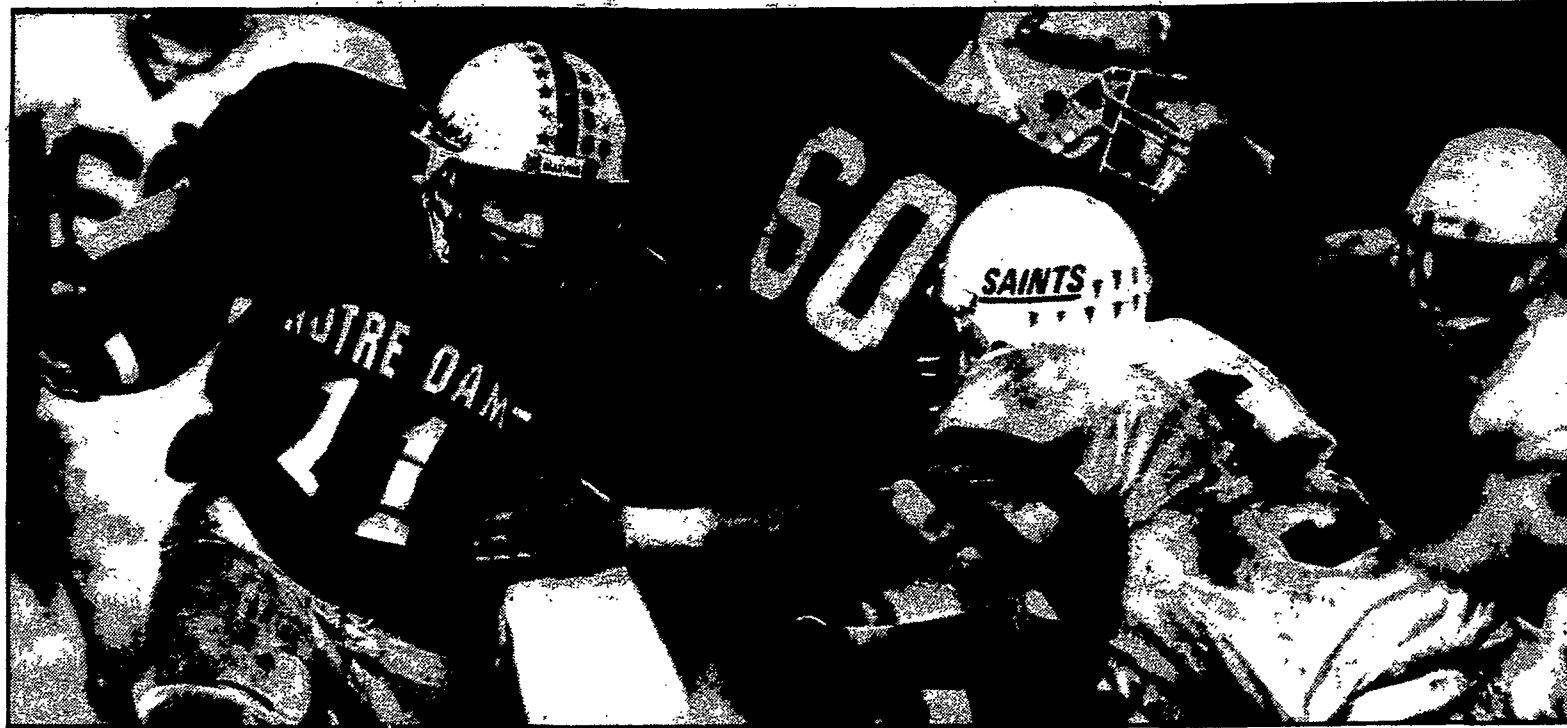




Elmira Notre Dame Coach Mike D'Aloisio cheers his players on during the Crusaders' win.



Notre Dame back Michael Bennett plows through the Seton Catholic defensive line during his team's 20-16 win over the Saints. Bennett carried the ball 30 times for 145 yards and two touchdowns. The Crusaders will travel downstate to Kingston for an inter-sectional game Nov. 17.

