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threw a six-hitter against Naples, and Todd Hardy led the Romulus win by going 3-for-4 with a two-run homer and a double.

Kearney's only win last week came on May 6 against visiting Midlakes, 6-5, as Scott Pecor drove in the deciding run for the Kings (4-5).

In track, McQuaid won the boys' division of the May 9 Aquinas Relays at the University of Rochester. The Knights compiled first-place finishes in four events: the 3,200-meter relay, sprint medley relay, 6,400 relay and 1,600 relay.

Earlier in the week, McQuaid clinched the City-Catholic League championship with a 93-47 win over visiting East on May 6. The win pushed McQ's dual record to 5-0 in the league and 6-1 overall.

In another dual meet run at McQuaid on May 6, Kearney (1-6) recorded an 84-41 win over Wilson behind double victories from Mark Campanella (discus, shot put), Sherrard Sloan (100, 200) and Rich Cannon (triple and high jumps).

The Our Lady of Mercy girls' track team placed second at the Aquinas Relays. Mercy won the long jump relay and took second in three other events.

In lacrosse, McQuaid (4-8) won 8-1 at home over Kearney on May 7 before adding a 12-6 victory over host Brighton on May 9. Rob Warren, Mark Campanelli and Dan Doyle had two goals each in the BK win, and Warren compiled two goals and five assists against Brighton.

In girls' softball, all Catholic high school teams in the diocese continued to excel.

Nazareth Academy (10-5) had its offense flowing during three wins in as many days: 16-1 over host Wilson on May 4, 19-2 over Marshall on May 5 at Edgerton Park, and 20-10 over visiting Harley Allendale-Columbia on May 6. The Lasers then lost 7-5 in 10 innings to visiting Kearney on May 7 and took second in the Eastridge Tournament on May 9, winning 15-6 over Newark and losing 13-2 to Eastridge in the finals.

Kearney (9-2) preceded its extra-inning Nazareth victory with a 9-8 win over Churchville-Chili on May 6 at McAvoy Park. Dana Winterroth had the big hit in the Private-Parochial League win over Nazareth, stroking a two-run single with two outs in the 10th.

Aquinas (8-3) won 10-5 at Franklin on May 6, lost 16-14 at Mercy on May 7, and won 25-12 at Edison Tech on May 8. Sarah Bierley hit for the cycle against Franklin, and Shawna Joiner hit a home run against Franklin and added two more homers against Edison.



Bishop Kearney's Chris Dooley awaits the pick-off throw as Drew Hussar scampers back to first base during the Kings' win.

Mercy (7-6) twice produced even higher run totals than in its triumph over Kearney: the Monarchs won 28-13 over Wilson on May 7 at Genesee Valley Park and 18-4 over host East on May 8. Ellen Lennox had four runs batted in against both BK and Wilson, and she added five RBIs against East.

Geneva DeSales (6-4) won both its Finger Lakes West home games last

week, 14-7 over Naples on May 5 and 8-3 over Romulus on May 6.

Elmira Notre Dame (8-4) prevailed in a thriller on May 6, winning 5-4 in eight innings over visiting Southside. The Crusaders scored twice in the seventh inning to tie the score at 4-4, and got the deciding run in the eighth as Bobbie Jo McMail's single to left field brought home Lisa Punzo.

AQ tennis still unbeaten; McQ, ND also near the top

By Mike Latona
Staff writer

It really only took the opening match to make Aquinas Institute's season.

The Little Irish boys' tennis team knew this was going to be a special year after it edged host McQuaid Jesuit, 3-2, back on April 10. That win was AQ's first in 16 years over its City-Catholic League rival.

And just for good measure, the Irish have remained flawless since that time. Their record at the beginning of this week was 6-0 in league play and 7-0 overall.

McQuaid (5-1, 5-4) has gone undefeated against the rest of its City-Catholic foes and still has a shot at catching Aquinas for the league crown when the two teams tangle again on Wednesday, May 20. Should the Knights tie the Irish for first place, it will mark the 17th time in Bob Armstrong's 18 years as head coach that McQuaid has either won or shared the top spot.

Elmira Notre Dame (7-1, 9-1) is also enjoying tremendous success this season. The Crusaders, who hold down second place in the Sullivan Trail Conference, are led by three singles players who have each lost just one match all year.

Bishop Kearney (0-4), which plays an independent schedule, is experienc-

ing growing pains with only two seniors in its lineup.

AQ awaits big rematch

In action last week, the Little Irish won 5-0 over visiting Kearney on May 4 and by the same score over host Edison Tech the following day.

This domination typifies the season for AQ. In fact, sophomore first singles player Josh Gleason, along with the first doubles combination of juniors Bryan Horn and Dave Wojtczak, have not lost a set all year.

The other singles positions are held down by a pair of seniors: Chris Joy at second singles and Mike Davis at third singles. Second doubles features either freshmen Aldredo Encina and Enzo Maiola, or sophomore Martin Romeo and freshman Rob Giambrota.

Despite the big win over McQuaid, first-year Coach Carol Potocki knows her team will have it tough in the return battle.

"My biggest concern is that they've gotten stronger because they've been playing outside (non-league) matches against some good Monroe County schools," Potocki remarked.

McQ in the running

A win over AQ on May 20 is imper-

ative to keep McQuaid's league domination going, and that fact is not lost upon its players.

"I'm sure I'll use (the history) as a motivator," said Armstrong.

Junior John Tuttle is the Knights' first singles player. Normally he's followed by senior Steve Podsedly at second singles and junior Fred Zugibe at third singles. Senior Chris Roth is used at fourth singles when needed (the Knights play seven matches instead of five when they face county schools).

Doubles teams are junior Jason Smith and senior Sean Norton at first doubles, sophomores Jeff Ciccone and Craig Simonsen at second doubles, and freshmen Rob DiPrima and Brendan Zugibe at third doubles.

Singles stars lead ND

With a combined 27-3 record, Elmira Notre Dame's top three players should make a big impact at the upcoming Section 4 Class C tournament.

Senior Stig Reinecke, an exchange student from Denmark, is at first singles, followed by senior Pete Finnerty at second singles and junior Sunil Abraham at third singles.

"We have some very good singles, and it seems to be contagious. Their success is making the other kids work

a lot harder," first-year Coach Dave Bernatavitz observed.

Senior Mike Steed handles fourth singles duty. Top doubles squads are senior Chris Hennigan and junior Dan Delaney at first doubles, and senior Matt Manning and junior Tim Woodhouse at second doubles. Third doubles combos are either sophomore Chris Campanella and freshman Loren Baker, or freshmen Ryan Delaney and P.J. Vaughan.

BK senior duo shines

The Kings' only two seniors, Marcus Pace and Todd Smith, have been the team's best performers thus far with a 2-2 record.

At first singles is junior Joe Freeman, followed by sophomore Trevor Smith at second singles and junior Kevin Bartnicki at third singles.

Remaining doubles teams include sophomore Mike Masei and freshman Matt Vanderven at second doubles, and sophomore Sebastian Encina and freshman Matt Kost at third doubles.

Third-year Coach Kevin Mannara expects his team to pick up a few wins as the season winds down.

"Now the weather's breaking and we can practice regularly, so we expect to see a lot of changes," said Mannara.

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