## Lasers bounce back; Irish rally beats Kings



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Inconsistency is the name of the game this year for diocesan high school girls' softball teams.

Only Nazareth Academy came out ahead of the game after the busy week. The only blemish for the Lasers (1-3 in the Private-Parochial League, 9-7 overall) last week occurred in the finals of the Eastridge Tournament on May 11. The Lasers fell to the tourney's host, 16-2.

Although Nazareth pitcher Stacey Doran walked none, she couldn't strike anybody out either. The Lasers had seven hits in the loss, including singles from Jenny Olley in the first and fifth innings; a single from Linda Iekel in the second; and a single from Donna Sergeant in the fifth.

In the first round of the tourney, the Lasers clipped Newark, 15-9, on May 11.

Iekel allowed five hits and walked 10 over five innings. Although the Lasers managed to win, Coach Dave Pisano said walks continue to hurt his team.

Offensively, Bernadette Fetzner (2-for-2) tripled and doubled in the third inning. In fact, Nazareth scored eight of its 15 runs — mostly on bunts and steals — in the third inning.

In the first game of a doubleheader against host Marshall on May 9, Nazareth crushed the Jurists, 23-5, in non-league action.

Doran hurled a five-hitter with two strikeouts and two walks.

Olley iced a pair of doubles, one in the first and the other in the fourth. Kris Greblewski recorded two singles and a double, and Sergeant collected a double, two singles and four RBI.

In the second game, Nazareth clobbered Marshall again, 14-4, behind the no-hit pitching of Olley.

The Nazareth hurler finished with six strikeouts and nine walks. The Lasers notched eight runs in the second inning, including a grand-slam by Olley.

Yvonne Gogoll cracked two singles and notched four RBI in the win.

In a league game against host Mercy, the Lasers nipped the Monarchs, 8-6, on May 8.

Iekel pitched a five-hitter and walked eight. In fact, Mercy was able to score three runs on walks in the fifth inning.

The Lasers took an early 3-0 lead in the first inning and ballooned it to 6-1 after the second. Olley came through with another home run in the third inning. Fetzner doubled in the first stanza and Sergeant doubled in the second.

Mercy's Brenda Seitz allowed 10 hits in the game, walking six and striking out three. Mercy cracked only six hits in the game. Colleen Cook (3-for-4), Ellen Lennox (2-for-2) and Sue Schäeffer (1-for-4) led the Monarchs' attack.

Nazareth's home game on May 6 against Aquinas — called after five innings because of rain — was scheduled to be picked up on May 14.

In addition to the loss to Nazareth, Our Lady of Mercy (3-2, 9-8) fell to host Eastridge, 8-7, on May 9.

The Monarchs controlled the lead until a late rally provided the Lancers with three runs in the sixth inning and four more in the seventh. With the bases loaded in the seventh, Eastridge plated the winning run on a sacrifice fly.

The Monarchs notched a 4-1 league win over Bishop Kearney at Cobbs Hill on May 9. The league game was originally scheduled for May 6 but was postponed due to the rain.

In the second inning, Julie Sasso reached on an error and Kelly Terpstra drove her in



Bishop Kearney's Amy Murphy collides with Sheila Maloney of Aquinas as she slides safely into second. The Little Irish handed the Kings a 5-4 loss during the May 8 match-up.

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The Kings scored their lone run in the third inning as lead-off batter Julie Hall singled and two other singles pushed her over the plate. Alissa Gunerra notched one RBI for the Kings.

Mercy iced the win in the final innings, as Mary Beth Cleary led off the sixth with a double, Lennox brought her home on a single and Chris Sibilio drove in Lennox with a single.

The Monarchs clobbered host Edison, 20-8, on May 7. Mercy led by just 7-4 in the top of the fourth, but the Monarchs blew the game open with 13 runs in the inning. a Seitz went the distance giving up seven

another error brought her home.

Terpstra led off the seventh with a single

and advanced to second on an error before

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