

BK lacrosse stops slide with 8-3 win

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After a rather rocky start to the season, an 8-3 win over host Waterloo on April 25 was a welcome relief for the Bishop Kearney High School lacrosse team.

Saturday's victory broke a three-game losing streak and improved the Kings' record to 2-5. The three goals allowed was a season-best for the BK defense.

The Kings broke away from a 3-2 halftime lead by outscoring Waterloo 2-0 in the third quarter and 3-1 in the final period. Chuck O'Loughlin and Derek Mercury collected three goals each, and Steve Dinger and Bob Gorski added BK's other goals.

In addition to goalie Mike McDonald's 21 saves, outstanding defensive play was turned in by Sean Palmer, Steve Lynch and Andy Schmitz.

"We played well. We scored five goals in man-up situations, which is something we hadn't been doing," said Coach John Kleehammer.

Earlier last week, the Kings were defeated 14-4 by Webster on April 21 and 8-3 by Mynderse Academy on April 22 in a pair of home games.

Also struggling against Webster was McQuaid Jesuit (2-3), which was dealt a 15-6 defeat by the host Warriors on April 22. That followed a 12-3 loss at Penfield on April 21.



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McQuaid Jesuit's Mark Campanelli (25) and Dave Vallese (12) scramble for a loose ball along with Webster's Frank Miklouchich (16) during a non-league lacrosse game April 22. The Warriors went on to defeat the Knights, 15-6.

Rob Warren was McQ's top scorer in both contests, totaling two goals and one assist against Penfield and adding a three-goal, two-assist performance against Webster.

Although most Catholic high school baseball teams in the diocese were not in action last week due to Easter break, Aquinas Institute (2-3) was going full-tilt with three games. The Little Irish lost 5-4 at Batavia on April 20, won

10-9 over Greece Athena at Silver Stadium on April 23, and lost 4-1 at Webster on April 25.

During the Athena win, the Little Irish almost let a 10-3 lead slip away after they scored four runs in the second inning, five in the third and one in the fourth. Athena stormed back with a three-run fifth inning and added three more runs in the top of the seventh.

With one out in the seventh and the score at 10-9, relief pitcher Ron Miner entered the game and got the final two Trojan batters to ground out.

"Our pitchers have had a hard time holding leads," remarked Coach Rich Pillitter.

Offensive stars against Athena included Dave Khuns, who hit a three-run triple in the third inning; and Matt Delly, who added a two-run single in the second.

The Irish lost to Webster despite a strong pitching performance from Ken Keilman, who threw a seven-hitter against the Warriors.

In softball, last week featured a high-scoring Private-Parochial League game between Aquinas and Nazareth Academy. The game was played on



McQuaid's Jason Synowski (48) and Scott Wheeler (19) view the action from the sidelines.

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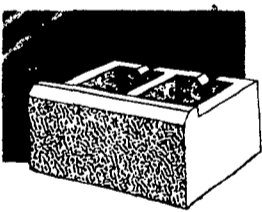
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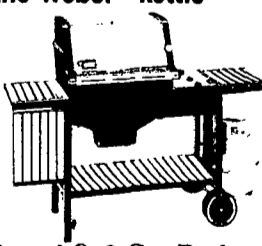
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