

Baseball teams look ready for sectionals

INSTANT REPLAY



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As the end of the regular season nears and the sectionals loom ever closer, diocesan high school boys' baseball teams appear to be putting it all together.

McQuaid Jesuit was the only team to lose last week and that defeat came at the hands of league rival Aquinas.

Bishop Kearney (11-0 in the City-Catholic League, 16-3 overall) had no trouble improving on its already impressive season last week. Undefeated in the league so far, the Kings were a perfect 4-0 last week.

Although the Kings' home game against Eastridge on May 18 was cancelled due to sloppy field conditions, the weather and pitcher Scott Delgatti were outstanding when Kearney blanked host Franklin, 15-0, on May 16.

Scott Delgatti pitched a no-hitter over five innings, striking out five Quakers.

Bob McGrail (4-for-5) cracked a double in the fourth inning, sliced three singles and drove in three runs to lead the Kearney attack. Mark Keenan (3-for-5) launched a double in the third inning and plated three runs.

Other offensive standouts included Tom O'Brien (2-for-4), who iced a double in the third inning and had three RBI, and Brian Gefell, who tripled in the first inning and had a single in the fifth to finish with three RBI.

On May 15, the Kings clobbered visiting East, 13-3.

Keenan (3-for-3) was perfect as he cracked three singles and registered three RBI. Gefell (2-for-4) tripled in the fourth inning and notched five RBI. McGrail (2-for-2) tripled in the fourth and drove in one run.

Kearney hosted Edison on May 14 and clipped the Inventors, 5-1.

Mark Andolina gave up six hits and struck out eight batters.

Offensively, Gefell tripled in the fourth inning to drive home three runs and Keenan doubled in the sixth to bring home the Kings' final two runs.

Earlier in the week, Kearney blanked host Wilson, 18-0.

Steve Canali hurled three innings before Twist stepped in to finish the game in relief. The two Kearney hurlers allowed four runs and struck out 11 Wildcats between them.

Gefell (4-for-5) collected three singles and doubled in the second inning, while Keenan (3-for-4) tripled in the third.

In other City-Catholic League action, the May 17 game between Aquinas Institute (8-2, 12-8) and host Wilson was postponed due to the heavy rain. On May 15, AQ

nipped league rival, McQuaid, 7-5, at home.

Rob Burke went the distance for the Little Irish, giving up seven hits, striking out nine and walking five.

Offensively, Burke went 3-for-4. Brian Renica drove in three runs and Tony Bianchi notched two RBI for the Irish.

Aquinas maintained a comfortable 7-0 lead in the top of the sixth, but the Knights rallied to score two runs in the sixth and three more in the seventh to put a little scare in the Irish.

Greg Weishaar hurled six innings for McQuaid. Dave Skvorak worked the last inning in relief.

In other action involving AQ, the Irish trounced visiting Wilson, 19-7, on May 14.

Bianchi pitched a two-hitter over five innings. The sophomore hurler gave up six runs, struck out six and walked eight.

Both Fanale and Rule went a perfect 3-for-3 and notched two RBI each.

On May 13, Aquinas blanked visiting Marshall, 11-0.

Fanale went the distance while giving up three hits and striking out four Jurists.

Chris Quinlan (3-for-4) notched five RBI. Jeremy Gioradano (3-for-5) and Rule (3-for-4) recorded three RBI each.

Despite its loss to Aquinas and the postponement of its May 17 game at Edison, McQuaid Jesuit (7-3, 8-10) posted an impressive 13-0 win over host Franklin on May 13.

According to McQ Coach Gerry Jarquin, Pat Colacino iced the win with a three-run homer in the fourth inning. In addition, John Barney doubled and tripled, notching four RBI.

Over in the Finger Lakes West, Geneva DeSales (11-1 league, 12-1 overall) had its 47-game winning streak stopped by Naples two weeks ago, but the Saints started another streak with two wins last week.

The Saints' league game against host Red Jacket was postponed until May 22 due to the rain.

