

# Three soccer teams advance to sectional semis

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The early rounds of sectional play proved harsh for diocesan high school soccer teams. Only McQuaid advanced to the semifinals among the boys' teams, while Mercy and Aquinas advanced to the semis of the girls' tournament.

In action from the boys' Section 5 Class A tournament, McQuaid's Steve Roehrig scored all four goals as the host and fourth-seeded Knights trounced sixth-seeded Edison 4-0 in the quarterfinals on Oct. 24.

A senior forward who has tallied 22 goals this season, Roehrig scored two goals in each half. Jim Pashalidis assisted on two of Roehrig's goals.

McQuaid goalie Colin Lennon recorded eight saves as the Knights (12-3-4) outshot the Inventors (8-3-2) 18-6.

The Knights were scheduled to play top-seeded Penfield (15-0-3) in the Class A semifinals at Spencerport on Oct. 30. The two teams met at Penfield Sept. 28, when the Chiefs pulled out an exciting 3-2 victory late in the contest.

In action in boys' Class BB, fifth-seeded Aquinas (12-7) fell to host and fourth-seeded Greece Arcadia (13-3-2), 3-0 in the quarterfinals on Oct. 24.

Little Irish Coach Gary LaPietra said the game was closer than the score might indicate. The two teams were scoreless until the 16-minute mark of the first half, when Arcadia's Josh Sonoga netted a penalty kick.

Neither team was able to score again until deep into the second half when — with 10 minutes left in regulation — LaPietra moved up his defenders to put more players on the attack. The move enabled Arcadia to score two goals on breakaways.

Irish goalie Josh Gleason recorded nine saves in the game.

In boys' Class B action, top-seeded Newark (11-3-3) ousted visiting Bishop Kearney (5-12) 2-1 on Oct. 26. Derek Mercury scored the lone goal for the eighth-seeded Kings.

And in Section 4, Class C play, eighth-seeded Elmira Notre Dame fell to top-seeded Whitney Point, 3-0, in a quarterfinal game at Whitney Point on Oct. 26.

The Crusaders (7-12-1) had advanced to the quarterfinals by nipping Watkins Glen 3-2 in overtime Oct. 23.

ND's Jani Rasanen netted a penalty kick



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer  
Aquinas' David Pereira gains control of the ball despite pressure from Arcadia's Greg Smith during the Little Irish's sectional loss at Arcadia on Oct. 24.

with 1:34 in overtime to secure the win over Watkins Glen. Brian Milford scored twice for the Crusaders during regulation.

In the Section 5 Class A girls' tournament, Mercy's Sheila Doyle picked up right where she left off in the regular season. The offensive dynamo tallied three goals during the second-seeded Monarchs' 4-0 win over seventh-seeded and visiting Fairport Oct. 26.

Doyle, who registered her 28th goal of the season and 95th in her career, scored 10 minutes into the game to give Mercy (10-2-2) a 1-0 lead.

The senior scored two more goals in the second half. Lisa Bothelo recorded her first goal of the season with four minutes left in the contest to ice the win. Carol Ganey registered an assist on Graney's goal.

Mercy goalie Ellen Lennox recorded five saves as the Monarchs outshot the Red Raiders (6-10-2) 29-10. The shutout was Lennox's ninth of the season.

Mercy was scheduled to play sixth-seeded Rush-Henrietta (11-7-1) in a Class A semifinal game at Brockport High School Oct. 30.

In Class BB play, second-seeded Aquinas (15-2-2) thwarted seventh-seeded Greece Arcadia (10-7-1) 3-1 at Aquinas Oct. 27.

Marcie Meagher raced the length of the field just 30 second into the game to record the first of her two goals in the opening half. Meagher has recorded 16 goals for the season.

Michele Khuns, who has 20 goals for the season, finished off the scoring with a second-half goal. The Little Irish outshot Arcadia 16-3 for the game.

AQ was scheduled to play in the Class BB semifinals Oct. 30 at Wayne against top-seeded Newark (15-1).

In Class B play, third-seeded and host Penn Yan (11-6) ousted sixth-seeded Bishop Kearney (6-12-1) 2-0 on Oct. 26.

After a scoreless first half, Penn Yan exploded for two goals in the second half.

Kings' goalie Jenny Vito recorded 15 saves as Kearney was outshot 20-7 for the game.

In Section 4 Class C, fourth-seeded Trumansburg upset host and top-seeded Notre Dame 2-1 Oct. 25.

The Crusaders, winners of the Sullivan Trail Conference championship and ranked among the top teams in the state Class C-D poll this season, finished 13-3-1.

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