

DeSales set for sectionals; ND bowl-bound

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Elmira Notre Dame is headed for a bowl game and Geneva DeSales cruised into sectionals after both diocesan teams rolled to wins Nov. 2-3.

Meanwhile, Aquinas Institute crushed Franklin but it wasn't enough to earn the Little Irish a sectional berth.

McQuaid Jesuit and Bishop Kearney closed out the season with losses.

Notre Dame (8-1) squashed host Waverly (0-9), 40-7, on Nov. 2.

Geoff Woodworth and Pat Palmer teamed up to score ND's first 14 points. First, Woodworth rumbled 11 yards for a touchdown, and Palmer added the point after to give ND a 7-0 lead.

On the Crusaders' next possession, Woodworth raced 34 yards into the end zone for a score and Palmer booted the PAT to increase the margin to 14-0.

In the second quarter, Mike Bennett sprinted for 44 yards for a touchdown to increase the margin to 20-0. Palmer's kick increased the cushion to 21-0.

Later in the quarter, Rich O'Kane scored on a 13-yard interception return. Palmer's PAT failed, however, keeping the score 27-0.

The half ended 34-0 after a three-yard TD run by Woodworth and another Palmer extra-point kick.

On the opening kickoff of the third quarter, Palmer continued the scoring ambush as he blazed 87-yards for the score. Palmer's kick was blocked, but it didn't matter as ND enjoyed a 40-0 lead.

With three minutes left in the game, Wolverines' quarterback Mike Collins snuck into the endzone on a two-yard run, and Sean Sutton added the PAT to close out the scoring.

Woodworth finished with eight carries for 96 yards and three touchdowns. Bennett had 10 carries for 88 yards and one touchdown — all in the first half.

The Crusaders will host Binghamton Seton Catholic in the Section 4 bowl game on Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. D'Aloisio said his players are looking to redeem themselves for last year's bowl-game loss to Chenango Valley, 20-7.

In Section 5 grid action, Geneva DeSales (7-1) blanked Romulus, 36-0, at home on Nov. 3. The win clinched a three-way tie for the Finger Lakes West championship between DeSales, Clyde-Savannah and Lyons.

The Saints earned their first three points in the first quarter on a 27-yard field goal by John O'Neil.

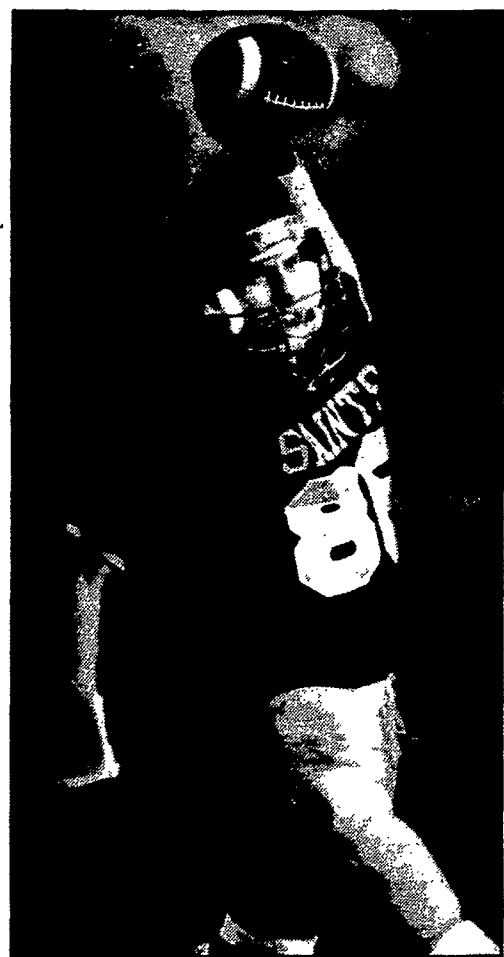
In the second quarter, Chris Lamson gathered in a nine-yard touchdown pass from Frank Pane Jr. O'Neil added the extra point for a 10-0 Saints' lead.

The same two players teamed up again minutes later when Lamson scored on a 28-yard pass from Pane. O'Neil booted another extra-point, increasing the margin to 17-0 at intermission.

O'Neil then dominated the third quarter when he scored on a four-yard run before adding a 12-yard score. Poor snaps on



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer
DeSales running back John O'Neil takes a tumble over Romulus' Mike Fleming during the first half of the Saints' 36-0 win over the Warriors Nov. 3. O'Neil rushed 17 times for 86 yards and scored two touchdowns.