Notre Dame tops Seton in bowl; DeSales falls

By Barbara Ann Homick
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Elmira Notre Dame was the only diocesan high school football team to survive post-season play as the Crusaders nipped Binghamton Seton Catholic, 20-16, in the Section 4, Bowl 2 Game at Notre Dame on Nov. 9.

In the Section 5 grid playoffs, DeSales' season ended after the third-seeded Saints fell to second-seeded Cuba, 30-7, in a Class D semifinal game at Hornell on Nov. 11.

According to Notre Dame Coach Mike D'Aloisio, his Crusaders (9-1) were oblivious to the adverse weather conditions when they took the field against Seton

Catholic on Nov. 9.

D'Aloisio said his players had only one thing on their minds: to win and redeem themselves for last year's 20-7 loss to Chenango Valley in the bowl game.

Seton Catholic, however, dominated the first quarter. The Saints scored on their first possession when Adrian Lolly sprinted 22 yards for a touchdown. Chris Cummisky booted the extra point to give Seton Catholic a 7-0 lead.

As he did all season long, Geoff Woodworth came up with a big play in the second quarter when he picked up a fumble and scampered 62 yards into the end zone for a touchdown. Mike Bennett's attempt to run the ball for the two-point conversion failed, however, and the Crusaders still trailed 7-6.

Later in the quarter, Bennett answered back on a two-yard touchdown run. Geoff Woodworth was on the receiving end of his brother Bryan's conversion pass to give ND a 14-7 lead.

Seton's Cummisky nailed a 32-yard field goal as time expired in the second quarter to narrow the margin to 14-10 at intermission.

The Crusaders came out storming in the second half. Notre Dame put together a 66-yard scoring drive on its first possession. Bennett culminated the series with a four-yard TD run. Pat Palmer's kick was no good, making it a 20-10 ball game.

Later in the third quarter, Cummisky caught a 47-yard TD pass from Lolly. Cummisky's kick failed and the score remained 20-16.

After probably the biggest win in his high school coaching career, D'Aloisio recalled his pre-game pep talk with his players.

"I told them if we could play without any turnovers, penalties or mental mistakes, we would leave as Section 4, Bowl 2 champions. And that's exactly what



After recovering a Seton fumble, ND's Geoff Woodworth has nobody but this official by his side as he returns the ball 62 yards for a touchdown. The play proved to be the turning point in the Crusaders' win.

we did."

Notre Dame's offensive line played another strong game, opening up big holes for ND rushers, D'Aloisio said. As usual, the Crusaders' defense was stingy and aggressive, he added.

"We shut them down when we had to shut them down," the coach said.

Bennett finished with 30 carries for 145 yards, and two touchdowns. Bryan Woodworth was 13-for-23 passing for 139 yards.

Other offensive standouts included Brian Sheehan who had six catches for 43 yards. Chris O'Herron had five receptions for 59 yards, Mike Falzarano had one catch for 21 yards and Geoff Woodworth had one reception for 16 yards.

"These kids don't care who gets the credit," D'Aloisio said, "as long as the team is successful."

The Crusaders will travel to Kingston this Saturday, Nov. 17, for a 7:30 p.m. game against the Section 9 champion — either Saugerties or Roundout Valley.

In its Section 5 Class D semifinal game against Cuba, DeSales (7-2) kept things close for three quarters.

Both teams faced wet snow and gusty winds as winter arrived in Hornell just in time for the 4 p.m. game.

Cuba's Carl Johnson rumbled seven yards into the end zone to give the Greyhounds an early lead in the first quarter. The point-after failed, however, keeping the score at 6-0.

Johnson didn't stop there, however. He raced 26 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter to increase his team's lead. Doug Bunk ran for the two-point conversion, propelling the Greyhounds to a 14-0 advantage.

DeSales scored its lone touchdown of the game before the break as John Conner scampered one yard for a TD. John O'Neil booted the extra point, trimming the

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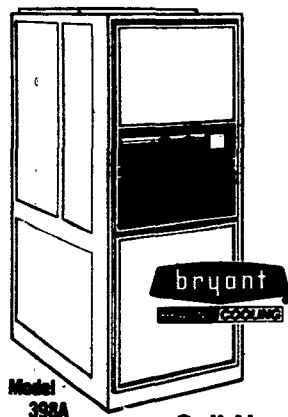
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