



Elmira Notre Dame's Katie Berliner slides safely into home with one of the Crusaders' 10 runs during their home victory over Corning East April 29.

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Softball squads roll up big wins

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Perhaps it's premature to say that Linda Iekel is the best all-around softball player in the history of Nazareth Academy.

But it would not be out of line to call Iekel's recent exploits the finest effort of any Laser over a one-week span. The junior pitcher broke a school record on offense (nine runs batted in) and then set another on defense (striking out 13 batters) in the very next game.

Not surprisingly, Nazareth (6-3) was victorious in both contests. The Lasers won 17-8 over host Our Lady of Mercy on April 28, and went on to an 8-3 victory over visiting Martin Luther of New York City on May 3.

Iekel broke the old Laser record of seven RBIs by going 6-for-6 against Mercy with four singles, a double and a triple. She came up four times in bases-loaded situations.

Also having a big outing against the Monarchs was Joanne Sojka, who drove in six runs. Amazingly, she and Iekel knocked in all but two of the Lasers' 17 runs.

In the win over Martin Luther, Iekel set a new Nazareth strikeout standard despite the fact that the game was shortened to six innings.

"Her confidence is just starting to get there. This team is so young, and she's starting to grow right with it," commented Head Coach Dave Pisano.

Also enjoying a big softball week was Geneva DeSales (4-4), which defeated all three of its Finger Lakes West foes by substantial margins: 20-5 over visiting Honeoye on April 27; 25-4 over host Dundee on April 29; and 11-4 over host Bloomfield (in five innings) on May 1.

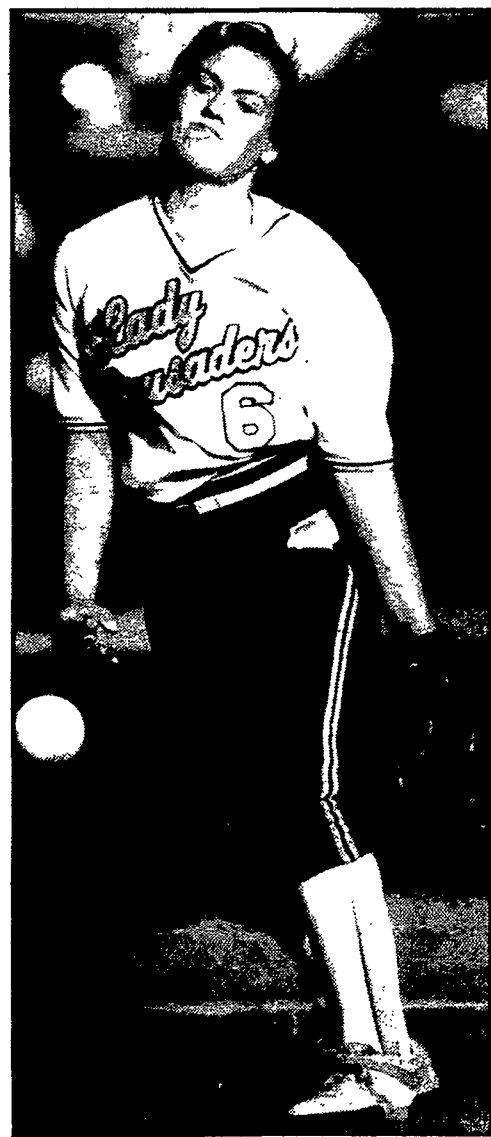
Krista DeVaney and Lindsay Higgins each had four hits against Honeoye, and DeVaney and Cecilia McCann each went 6-for-6 in the rout of Dundee. Sharon Rose was 3-for-3 against Bloomfield.

Aquinas Institute (5-2) won four of its five softball games last week: 10-3 at home over Bishop Kearney on April 27; 13-5 over visiting Wilson on April 29; 14-8 over visiting Edison Tech on April 30; and 21-12 over host Harley Allendale-Columbia on May 1.

Kearney (7-1) rallied from the AQ setback to score a 15-2 home win over East on April 28 as senior pitcher



Notre Dame's Lisa Punzo awaits the throw before she puts the tag on a Corning East runner during the Crusaders' win.



