

BK wins first; ND, DeSales control destinies

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Bishop Kearney's varsity football team may not be in the running for a sectional bid, but the Kings were feeling pretty good about themselves after recording their first win of the season against Franklin on Oct. 20.

Meanwhile, Elmira Notre Dame, Geneva DeSales and Aquinas Institute all triumphed over their opponents, while McQuaid Jesuit was knocked out of the sectional picture with a devastating loss to Wilson.

After losing five consecutive games and sustaining several key injuries in the process, the Kings didn't appear to have a chance against the host Quakers. But Kearney came back to life and nipped Franklin, 6-0, in a City-Catholic League clash.

The grid game was scoreless until the last three minutes of the fourth quarter. Matt Hoffman received a screen pass from Damont Mack, broke two tackles — including one at the 10-yard line — and scampered 35 yards for a touchdown. Mack's pass on the conversion failed, but the Kings won the game, 6-0.

Kearney rushed the ball 38 times for 126 yards, while Franklin ran 36 times for 217 yards. BK's Mark Tyler paced the Kings' running attack with 57 yards on 16 carries.

Defensively, John Brunner had three quarterback sacks for Kearney. Mack collected 10 tackles, six assists, three interceptions and a fumble recovery.

Kings' Coach Nick Teta said Wilson played tough defensively, but Kearney's offense was given an opportunity to score on several occasions. "We intercepted inside our 20 a few times, and they stopped us inside their 20, too," Teta said.

DeSales Coach Mark McCheyne said his team is just about guaranteed a sectional berth after the Saints (5-1) trounced host Dundee, 21-8, on Oct. 20.

The win proved costly for DeSales, however. Senior running back Jim McDermott will miss the rest of the season after breaking his ankle early in the game against Dundee.

Before McDermott left the game, he carried the ball twice and gave DeSales its first score of the game with a 45-yard TD run. According to McCheyne, McDermott's touchdown marked the third consecutive game in which the senior running back has scored on DeSales' second play from scrimmage. John O'Neil's point-after attempt failed, keeping the Saints lead at 6-0.

DeSales quarterback Frank Pane Jr. ran for a two-yard touchdown later in the first quarter, and O'Neil caught the two-point conversion pass from Pane to give the



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer
Aquinas quarterback Joe Bianchi eyes Jim Fischer before handing off the ball to his running back during the Little Irish's 31-6 win over Marshall.

Saints a 14-0 margin.

After a scoreless second quarter, the Scotsmen trimmed the Saints lead in the third quarter with a two-yard TD pass. Dundee successfully ran the ball into the end zone for the two-point conversion to make the score 14-8.

In the fourth quarter, Conner tallied another touchdown for DeSales on a two-yard run, and O'Neil booted the extra point.

Offensively, Conner had 16 carries for 119 yards. In addition to McDermott's 45 yards, DeSales was paced by Pane (10-for-15 passing, 112 yards) and Joe Vedora (6 receptions, 97 yards).

The defense was led by Conner with 10 tackles. Vedora had nine tackles and two interceptions, and Pane collected two interceptions playing defensive back.

Although McCheyne said the loss of McDermott will hurt his team in the ensuing weeks, he is hoping that running back

Matt Tette will "step in and pick up the flack." Tette, a returning senior, has not played this season because of an injury he sustained before DeSales' first scrimmage.

He will make his return to the Saints' lineup against Clyde-Savannah (5-0) this Saturday, Oct. 27.

Elmira Notre Dame's Crusaders (6-1) kept alive their hopes for a divisional title and a sectional bid when they barely escaped Windsor with a 13-12 win on Oct. 20.

The scoring began in the second quarter when the Black Knights' Ty Fish scored on a one-yard dash. In what would turn out to be one of the game's key plays, the Crusaders stopped the two-point conversion attempt to keep Windsor's lead at 6-0.

The game stayed that way until the opening play of the fourth quarter, when brothers Geoff and Bryan Woodworth teamed up to score. Geoff gathered in a 19-yard TD pass from Bryan, and Pat Palmer's important two-point conversion gave ND an 8-6 lead.

Then Windsor's Fish scored on a three-yard TD run, but again the Crusaders thwarted the two-point conversion. Still, the Black Knights had taken over the lead, 12-8.

Then with 4:25 left in the game, the Woodworth brothers hooked up again for a thrilling play. After collecting a pass from Bryan, Geoff crashed through the line, ran down the right sideline, cut against the grain, broke two tackles and rumbled down the opposite side before completing the 50-yard play in the end zone.

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Palmer tried again for two points, but he was stopped by the Black Knights.

After his team emerged with the amazing one-point victory, ND coach Mike D'Aloisio recalled what was arguably the biggest play of the season thus far for Notre Dame.

"It was an excellent throw, a good catch and a great run," said D'Aloisio, referring to the Woodworths' winning TD combination.

Bryan Woodworth finished 11-for-16 passing, with 163 yards and two TD passes; Mike Bennett carried the ball 19 times for 67 yards; and Geoff Woodworth had 14 carries for 62 yards.

D'Aloisio noted that if the Crusaders win their last two games of the regular season they will be in great shape for the sectionals.

"We have destiny in our hands," the Notre Dame coach said.

The Crusaders host Dryden on Notre Dame's Parents Night on Oct. 26.

"We won this one big," Aquinas Coach Bob D'Ettore said after his team smothered Marshall, 31-6, in a City-Catholic League game on Oct. 20.

The Little Irish (3-2) racked up 14 points in the first quarter. Matt Piccone and Jim Fischer each scored on one-yard runs, and Mike Sloan was 2-for-2 on extra points.

Marshall (0-6) narrowed the lead to eight when Donald Carter raced 67 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter. But the run for two-points failed and the score remained 14-6.

Marshall's offense basically shut down for the rest of the game, while the Little Irish dominated both sides of the line of scrimmage. Sloan kicked a 33-yard field goal to close out the scoring in the second quarter and make the score 17-6.

After intermission, Fischer galloped 15 yards for a touchdown and Sloan booted the extra point, powering Aquinas to a huge 24-6 advantage.

In the last quarter, Phil Gruttadauria rumbled six yards to score and Sloan completed his perfect day with another PAT, as AQ recorded the 31-6 win.

The Little Irish had a total 295 yards rushing (compared to Marshall's 131). Fischer rushed for 156 yards on 23 carries, and Piccone had 14 carries for 112 yards.

Kareem Patterson had a key interception and four tackles on defense. Adrian Seay had six sacks, and Dave Gardner and Mark Jackson each had a sack for AQ.

In its homecoming game Oct. 27, Aquinas will host league rival McQuaid.

McQuaid was the only diocesan high school football team to lose last weekend, as Wilson (3-3) drubbed the Knights, 18-7. The win knocked the Knights out of post-season contention.

Offensive standout Luis Rodriguez scored two touchdowns for Wilson in the second quarter, but both extra points were missed so the lead was only 12-0.

The Knights took advantage of a recovered fumble in the third quarter, when Kullen Dickensen ran five yards for a score. Rob Warren kicked the PAT to trim the margin to 12-7.

But Wilson iced the game in the fourth quarter on a 20-yard quarterback sneak by William Banks, which earned the Wildcats the 18-7 win.

Dickensen had a whopping 226 yards in total offense (including 121 yards rushing), and quarterback Christian Klein was 8-for-24 for 124 yards in the passing department.

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Correction

A sports photo in last week's issue incorrectly identified a player on the McQuaid Jesuit High School football team. The misidentified player was Paul Scanlon. We regret the error.