Tight end Chris Lamson scored this second quarter touchdown for the 7-1 Saints. Lamson finished the game with two receptions for 37 yards and two touchdowns.

conversion attempts kept O'Neil from adding the PATs, but the Saints still enjoyed a 29-0 cushion.

Matt Tette, who sat out most of the season with a broken arm, returned to the lineup and scored DeSales' final TD on a one-yard run. O'Neil's kick was good to complete the scoring.

O'Neil rushed 17 times for 86 yards, scored two touchdowns and caught two passes for 42 yards. He also kicked three PATs and one field goal.

In addition to rushing for 70 yards on 15 carries, Tette caught one pass for 55 yards. Pane was 7-for-14 for 162 yards. Lamson finished with two receptions for 37 yards and two touchdowns. Todd Hardy had two catches for 48 yards.

Defensively, Chris Braselton registered eight tackles and two sacks, Brian Askin finished with seven tackles and one sack, Jim Vedora had six tackles and one sack, and Joe Vedora had five tackles and one interception.

The Saints, who are seeded No. 3 in Class D, will travel to Hornell to face second-seeded Cuba (6-0-1) on Nov. 11 at 4 p.m.

Unlike DeSales, Aquinas wasn't as fortunate in gaining a sectional berth. The Little Irish (5-2) clobbered Franklin (1-7), 24-6, but narrowly missed a sectional berth in Class AA.

Aquinas Coach Bob D'Ettore said his team's 18-6 loss to Edison on Oct. 6 cost his team a sectional bid. Instead, the Inven-

tors grabbed the fourth seed in Class AA.

In Aquinas' Nov. 3 game against Franklin, Jim Fischer scampered five yards to score in the first quarter. Mike Sloan's extra point gave the Little Irish a 7-0 lead.

Matt Piccone ran one-yard for AQ's next touchdown, and Sloan increased the margin to 14-0 with his PAT.

In the second quarter, Sloan kicked an 18-yard field goal to give the Little Irish a 17-0 lead at the break.

Piccone added a four-yard TD in the third quarter to balloon the lead to 23-0. Sloan was perfect with his third extra point to close out AQ's scoring.

The Quakers' Henderson Humphries gathered in a 15-yard pass from Rasheed Snow to put Franklin on the board in the last quarter, but the two-point conversion failed and the score remained 24-6.

Aquinas had 362 yards in total offense — all rushing.

Fischer carried the ball 28 times for 220 yards and Piccone carried 13 times for 83 yards. Defensively, Rick Roche had one interception and one fumble recovery for AQ.

The Little Irish will play a cross-over game against host Rush-Henrietta at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 10.

In what McQuaid Coach Tom Sprague called the worst defeat of his long coaching career, McQuaid (3-5) absorbed a 50-6 whipping at the hands of host East (8-0) on Nov. 3.

Sprague noted that with three injured starters — Eric Young, Paul Scanlon and Horatio Cummings — the Knights were severely shorthanded against the Orientals.

The Orientals scored 15 points in the first quarter on a 67-yard TD run and a 35-yard pass. East tallied 14 more points in the second quarter on touchdown passes of 35 yards and 9 yards. A 55-yard run in the third quarter gave East a huge 36-0 lead.

McQuaid's Dwight Walker scampered two-yards to score the Knights' only touchdown. McQ tried for two points on the conversion, but a pass from Christian Klein to Rich Rund was incomplete.

A 41-yard TD pass for the Orientals ended the third quarter, 43-6. East closed out the scoring with a 63-yard TD pass.

Sprague said his team was unable to stop East's wide-open passing attack.

Although the Knights did not qualify for sectionals, they will play one more game this season. McQuaid will face host Pittsford-Mendon in a cross-over game on Nov. 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Bishop Kearney suffered through its final game of the season with a 20-0 drubbing by Marshall on Nov. 3.

Kings' Coach Nick Teta noted that at least six injured BK starters — including Rene Ingoglia — missed the game.

Marshall scored on a 45-yard run in the second quarter, a 50-yard TD pass in the third quarter, and a 35-yard pass in the fourth quarter for its shutout win.

"It was just one of those games," said Teta.

Kearney finished its season 1-7.

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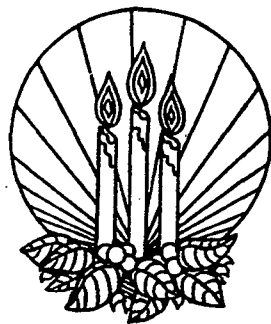
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