

AQ (3-0) still perfect; Clyde rocks DeSales

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Aquinas, Bishop Kearney and Elmira Notre Dame cruised to easy victories in high school football last weekend, compiling impressive offensive yardage in the process.

Both McQuaid Jesuit and Geneva DeSales were shut out, keeping both teams winless three weeks into the season.

Aquinas Institute remained unbeaten after coasting to a 34-14 victory over host Greece Olympia in a non-league game on Saturday, Sept. 28.

The Little Irish (3-0) had a big day offensively, finishing with a total of 362 yards — 344 on the ground and 18 through the air. Matt Piccone and Robert Smart led the onslaught for AQ. Piccone scored four touchdowns on 30 carries for 224 yards. Smart finished with nine rushes for 102 yards.

Aquinas jumped out to an early lead on a 24-yard TD run by Piccone in the first quarter. Mark Sloan added the extra point to make the score 7-0. Later in the opening quarter, Greece Olympia answered back to tie the game on a 68-yard touchdown reception by Mike Siesto. Dave Oevaltay's extra point tied the game, 7-7.

The Spartans never got any closer, however, as the charging Little Irish — mainly Piccone — scored the game's next 27 points.

"The key to winning the game was controlling Olympia's offense and our offense being successful in marching the ball down the field," said Aquinas Head Coach Joe Munno.

The Spartans other score came late in the fourth quarter on a 69-yard run by Andy Thorensen.

The Little Irish will attempt to stay unbeaten as they play at Bishop Kearney this Friday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

The Kings improved their record to 2-1 on the season as Kearney dominated host Syracuse Bishop Grimes, 26-6, in a non-league battle on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Three Kearney backs surpassed the 100-yard mark as the Kings' offensive line controlled the line of scrimmage. Senior back Mark Tytler led all rushers with 134 yards and two touchdowns. Senior Demond Mack rushed for 101 yards on 12 carries and sophomore Sherrad Sloan rushed for 100 yards on two carries — including an impressive 93-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

Bishop Kearney racked up a whopping

417 yards of total offense during the game.

The Kings led just 6-0 at the half before busting the game wide open with 20 points in the fourth quarter. Bishop Grimes scored its only touchdown on a five-yard run in the final quarter.

The win should prove a good tune-up for the Kings as they attempt to knock Aquinas from the unbeaten ranks on Oct. 4.

McQuaid Jesuit's frustrated offense continued to struggle as the Knights (0-3) lost to host Marshall, 12-0, in a City-Catholic League on Saturday, Sept. 28. The Jurists improved to 2-0-1.

The game's first points did not come until six minutes into the third quarter, when Marshall's Ronald Roper scored on a four-yard TD run.

McQuaid lost an opportunity to pull even and possibly go ahead late in the fourth quarter. The Knights drove the ball 50 yards before fullback Dwight Walker fumbled the ball with three minutes left in the game.

The Jurists capitalized on the miscue, scoring a late touchdown with two minutes left to ice the win.

McQuaid quarterback Christian Klein finished 10-of-19 for 100 yards. Marshall quarterback William Worth completed 5-of-10 passes for 100 yards, including two interceptions.

The Knights will try for their first victory of the season at Edison this Saturday, Oct. 5. The City-Catholic League game is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Unbeaten Clyde-Savannah (3-0) clobbered injury-plagued Geneva DeSales, 53-0, in a Finger Lakes West game played at DeSales on Saturday, Sept. 28.

The Saints fell to 0-3 for the season. The Golden Eagles scored 13 points in the first quarter before they ran their first offensive play — returning the opening kickoff for a touchdown, and scoring on an intercepted pass. Clyde led 33-0 at the half.

DeSales finished with only 15 yards of total offense. The Saints' offense was anything but full strength as DeSales played without leading-rusher John LeRoy and leading-receiver Chris Lamson. Both players were injured during the Saints' Sept. 21 game against Red Jacket.

DeSales Head Coach Mark McChayne said the inexperienced Saints were victimized by poor tackling against the Golden Flyers.

Last year, a veteran DeSales team shocked Clyde 9-7. Ten of the seniors



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer
SOCCKER SHUTOUT — Nazareth Academy's Christine Starapoli (left) races for control of the ball against Mimi LaMagna of Mercy High during the Monarchs' 8-0 win at home Sept. 28. Sheila Doyle (three goals) and Carol Ganey (two goals) led the attack for 6-2-1 Mercy.

from that team graduated last June.

DeSales will travel to South Seneca for a league game on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 1 p.m.

Over in Section 4, Notre Dame (2-1) got back on the winning track by crushing Waverly, 34-6, in a Division 4 game at Southport's Brewer Memorial Stadium on Friday, Sept. 27.

The Crusaders dominated the game from the opening play, opening up a 14-0 lead in the first quarter.

Notre Dame jumped to an early lead when Bryan Woodworth fired a 24-yard touchdown pass to Mike Falzarano. Pat Palmer's successful kick made the score

7-0.

Later in the opening quarter, Palmer rushed for a 12-yard TD run. He added the extra point to up the score to 14-0.

The Crusaders added to their lead in the third quarter when they added two more scores.

The only score for the struggling Wolverines came three minutes into the fourth quarter on a 59-yard touchdown pass.

Notre Dame collected 374 yards of total offense. Waverly finished with 200 yards.

The Crusaders will return to action on Friday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. when they host crosstown rival Thomas Edison.

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