Kearney girls beat AQ, take title

By Barbara Ann Homick Staff writer

Not to be outdone by the Kearney boys, who won the City-Catholic League title last week, the Bishop Kearney girls' clinched the Private-Parochial League crown with a 12-11 win over visiting Aquinas on May 20.

Pitcher Kathy Molinari notched the win for Kearney (7-2 in the league, 17-7 overall), giving up nine hits, striking out four and walking five.

The Little Irish had a strong third inning as they scored 11 runs. Sheila Maloney and Sarah Bierley came through with doubles during the AQ onslaught.

Although Aquinas held a 11-4 lead after the fourth inning, the Kings rallied to win the game by scoring eight runs in the last two innings.

Kristin Greblewski scored the winning run as she scored from third base on a passed ball.

In other action involving Kearney last week, the Kings crushed visiting Nazareth, 13-5, on May 22.

On May 23, the Kings clipped host East Rochester, 17-13, in non-league softball action.

Amy Murphy (3-for-4) cracked a threerun homer in the second inning and drove in four runs.

On May 24, BK lost to host Rush-Henrietta, 9-6.

Murphy (2-for-4) tripled in the first inning and notched two RBI. Dana Winterroth (4-for-4) sliced four singles and se-

cured two RBI.

The Kings, who received a first-round bye in the Section 5 girls' Class BB softball tourney, will play the winner of the game between No. 5 Eastridge and No. 12 Aquinas on June 1 at McAvoy Park.

Nazareth Academy (2-7, 11-11) secured the seventh seed in Class B after losing to Bishop Kearney, 13-5, on May 22; blanking Harley-Allendale Columbia, 14-0, on May 21; and falling to Mercy, 12-7, on May 20.

The Lasers were slated to host No. 10 Attica on May 29. Nazareth would advance to play second-seeded Penn Yan at McAvoy Park on May 31 with an openinground win.

In other action involving Private-Parochial League teams, Our Lady of Mercy (4-5, 11-13) blanked visiting Rush-Henrietta, 3-0, in non-league action on May 23.

Mercy fell to visiting Aquinas, 6-5, on May 22.

Back-to-back doubles by Nina Cimino and Clare Stortini in the first inning, a triple by Sandy Petty in the third and a double by Maloney in the fourth helped Aquinas build an early lead over the Monarchs.

In fact, Mercy could not muster a hit until late in the game. With AQ leading 6-1 in the seventh inning, Mercy rallied and actually had the winning run on second base with two outs. But AQ's Cimino dashed the Monarchs' hopes for a win as she gathered in a fly ball to end the rally.

On May 20, Mercy defeated host Na-

zareth, 12-7.

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The 10th-seeded Monarchs were scheduled to play No. 7 Batavia on May 28 in the opening round of the Class BB sectionals. If Mercy got by the Blue Devils, the Monarchs would face second-seeded Greece Arcadia on June 1.

In addition to the loss to Kearney and the win over Mercy, Aquinas (5-4, 6-9) trounced visiting Wilson, 15-4, on May 24.

Aquinas, seeded No. 12 in Class BB, was scheduled to play fifth-seeded Eastridge on May 28. A win over Eastridge would set up the quarterfinal match-up against fourth-seeded Bishop Kearney.

Over in Class D, Geneva DeSales (6-8, 6-8) fell to host South Seneca, 21-7, in a Finger Lakes West battle on May 23.

Leading 7-2 after five innings, South Seneca scored 14 runs in the top of the sixth to balloon the margin to 21-2.

The Saints fell to league host Red Jacket, 21-7, on May 22.

In their last regular-season game, the Saints crushed visiting Dundee, 21-2, on May 21.

Offensively, Jenkins (3-for-3) doubled in the second inning and tripled in the third; Boncaro (2-for-4) doubled in the third and cracked a single; Sharon Rose tripled in the second inning, doubled in the third and sliced two singles; and Karen Campbell and Cecilia McCann cracked three singles each.

In the Class D tourney, the fifth-seeded Saints were scheduled to play No. 12 Rushford at Geneseo on May 29. DeSales



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer Megan Jenkins of DeSales (right) beats the ball to third base as Red Jacket's Sherry Bouwens attempts to tag her out during the Saints' 21-7 loss to the Indians May 22.

would advance to play No. 4 Richburg at Cohocton on May 31 with a win over Rushford.

Over in Section 4, second-seeded Elmira Notre Dame (4-7 in the Sullivan Trail Conference, 11-7 overall) drew a first-round bye in the Class C sectionals.

