tournament on Sept. 28-29.

The event was part of the Rochester Christian Soccer League's (RCSL) fall schedule. According to Gerry Parmalee, league commissioner, the first-time tournament was a success.

Parmalee said the tourney allowed young athletes to meet socially instead of just competitively. In addition, the competition also provided an opportunity for parents from various parishes to socialize, Parmalee noted.

Since Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) does not offer an organized soccer league, the RCSL was founded 15 years ago by Ken Offringa of Rochester Christian School and Tom Biffarella of St. Rita's Parish. The two men wanted to give junior high children in Catholic schools an opportunity to learn the game of soccer before they entered high school.

"It was started as an instructional league so students wouldn't be penalized for being in the Catholic schools," said Parmalee, who has been running the program since 1988.

Although several Protestant schools used to field teams, the current league is composed of only Catholic schools from around the Flower City. The organization relies on parishioners who volunteer dur-

ing the eight-week season to coach the young athletes for two matches a week.

"Some of the coaches have soccer experience, but many of them have never played soccer, or even watched it, in their life," Parmalee said.

The competition originally started in the form of a playoff at the end of the season — usually the last weekend in October — but Parmalee decided that it would be better to hold a mid-season tournament to take advantage of more suitable weather.

The following teams took home tournament trophies after the Sept. 28-29 games: among the girls' teams, St. Lawrence (5-0) and Mother of Sorrows (4-0-1) were co-champions, and Seton Catholic Junior High (3-1-1) placed second. The title for the boys' tourney was shared by St. Lawrence I (3-0) and St. Pius X (3-1). St. Lawrence II — the Greece school fielded two boys' teams — and Holy Cross (1-3) tied for second place.

Parmalee credited associate commissioner, Cheryl Graves, with much of the tournament's success. And although the weather wasn't too cooperative, Parmalee noted that spectators stayed on the field until the awards ceremony finished.

"I think it was a wonderful way to bring people together so that they could see each other as a community, rather than separate parishes," Parmalee said.

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