

Five diocesan teams reach semis in soccer

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Although several diocesan high school soccer teams have already been eliminated from sectional play, other schools have advanced to the semifinal round in boys' and girls' soccer.

In Section 5 Class A boys' action, fourth-seeded McQuaid (11-5-1) advanced to the semifinals after nipping fifth-seeded Greece Athena (8-7-4), 1-0, on Oct. 27.

The Knights iced the game on Eric Pederson's goal on a nice cross from Damien Shields midway through the second half.

Despite his team's superb play against Athena, Knights' coach Dan Schied believes his players are capable of better things.

"We haven't peaked yet — I just hope we peak at the right time," he said.

McQuaid will challenge Penfield at Spencerport on Nov. 1.

In Class BB action, third-seeded Aquinas (12-4-1) advanced to the semis after eliminating sixth-seeded Spencerport, 1-0, on Oct. 27.

Jason Mucha popped in the lone goal off of an assist from Anthony Tatta with eight minutes left in the first half.



Bishop Kearney's Jason Floreano, left, passes the ball as he is pursued by Peter Van Dyk of Pittsford Mendon. Floreano scored Kearney's lone goal in the Kings' sectional-quarterfinal loss to the Vikings Oct. 26.

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Jim Fischer of Aquinas reacts to crossing the goal line for a touchdown during the second quarter of AQ's win over McQuaid.

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Quaid finished with 285 total yards (175 yards rushing, 110 yards passing).

AQ's Piccone finished with 10 carries for 128 yards, and Fischer carried the ball 19 times for 86 yards. Defensively, Phil Gruttadauria had 13 solo tackles for AQ.

Little Irish Coach Bob D'Ejore said, "Our whole philosophy all year has been we'll bend a little but we won't break. We only bent once."

McQuaid's Christian Klein was 6-for-16 for 101 yards with one interception, and Dickinsen ran for 102 yards.

Both teams are playing away on Nov. 3. Aquinas faces Franklin and McQuaid challenges East.

In other grid action, Bishop Kearney (1-6) was smothered by Greece Olympia, 41-0, on Oct. 27.

The Spartans started their scoring frenzy in the first quarter on a 14-yard run. They continued the demolition in the second quarter, adding touchdown runs of six and 43 yards, as well as a 28-yard TD pass to establish a 27-0 lead at the break.

Touchdown runs of one-yard and seven-yards in the third quarter finished the scoring for the Spartans.

Kings' Coach Nick Teta said his players did the best they could against the sectional-bound Spartans.

"We were just out-matched," said the BK coach.

With no hope for a sectional bid, Bishop Kearney will travel to Marshall on Nov. 3 to play its last game of the season.

Craig Stanton recorded his ninth shut-out of the season.

Little Irish Coach Gary LaPietra said the game was full of emotion on both sides.

"We wanted it more than they did," he said. "We got fired up right away, scoring early on and hanging in for the rest of the game."

Aquinas will play seventh-seeded Churchville-Chili (9-5-2) at Honeoye Falls-Lima on Oct. 31.

In other Class BB play, ninth-seeded Bishop Kearney was eliminated from sectional play after losing to top-seeded Pittsford-Mendon, 2-1, on Oct. 26.

Only 5:11 into the game, Greg Herbison scored for the Vikings on an assist from Jason Walker. Three minutes later, Peter Van Dyk found the back of the net after an assist from Mike Harrigan to make the score 2-0 at the half.

Jason Floreano scored Kearney's lone goal with 18 minutes left in the game. Dan Finnegan assisted on the tally. BK could not get the equalizer.

Mendon's two quick goals in the first half made the game an uphill battle all the way for Kearney, Coach Greg Schuber said after the game.

Kearney won its first-round match against Greece Arcadia on Oct. 23, 2-0. The Kings' goals — both came late in the second half — were scored by Mark Petzing and Jim Kost.

Kearney finished 11-8 for the season. Greece Arcadia finished (9-7-2).

In Section 4 Class C play, second-seeded Notre Dame (10-7-1) thrashed Seton Catholic 5-1 on Oct. 27 to advance in the Class C sectionals.

Eric Sira and Mike Ramich gave the Crusaders a 2-0 lead at the break.

In the second half, Mike Creighton collected one goal and one assist. Sean McCarthy and Rob Stiles also scored goals in the second half to ice the game.

Crusaders' Coach Henry Ferguson said the win over Seton Catholic marked ND's first sectional victory since 1986, when Notre Dame won the Class C title.

"Hopefully we can repeat it," he said.

The Crusaders will host Newark Valley in a Class C semifinal game on Oct. 30.

Only Our Lady of Mercy and Elmira Notre Dame remain in the hunt for sectional titles among diocesan high school girls' teams.

Before sectionals began, Mercy won the Private-Parochial League title with a 3-0 win over Bishop Kearney on Oct. 22. Julie Smith fired in two goals for Mercy — assisted once by Anne Carney. Sheila Doyle also scored for the Monarchs. Goalie Ellen Lennox had six saves for the shutout.

In the first round of sectional play in Section 5 Class A, fourth-seeded Mercy (12-3-1) blanked host and fifth-seeded Greece Olympia (9-8), 1-0, on Oct. 26.

Doyle scored on a breakaway 10 minutes into the second half for the game's only goal.

According to Mercy Coach Kathy Boughton, none of her teams have advanced to the sectional semifinals during her six-year tenure as coach.

The Monarchs will challenge top-seeded Penfield (17-1-1) at Brockport on Oct. 30.

Top-seeded Notre Dame (16-2-1) trounced Dryden (12-9), 5-1, in Section 4 Class D action on Oct. 27.

Scoring standouts Jenny Fagan (2 goals, 2 assists) and Claire Ramich (2 goals) paced the Crusaders. Kristina Brunner tallied a goal and an assist, and Melanie Crisco recorded two assists.

The Crusaders will battle Seton Catholic at a date not determined as of *Catholic Courier* press time.

In Section 5 Class BB, 10th-seeded Bishop Kearney absorbed a 3-1 loss against seventh-seeded Canandaigua (13-4-2) in a quarterfinal match on Oct. 24.

Kelly Sciaratta, Krista Brennessel and Greta Schardein scored for the Braves.

Janet D'Agostino scored the lone Kearney goal late in the second half.

BK coach Leo Teerlinck said his team

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