Ranked among the top teams in the state in the latest Class C-D poll of girls' softball teams, ND was slated to play the winner of the game between No. 7 Windsor and No. 10 Bainbridge-Guilford on May 28.

Kings set sights on sectionals after clinching league

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In the last week of regular-season action involving diocesan high school baseball teams, the Bishop Kearney Kings were crowned champions of the City-Catholic League and secured the top seed in the Section 5 Class BB sectionals.

The City-Catholic League title was decided in Kearney's 11-8 win over visiting Aquinas on May 24. The Little Irish (11-3, 15-9) needed to beat the Kings (13-1 in the league, 18-4 overall) to earn a share of the league crown.

After the Little Irish jumped out to a 6-2 lead over the Kings, Kearney rallied to tie the game, 6-6, in the top of the sixth inning. Tom Kennedy's single drove in two runs, including the equalizer, and Kory Kuhns singled to leftfield to drive home what proved to be the winning run.

The Kings then broke the game wide open in the top of the seventh by scoring five runs with two outs. Both Scott Delgatti and Brian Gefell finished 2-for-4 with a double, a single and three RBI each.

In earlier league action last week, the Kings defeated host Edison, 9-3, on May 22, and fell to visiting McQuaid, 11-1, on May 20.

Jim Dzakowic, who had three singles, led the offense for McQuaid. Jim Pashalidas and Pat Colacino cracked two singles each for the Knights.

As the top seed in Class BB, Kearney was slated to host No. 16 Wayne on Tuesday, May 28. If the Kings defeated the Eagles, they would play the winner of the game between eighth-seeded Geneva and ninth-seeded Victor on Friday, May 31.

Over in Class C, Geneva DeSales (12-2, 14-2) earned the top seed in the upcoming sectional tournament. Unlike the Kings, however, the Saints were forced to share the Finger Lakes -West title with Red Jacket. The Indians earned the tie for the league crown after upsetting the visiting Saints, 8-2, on May 22.

Joe Vedora pitched four innings and allowed all eight Red Jacket runs.

The Saints could muster only seven hits, including two singles by Frank Pane Jr.

DeSales clobbered visiting Dundee, 22-4, on May 21.

Pane collected a triple, a double and three singles; Ed Marsteiner iced a double and four singles; Jim and Joe Vedora each launched a double and two singles; and Brian Askin had three singles.

The top-seeded Saints were scheduled to host 16th-seeded Wheatland-Chili on May 28. Barring a huge upset, the Saints will play the winner of the game between No. 8 Scio and No. 9 Pavilion on May 31.

Back in the City-Catholic League, the Little Irish collected two wins last week despite losing out on the chance to share the league crown.

Aquinas trounced host East, 15-5, on May 22. Sam DiGaetano and Tony Fanale pitched for AQ, keeping the Orientals in check while the Irish bats did lots of damage. Offensively, Rob Rule (3-for-4) had five RBI for AQ. McQuaid Jesuit (10-4, 11-1) was busy last week as the Knights recorded two shutouts, the league win over Kearney and one loss.

On May 24, the Knights blanked host Wilson, 12-0, in a league game.

Freshman Matt Barbato was the leadinghitter for McQuaid, lashing a long triple in the third inning, two singles and three RBI. Christian Klein collected a double, a single and three RBI while Pat Colacino sliced two singles and notched two RBI.

The Knights recorded another 12-0 shutout against visiting league for Marshall on May 22.

At the plate, John Barney launched a home run in the second inning and Chris Davis cracked a homer in the fourth.

McQuaid fell to host Edison, 5-4, on May 21.

The Knights could only muster four hits against Edison pitchers, including two singles by Matt Glavin.

No. 13 McQuaid was scheduled to travel to Hilton to play the fourth-seeded Cadets



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The Irish also nipped visiting Edison, 7-6, on May 20.

Chris Smith was the winning pitcher for AQ. The key play of the game came on a three-run single by Brian Renica in the sixth inning.

In the Class BB tourney, the eighthseeded Little Irish were scheduled to host ninth-seeded Canandaigua on May 28.

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Over in Section 4, Elmira Notre Dame (5-7 in the Sullivan Trail Conference, 11-11 overall) clipped host Hornell, 10-7, in an STC game on May 21.

Offensively, H.R. Domineske cracked a bases-loaded double in the sixth inning to notch two RBI. Aaron Meekos cracked a two-run single in the fifth.

The Crusaders, who are seeded No. 3 in the Class C tourney, drew a first-round bye in the sectionals. ND was scheduled to travel to Johnson City to play No. 6 Walton on May 28.

