

Weather fails to wash away successful week

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Although heavy rains sent several diocesan high school boys' baseball games to the showers last weekend, Aquinas Institute, Bishop Kearney, McQuaid Jesuit and Geneva DeSales were perfect earlier in the week.

Aquinas (2-0 in the City-Catholic League, 3-2 overall) was rained out at Geneva High School on April 20 — the game has been rescheduled for 11 a.m. on May 11 — but Coach Rich Pillitter's Little Irish poured on the offense in two romps over City-Catholic League rivals earlier in the week.

Despite the damp weather on April 18, Aquinas clobbered host Marshall (1-2), 11-3. Senior pitcher Rob Burke (2-0) gave up only five hits and struck out 10 on his way to the win.

Senior Chris Quinlan had the hot bat for AQ, going 2-for-3 with one home run and two runs batted in against the Jurists.

Tony Bianchi also displayed some hitting power for Aquinas as the sophomore went 2-for-5 with two RBI, while senior Brian Renica finished 2-for-3 (2 RBI).

In their first game of the week, the Little Irish blanked visiting Franklin, 12-0, on April 16.

Right-handed sophomore Sam DiGaetano pitched six innings, allowing only three hits and striking out 12 Quakers (0-2).

Burke collected two doubles and three RBI, while senior Bob Rule plated five runs.

Bishop Kearney (2-0, 3-1) had its own share of success last week as the Kings won all three of their games — two against league opponents.

Although their April 20 game against visiting Waterloo was postponed due to bad weather, the Kings ruled the diamond during their three games earlier in the week.

On April 19, host Kearney handed non-league opponent Honeoye Falls-Lima a 9-6 loss. After pitching five innings, starting pitcher Steve Canali of BK received some relief in the sixth inning from senior Jamie



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer
Aquinas' Marcus Johnson slides safely into second base before the tag of Marshall's Rick Mercendetti during the Little Irish's 11-3 City-Catholic League win over the Jurists April 18.

Twist.

Steve Canali's brother, Mike, paced Kearney offensively with a second-inning home run.

In another home game, the Kings shut out Wilson, 12-0, on April 17.

Juniors Mark Andolina and Scott Delgatti combined for a no-hitter in that game. Both Kearney hurlers struck out four batters.

Kory Kuhns, Tom O'Brien, Mark Keenan and Brian Gefell led the Kings offensively by scoring two runs each.

Andolina was the difference in another league battle on April 16, as the Kings nipped host Marshall, 7-6.

Andolina took the mound in the sixth to relieve winning pitcher Twist. The pressure was on the junior pitcher as he entered the game against Marshall with the tying run on third base.

Andolina came through as he struck out the next hitter to finish the inning. He breezed through the seventh inning to nail down the save.

Gefell provided the offensive punch for the Kings as he hit a single, double and triple during the game.

The bad weather postponed McQuaid Jesuit's home game against Rush-Henrietta on April 20. The non-league contest had not been rescheduled as of *Catholic Courier* press time.

McQuaid (2-0, 2-3), however, cruised through the early part of the week with impressive wins over two league rivals.

On April 18, the Knights crushed visiting Franklin, 13-3.

Winning pitcher Pat Derleth went the entire way for McQuaid, yielding only three hits and recording nine strike outs.

Earlier in the week, McQuaid won a tougher battle over host East (0-1, 0-3), 5-3, on April 16.

McQuaid's Greg Weishaar gave up only three hits over seven innings while striking out 10.

Jim Viscardi collected two hits and scored three runs, while Barney iced two hits.

Over in Class D, undefeated Geneva DeSales (5-0, 5-0) ran its winning streak to 45 straight as the Saints took both of last week's matches.

The Saints visited South Seneca on April

19 and handed the Falcons a 8-6 defeat in eight innings.

Frank Pane Jr. pitched a five-hitter to record the win. He finished with seven strikeouts and only one walk.

Jim McDermott and Pane recorded three hits each for the Saints. Ed Marsteiner had two hits for DeSales.

On April 16, the Saints trounced visiting Honeoye Falls-Lima, 12-1.

Joe Vedora pitched a seven-hitter, striking out three and walking none. DeSales finished with seven hits for the game.

Over in Section 4 Class C, Elmira Notre Dame (1-0, 6-2) dropped its second game of the season as Sayre (Pa.) thwarted the host Crusaders, 6-3, on April 16.

ND Coach John Cain said that although Mike Bennett pitched fairly well throughout the game, he had seen better performances from the senior hurler. He added that his squad didn't hit too well, either.

ND's April 15 game against Canton (Pa.) was cancelled due to the weather.

