

Nazareth makes history by downing Hobart

GENEVA — No matter what happens from here on out, May 17, 1992 will be considered by many as the biggest day ever for Nazareth College lacrosse.

Not only was it a historic time for the Golden Flyers, but — in a more negative sense — Hobart College saw its own spectacular bit of history come to a close.

Nazareth defeated 12-time defending national champion Hobart, 13-12, on Marty Kelly's goal 24 seconds into sudden-death overtime. The NCAA Division III semifinal game was played

before more than 7,000 spectators at Boswell Field.

The thrilling victory sends the Golden Flyers (13-1) into their first-ever Division III championship game, which will be played this Sunday, May 24, against Roanoke College (Va.) at Franklin Field in Philadelphia.

This victory, which marked the Golden Flyers' first win in nine tries against Hobart, prevented the Statesmen (9-4) from having a shot at their 13th consecutive national championship. Only one school, Kenyon College — with 13 in Division III men's

swimming — has ever won more consecutive national titles in any sport at any NCAA level.

Kelly, a senior attackman from South Salem, N.Y., keyed the victory with a five-goal performance.

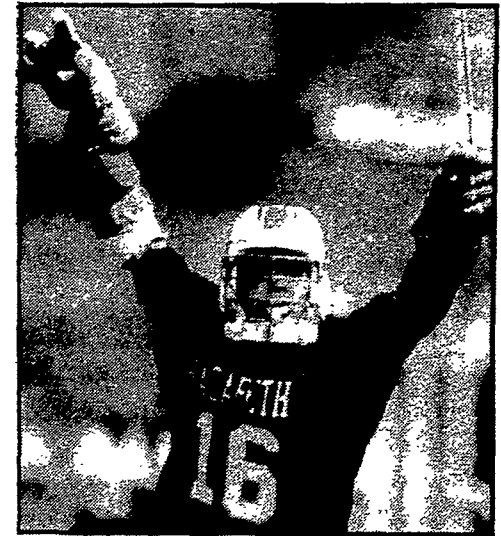
Nazareth, which began its lacrosse program in 1986, showed signs of things to come against the Statesmen when the Golden Flyers were edged by the same 13-12 score on April 15 at Boswell Field.

During the May 17 win, Nazareth dominated heavily in the game's opening stages. The Golden Flyers led 4-0 after one quarter before increasing the margin to 8-1. Hobart closed the gap to 8-3 by halftime.

The Statesmen, ranked No. 1 in the national Division III poll entering the game, continued to chip away and narrowed the lead to 9-6 after three quarters. Hobart eventually drew to within one goal of the No. 2-ranked Golden Flyers, 11-10.

It appeared that Nazareth had clinched the win when Kelly scored with 2:33 remaining to make it 12-10, but Hobart forced overtime when Bob Wynne scored with :34 left and again with just :03 remaining.

Brian Silcott won the overtime faceoff for Nazareth and passed to Ronnie Davis, who moved the ball ahead to Kelly. After slipping and briefly losing possession, Kelly regained



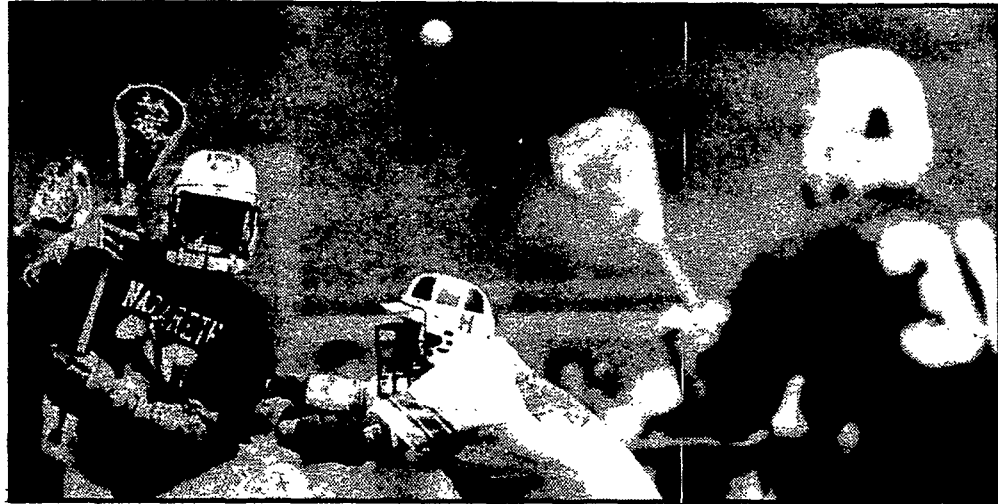
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Jeremy Hollenbeck celebrates his second-quarter goal for the Golden Flyers. Hollenbeck racked up three scores during the NCAA Division III semifinal game.

control and broke in on Hobart goaltender Kevin Banks. The Nazareth attacker found the net from short range to spur a wild on-field celebration by Nazareth players and fans.

Kelly was followed in the Nazareth scoring department by Jeremy Hollenbeck with three goals; Silcott with two; and Chris March, Carl Jutzin and Cam Bomberly, one each.

— Mike Latona



Despite a check by Hobart's Mike O'Connor (center), Nazareth College's Marty Kelly (left) gets off a pass to teammate Dan Coughlin during the Golden Flyers' 13-12 upset of the host Statesmen May 17.

Saints sizzling; Nietopski gets 600th; AQ wins league

By Mike Latona
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It was a week full of multiple wins and one mighty big milestone for Catholic high school baseball teams in the diocese.

