

Knights slip by Little Irish in overtime

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Round 1 belongs to McQuaid Jesuit. But if recent history is any indication, the City-Catholic League boys' soccer title may not get decided until the final game.

Aquinas and McQuaid have split their season series each of the last three years, and the Little Irish won last year's league title by half a game over the Knights. This past Monday, Sept. 14, McQuaid exacted some revenge by downing the visiting Irish, 3-1 in overtime.

McQ, which upped its record to 2-0, is shooting for another solid year like 1991, when the Knights went 12-4-4 and reached the Section 5 Class A semifinals before falling 1-0 in overtime to eventual champion Penfield.

"We have a solid group with nice balance," said sixth-year Head Coach Dan Schied.

AQ, meanwhile, saw its record go to 4-1. Fifth-year Coach Gary LaPietra feels that the 1992 Little Irish are his deepest club yet.

"No doubt about it," said LaPietra, whose team finished with a 12-7 record last year. "Almost anyone on the bench can come right in and play."

Bishop Kearney, which competes as an independent, would like to improve on its 1991 finish of 5-12. The Kings have started this season 0-2 under second-year Coach Chuck D'Imperio.

Elmira Notre Dame is coming off a 6-11-2 showing in 1991. The Crusaders, coached by second-year mentor Chris Kamas, have started the 1992 season at 2-3.

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McQuaid had endured a nine-day layoff before its game against Aquinas. Its only previous game had been on Sept. 4, an 8-0 home win over Canisius of Section 6 (Buffalo area).

Veterans dominate the Knights lineup in the back and middle. Returning on defense are seniors Peter Bishop, Morgan Ryan, Chris Wilson, and John McConville; and top vets at midfield include Mark Beresiewicz, Greg Mulbury, and Tony Porretta.

Front-line returners are senior Marshall Goldman and junior Franco Bari. However, Bari, who led McQ with three goals in the Canisius game, will miss the next month after suffering a stress fracture.

Among the leading newcomers are junior defender Tristan Burton, junior midfielders Greg Light and Michael



Aquinas's Lin Douangtavilay loses control of the ball as he gets tripped up by Lewiston-Porter's Scott Nobles. After winning the game 4-2, the Little Irish went on to capture the championship at the tournament held at Honeoye Falls-Lima High School Sept 11-12.

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Ahern, and sophomore goalkeeper Adam Lehmann.

Schied emphasized that in addition to the aforementioned players, several other Knights can look forward to substantial playing time this season.

"We plan on finding ways to utilize all our players," said Schied.

In the Aquinas win, the Knights broke a 0-0 halftime tie when Ahern intercepted a pass deep in AQ territory and slid it past Irish junior goalie Josh Gleason.

Aquinas answered a short time later when junior midfielder Dan Moraldo scored off a scramble in front.

Porretta scored what proved to be the game-winner with :16 to go in the first 10-minute overtime, blasting a shot that caromed in off the top of the goalpost. Goldman added an insurance goal midway through the second OT.

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Aquinas' most notable player is sophomore midfielder Lin Douangtavilay, who last year accomplished the extremely rare feat of winning City-Catholic League Player of the Year honors as a freshman.

Other leading Irish are Gleason, junior defender Michael Keller, senior de-

fender Dave Ettipio, senior midfielders Matt Poore and Gino Ruggiero, senior forward Jason Mull, junior forward Tad Valentino, and Moraldo.

Prior to the McQuaid game, Aquinas captured two tournament championships: at Hilton (4-1 over Brighton and 4-1 over Hilton), and at Honeoye Falls-Lima this past weekend (4-2 in overtime over Lewiston-Porter of Section 6 and 2-0 over HF-L.)

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D'Imperio is looking for a big effort from Bishop Kearney's two senior co-captains, defender Mike Coyle and midfielder Colby Shores.

"Those guys are leaders on and off the field. They're the guys I'm depending on," said D'Imperio.

Other top players on the Kings' young roster are senior forwards Jason Thomas and Chuck O'Loughlin, junior forward Trevor Smith, junior midfielders Sam Mistretta and Michael Masci, junior defenders Michael Gorski and Mark Andrews, sophomore goalie Scott Petzing, and freshman defender Jason Mersdorf.

D'Imperio noted that he welcomes a 1992 schedule which isn't quite as grueling as last year's.

"We're playing a lot of schools our

(enrollment) size," he said. "I'm looking forward to being able to battle with them."

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After beginning the year with three straight losses, Elmira Notre Dame bounced back to win 3-2 in overtime over Watkins Glen on Sept. 5 and 1-0 over Trumansburg on Sept. 12.

Senior Jason Seeley and junior Josh Oakley split goaltending duties. Defensive stalwarts are senior Brian Milford, juniors Chris Campanella and Alex Jordan, and freshmen Pat Battersson and Pete Kamas.

Top midfielders include seniors Chris Kamas (he and Pete are the head coach's sons), Nick Hurley and Tim Woodhouse; and sophomore Ben Cummins. Leading forwards are seniors Andy Cummins and Bob Cavalier, junior Scott Cyr, and exchange students Pedro Paramo (Spain) and Stefano Reiken (Germany).

Paramo netted the game-winner in the triumph over Trumansburg, scoring with eight minutes remaining.

Coach Kamas anticipates a challenging season for his Crusaders in Sullivan Trail Conference play.

"I'd be very happy with a better-than-.500 season," he said.

Five coaches join BK fall athletic program

IRONDEQUOIT — Bishop Kearney High School, 125 Kings Highway S., has added several new coaches for fall sports.

Dan Hosenfeld has taken over the varsity boys' volleyball team and Dave Scarson is the head coach for cross-country. Frank Valente is an assistant football coach; Richard Schifano is the head boys' junior-varsity soccer coach; and Jill Kress is the assistant girls' volleyball coach.

Hosenfeld, Valente and Kress are all Kearney graduates.

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Penfield Country Club will host benefit tournament

PENFIELD — Penfield Country Club, 1784 Jackson Road, will be the site of a benefit golf tournament on Monday, Sept. 21.

The event will raise funds for G.R.I.E.H., a Rochester-area organization providing counseling services to those who have experienced the loss

of a loved one.

Cost is \$90 per person, which includes greens fees, cart, lunch, dinner, prizes and refreshments. Those wishing to attend the dinner only can do so for \$25.

To register, contact Barbara Cottone at 716/428-5243.

St. James Hospital nets \$6,320 from LPGA event

HORNELL — St. James Mercy Hospital, 411 Canisteo St., recently received \$6,320 from the 1992 Coming Classic golf tournament.

St. James was one of 12 hospitals to benefit from the annual Ladies

Professional Golf Association event. This year's tournament raised a record total of \$159,000 in net proceeds, which were distributed to various charitable causes in the Southern Tier area.