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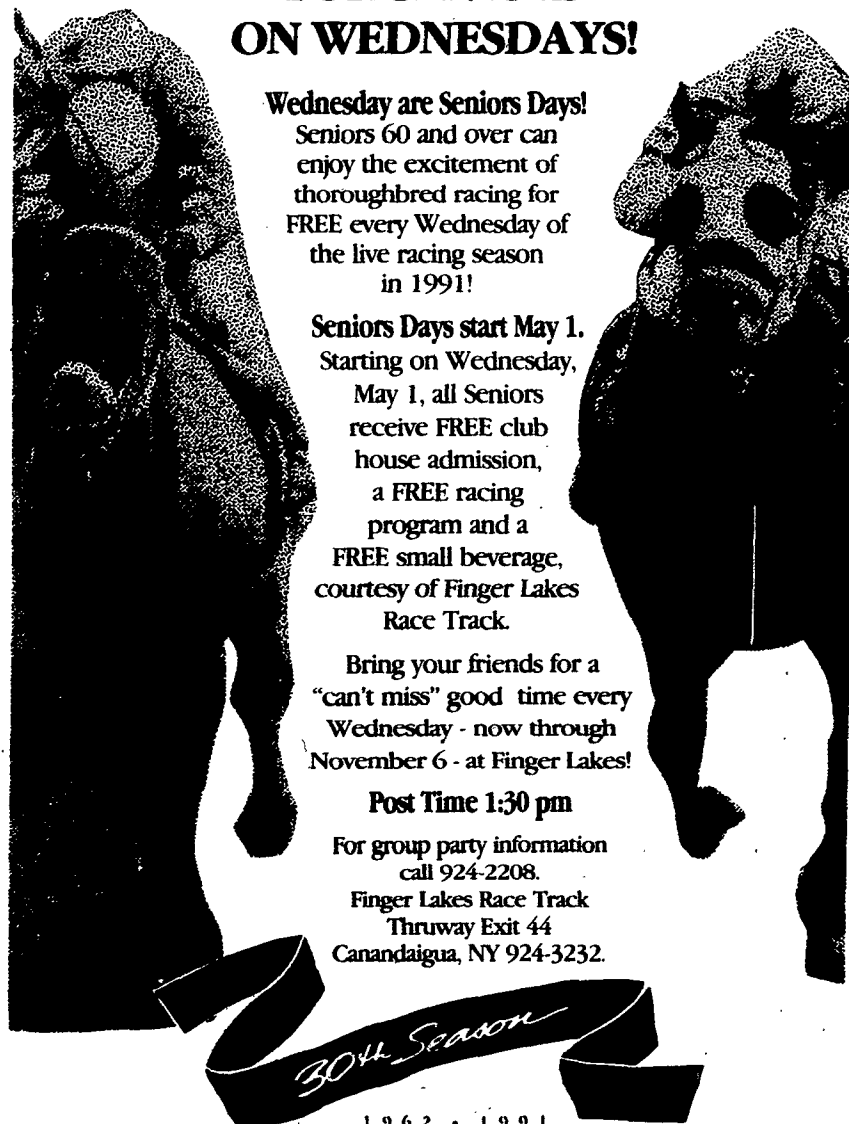
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Aquinas Institute (0-1, 0-4)	April 15	WILSON, ppd. (May 23)
	April 17	BISHOP KEARNEY 12, Aquinas 6
	April 19	Livonia 12, AQUINAS 3
	April 20	OLYMPIA TOURNEY, ppd. (April 26)
Bishop Kearney (2-0, 5-3)	April 15	EAST ROCHESTER, ppd.
	April 19	Penfield 17, BISHOP KEARNEY 7
Geneva DeSales (2-2, 2-2)	April 16	Honeoye 17, DESALES 2
	April 17	DESALES 25, Naples 21
Elmira Notre Dame (0-1, 4-1)	April 15	Canton (Pa.), cancelled
	April 17	Notre Dame 18, ATHENS 3
	April 19	NOTRE DAME 8, Edison 0
	April 20	Sayre (Pa.), ppd. (May 11)
Our Lady of Mercy (1-1, 4-6)	April 16	MERCY 17, Edison 5
	April 17	Mercy 15, NAZARETH 10
	April 18	Mercy 20, MARSHALL 3
	April 19	IRONDEQUOIT 15, Mercy 2
Nazareth Academy (0-1, 2-3)	April 19	NAZARETH 19, Edison 9
	April 20	OLYMPIA TOURNEY, ppd. (April 26)

Varsity Lacrosse

Bishop Kearney (0-0, 0-0)	April 18	Mynders 12, BISHOP KEARNEY 10 (OT)
	April 20	FAIRPORT 12, Bishop Kearney 5

*Post record in italics, second is overall. Home teams are in capital letters.