Geneva DeSales did its part to stay in contention for the Finger Lakes West championship by capturing three straight games: 2-1 over host Red Jacket on May 11; 7-2 over visiting South Seneca on May 13; and 14-4 over host Honeoye on May 15.

The Saints, who endured severe graduation losses this season, nevertheless raised their record to 9-2 (all games have been in league play.) DeSales entered this week tied with Red Jacket for second place and still had an outside shot at catching undefeated Dundee for the top spot.

"We're playing as well as anybody in the league. It's been beyond belief," commented DeSales Coach Pete French. "Everybody expected us to be 2-9 right now."

DeSales' most outstanding performance last week came from pitcher Bill Sweeney, who allowed only one hit over the final six innings and finished with a three-hitter in the key league win over Red Jacket.

Bishop Kearney's Ed Nietopski gained his 600th career baseball victory when the Kings shellacked host Franklin, 12-0, on May 14.

Nietopski has coached 35 seasons — seven at Brockport, 25 at Cardinal Mooney and the last three at BK. Despite all his victories, the veteran coach preferred to pass the credit along to his players.

"What can I say? This is a nice thing, but you sit back and realize that you didn't catch the ball, hit it or throw it," Nietopski said. "I've been blessed with good kids over the years."

In the win over Franklin, Scott Delgatti went 4-for-4 with four runs batted in and Rob Zicari had three RBIs.

Nietopski gained victory No. 601 when the Kings (7-7) defeated host

Hornell, 10-2, on May 16 behind Mark Andolina's two-hit pitching performance. BK broke open a close game with a six-run seventh inning against a Hornell club that entered the game with a 10-2 record.

Aquinas Institute (10-1, 14-6) clinched the City-Catholic League crown with an 8-6 home victory over Marshall on May 18, rallying for five sixth-inning runs to erase a 6-3 deficit.

The win was AQ's fifth in a row and 10th in 11 games. AQ preceded the Marshall triumph by winning 13-1 over Franklin on May 11; 8-7 over Batavia on May 12; 13-2 over East on May 13; and 7-3 over McQuaid Jesuit (5-4, 7-7) on May 16.

"Our pitching has continually improved, and we're getting timely hitting," said AQ Coach Rich Pillitter.

McQuaid gained two wins for the week: 9-4 over Pittsford Mendon on May 11 and 12-0 over Franklin May 13.

Elmira Notre Dame (5-5, 6-9) had a tough week in baseball, losing three Sullivan Trail Conference games. The Crusaders' closest shot at winning came on May 15 against host Corning East, but they allowed two seventh-inning runs to lose 5-4.

In boys' track, McQuaid easily captured the City-Catholic League championship meet, hosted by the Knights on May 13. McQuaid scored 175 points to place ahead of six other teams. Second-place East had 120 points, and Aquinas was fifth with 45.

First-place finishers for McQ included Eric Garsin in the 1,600-meter run; Kris Weldon, 400 hurdles; Shawn Watts, 800; Adam Reitz, 3,200; Steve Parrish, pentathlon; the 3,200 relay of Tim Schwalm, Jim Barnum, Dan Lesser and Reitz; the 1,600 relay of Les Bernard, Watts, Mike Keogh and Weldon; and Greg Schlachter, pole vault.

The Knights, along with the Our Lady of Mercy girls' track team, will be strong contenders for Section 5 titles in the sectional championships this coming weekend at the State University of New York College at Brockport.



Babette G. Augustin/Photo editor
Mike Broomfield of DeSales winds up during the Saints' 7-2 win over South Seneca at Geneva's McDonough Park May 13.

In a Private-Parochial League girls' track meet held May 14, Aquinas (3-3) was a 75-45 winner over Nazareth Academy (0-5) despite a school-record time of 5:20 by the Lasers' Carolyn Courtwright in the 1,500 run.

McQuaid (9-1, 10-3) clinched the City-Catholic League golf championship by defeating previously-undefeated Wilson, 24-12, on May 14 at Genesee Valley Park. Three Knights shared medalist honors that day with nine-hole scores of 38: Gerry Cellura, Randy Teegardin and Chip Ranaletta.

In boys' tennis, Aquinas (9-0, 11-0) stayed unbeaten by winning four matches over a four-day span beginning May 11: 5-0 over Franklin; 4-1 over Kearney; 5-0 over Marshall; and 4-1 over Wilson.

McQuaid (7-1, 8-5) stayed within striking distance of AQ by capturing both its City-Catholic League boys' tennis matches last week: 3-2 over Wilson on May 13 and 5-0 over Marshall on May 14.

In softball, Kearney (4-1, 12-3) assumed control in the Private-Parochial League by winning 19-7 over Mercy (1-4, 8-10) on May 11 and 14-11 over Aquinas (3-2, 10-6) on May 13.

Jody Durick and Dana Winterroth had four hits each against Mercy, and Nicole Geier drove in three runs against AQ as BK broke a tie for first place with that win.

Nazareth (2-3, 12-6) won 18-6 over Harley Allendale-Columbia on May 11 and 23-15 over Mercy on May 13.

Aquinas defeated Nazareth on May 12 and York on May 16, both times by 8-5 scores.

Mercy produced one win for the week, 15-3 over Marshall on May 12.

Elmira Notre Dame's Bobbie Jo McMail threw a three-hitter during a 4-1 win over Corning West on May 13, and she came back with a two-hitter two days later as the Crusaders (5-5, 10-5) blanked Corning East, 4-0.

DeSales (6-6, 7-7) used a six-run second inning to earn a 12-6 win over Honeoye on May 15.