On May 15, DeSales crushed visiting South Seneca, 10-2, in a Finger Lakes West contest.

Frank Pane Jr. allowed two hits and one run over five innings. The DeSales hurler struck out six and walked one.

Todd Hardy (3-for-4) came through in a big way with a two-run triple in the second inning. He also sliced two singles.

Sweeney tripled in the second, while Joe Vedora, Ed Marsteiner, Mark Higgins, John Conner and Parie all hit singles.

On May 13, the Saints trounced host Honeoye, 7-1.

Joe Vedora gave up four hits, struck out eight and walked one.

Offensively, Vedora collected two singles and two RBI. In addition to a third-inning double, Pane notched a single and recorded three RBI.

Down in Section 4, Elmira Notre Dame (4-7 in the Sullivan Trail Conference,



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer
Bishop Kearney's Tom Kennedy successfully scrambles back to first as McQuaid's Mark Birkett waits for the ball during the Kings' 8-5 win over the Knights on May 3.

10-11 overall) had its home game against Hornell rained out on May 17.

The Crusaders defeated host Horseheads, 8-4, in an STC game on May 15.

Mike Bennett went the distance with six strikeouts and seven walks. At the plate, Bennett (1-for-3) also notched one RBI.

H.R. Domineske (2-for-3) collected three RBI. Bryan Woodworth (2-for-3) plated one RBI, Rick Shaw (1-for-3) iced two RBI and Dave Darmstadt (1-for-2) had one RBI.

Earlier in the week, Notre Dame nipped visiting Corning East, 4-1, on May 13.

Darmstadt pitched a four-hitter while al-

lowing one unearned run. In addition, he struck out four and walked one.

The Crusaders got things going in the second inning as Geoff Woodworth reached on a bunt single. After Darmstadt and Bennett sacrificed Woodworth to third base, Brian Sheehan brought him home with a single.

In the fourth inning, Darmstadt singled and Bennett cracked a home run for two more runs.

After Sheehan walked and Domineske sacrificed in the seventh inning, Rick Shaw successfully executed a suicide squeeze to bring Sheehan home.

KEEPING PACE WITH ... Varsity Softball

Aquinas Institute (4-3, 4-7)	May 16	AQUINAS 11, Mercy 1
	May 18	AQUINAS 8, Nazareth 7
Bishop Kearney (5-2, 14-6)	May 13	BISHOP KEARNEY 8, NAZARETH 4
	May 15	BISHOP KEARNEY 28, Edison 22
	May 16	Bishop Kearney 4, MERCY 3
	May 18	Bishop Kearney 22, CALEDONIA 6
Elmira Notre Dame (4-7, 11-7)	May 13	NOTRE DAME 8, Corning East 2
	May 15	HORSEHEADS 5, Notre Dame 1
	May 17	HORNELL, ppd.
Geneva DeSales (5-6, 5-6)	May 13	HONEOYE 16, DeSales 7
	May 15	South Seneca 20, DESALES 8
	May 17	RED JACKET, ppd. (May 22)
Nazareth Academy (2-4, 10-9)	May 13	Bishop Kearney 8, NAZARETH 4
	May 16	AQUINAS 8, Nazareth 7
Our Lady of Mercy (3-4, 9-12)	May 13	AQUINAS 11, Mercy 1
	May 14	Irondequoit 5, MERCY 4
	May 15	Wilson 19, MERCY 7
	May 16	Bishop Kearney 4, MERCY 3

Varsity Lacrosse

Bishop Kearney (5-13)	May 14	BISHOP KEARNEY 6, McQuaid 5
	May 17	BISHOP KEARNEY 9, Waterloo 4
	May 18	Fairport 21, BISHOP KEARNEY 5
McQuaid Jesuit (6-10)	May 14	BISHOP KEARNEY 6, McQuaid 5
	May 16	McQuaid 7, BLOOMFIELD 4
	May 18	Pittsford 6, MCQUAID 3

* First record is league; second is overall. Home teams in CAPS.

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