ND hurler Bobbie Jo McMail lets one fly against Corning East. In addition to tossing a two-hitter and striking out 11, she hit two home runs to finish with four RBI.

Cathy Molinari threw a one-hitter and also went 3-for-3 with a home run and four RBIs.

Mercy (3-3) scored a big victory last week, 26-9 over visiting Marshall on April 29 as Gina Faggiano drove in six runs and Maggie Steinbrenner and Chris Sibilio collected five hits each.

Elmira Notre Dame (7-3) earned a 10-5 home win over Corning East on April 29 behind a big day from senior pitcher Bobbie Jo McMail. In addition to tossing a two-hitter and striking out 11, she blasted two home runs to finish with four RBIs. Kristen Kohan added a homer for the Crusaders.

In baseball, pitcher Mark Andolina of Kearney (3-3) was unstoppable during his club's 7-0 win over host Batavia on April 28. Andolina, a senior, fanned 17 Blue Devils and was backed by Kevin Miner's two-double, four-RBI day.

McQuaid Jesuit (3-2) outslugged host East, 18-11, on April 28. Mike Roselli had a double and two triples, and Pat Derleth went 3-for-3 and was also the winning pitcher.

Aquinas (4-5) blanked visiting Wilson, 11-0, on April 29 as Tony Bianchi pitched a two-hitter and also had three RBI while teammate Marcus Johnson knocked in four runs.

DeSales (4-2) won 9-4 over visiting Honeoye on April 27 and 18-1 over host Bloomfield on May 1. Mike Broomfield allowed four hits over six innings to pick up the win against Bloomfield, and Bill Sweeney hit a two-run homer that day.

Elmira Notre Dame (4-3) edged visiting Corning East, 7-6, on April 29.

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SPORT SHORTS



Dianetti to run AQ camp June 29 through July 10

ROCHESTER — Boys in grades 4 through 12 can take part this summer in the 1992 Little Irish Basketball Camp at Aquinas Institute, 1127 Dewey Ave.

The camp will be offered in three sessions from June 29 to July 10: grades 4 through 8, 8 to 11 a.m.; grade 9, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and grades 10 through 12, 2 to 5 p.m.

The camp's director will be Mike Dianetti, head boys' basketball coach at Aquinas. Fee is \$90 per person, and registration is limited to 45 campers per session.

Contact Dianetti at 716/254-2020 or 461-2641 for information.

BK graduate sets marks for MCC lacrosse team

John Werner, a Bishop Kearney High School graduate, recently turned in a record-setting performance for the Monroe Community College men's lacrosse squad.

Werner, a sophomore attackman, broke two team records during his Tribunes' 24-4 home victory over Mohawk Valley Community College on April 18. In addition to setting a school mark with nine goals, Werner, who added three assists, established a new record for most points in a game with 12.

Foundation schedules annual 10K fundraiser

ROCHESTER — The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's annual 10K Walk-A-Thon is set for Sunday, May 17, beginning at 10 a.m.

The fundraiser will originate from the Corn Hill Center, 301 Exchange Blvd. Prizes will be awarded based on how much money walkers raise.

For information on the event, or to obtain sponsor sheets, call the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at 716/546-5890.

AHA plans Golf Classic

PENFIELD — The Genesee Valley Region of the American Heart Association will hold its annual Golf Classic on Monday, May 11, at Penfield Country Club, 1784 Jackson Road.

Entry fee is \$150, which includes greens fee, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes. Shotgun start is at 1 p.m.

To register, or to sponsor a hole, tee or cart, call the AHA at 716/461-5590.

Registration now open for McQuaid hoop camp

BRIGHTON — Registration is open for the McQuaid Basketball Camp, which will be held this summer at McQuaid Jesuit High School, 1800 Clinton Ave. S.

Joe Marchese, head basketball coach of the Knights, will conduct the camp, open to boys ages 8 to 18. The camp will run from July 20-31.

Call Marchese at 716/256-6117 for a camp brochure.