

McQ teams gain convincing wins

Notre Dame football captures third straight

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McQuaid Jesuit was successful on the ground in both cross-country and football last weekend — and the football team displayed some finesse through the air as well.

In cross-country, McQuaid took three of the top five places to easily claim the 16-team Baldwinsville Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 26. The Knights are ranked No. 2 in the state Class A poll and will host the McQuaid Invitational this coming Saturday, Oct. 3, at Genesee Valley Park.

Meanwhile, the football team (2-1) picked up its second consecutive victory with a 29-8 thrashing of visiting Webster on Sept. 26. McQuaid scored four touchdowns, on two passes from Kelly Scanlon to Tim Whelehan along with runs by Josh Sharer and Rich Mayewski.

In other football results, Elmira Notre Dame (3-0) remained unbeaten with a 41-16 victory over host Edison on Sept. 26. Also that day, Aquinas Institute (1-2) lost 36-23 to East; Bishop Kearney (0-2-1) was defeated 34-0 by visiting Hornell; and Geneva DeSales (0-3) was victim of a 44-0 blanking by host Dundee.

McQuaid runners were overpowering at Baldwinsville. Adam Reitz was the invitational's top finisher with a time of 16:24, while Eric Garsin placed fourth in 17:05 and Dan Lesser was fifth in 17:08. Rounding out the Knights' top-five were Tim Kelley, 12th in 17:34; and Matt Bunce, 36th in 18:30.

Final team scoring reflected McQuaid's dominance at the meet: the Knights totaled 58 points, and Cicero-North Syracuse placed a distant second with 81 points.

The McQuaid football team had anticipated a tough, non-league battle with Webster, which lost its first two games this season by a total of three points to Rush-Henrietta and Penfield.

Instead, the Knights raced to a 17-0 halftime lead on a seven-yard touchdown run by Sharer, a 14-yard TD throw from Scanlon to Whelehan, and a 38-yard field goal by Mayewski.

Aquinas, Mercy to battle for volleyball title

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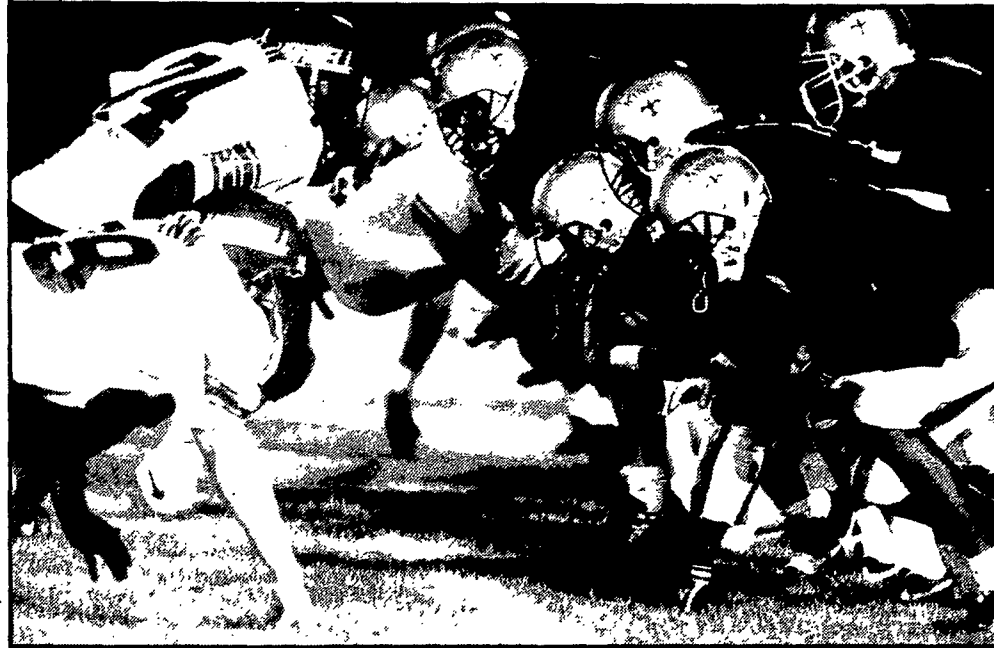
McQuaid Coach Ed Waller began the year with just one returning starter from last year's standout club, but that number will soon rise to three. Senior Jay Wandtke, a 6-foot-6-inch middle hitter, has reversed an earlier decision to not go out for volleyball this year. In addition, senior Ryan Howe, a setter, will soon return from knee surgery.

"This squad will get better. The team is just starting to get some game experience," said Waller, coaching in his 15th season. "And Jay (Wandtke) is such a big factor."

Other Knights to note are seniors Matt Glavin, Kevin Golembeski, Chris Kling, Steve Konezny, and Greg Miller; and junior Dave Crooker.

The Knights will attempt to approach the success of a 1991 club that finished with a 21-2 record and reached the sectional Class A championship round before falling to Gates-Chili.

Nazareth's girls came up with a clutch effort in their Sept. 24 win over



S. John Willdn/Photo intern
Bishop Kearney's offense lines up for a play against the Hornell Red Raiders Sept. 27. Hornell went on to defeat the host Fighting Kings, 34-0, in the Finger Lakes East League game.

McQuaid stretched its lead to 23-0 in the third quarter as Scanlon and Whelehan hooked up on a 23-yard TD play. The Warriors rallied briefly with a safety and touchdown to make it 23-8, but Mayewski put the game away with his 29-yard scoring run in the final period.

Notre Dame had no trouble in its non-divisional matchup against Edison, rolling to a 35-0 halftime lead. Jason Cresswell had first-half touchdown runs of one and five yards, while Dan Wilson made a four-yard TD run, Joel Stephens scored from eight yards away, and Pat Palmer had a one-yarder. Palmer also converted all five of his extra-point kicks in the first half.

The Crusaders' final TD came in the fourth quarter on a nine-yard carry by Shaun Bennett.

Thus far this season, Notre Dame has outscored its opponents by an 83-28 margin. However, that dominant trend will be challenged beginning this weekend as the Crusaders host Olean of Section 6 in a homecoming contest on Oct. 2 (7:30 p.m. start). According to ND Coach Mike D'Aloisio, Olean marks the start of a difficult stretch of five games.

Franklin. Down 14-7 in the final game, they staved off four match points to emerge with the 16-14 victory.

The Lasers finished with an 8-15 mark last year. They're led by senior setter Linda Iekel, who first-year Coach Dave Pisano tabbed the "best volleyball player in the league." Iekel served for 36 points in the Franklin win.

Rounding out the starting six are juniors Tamiya Powell and Erin Dady, sophomore Tenley Ostrowski, and freshmen Starr Matthews and Heather Baurer.

"We've shown flashes of brilliance," Pisano said of his young group. "These kids are going to be very good players in a few years."

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In other sports highlights involving high school teams around the diocese last week:

The Our Lady of Mercy girls' soccer team (6-3-1) enjoyed a productive weekend in Pennsylvania. The Monarchs won 6-2 over host Mercyhurst of Erie on Sept. 25 behind two goals from Mimi LaMagna, and went on to a 3-2 victory over Villa Maria the following day as Melanie Heeder scored twice and assisted on the third goal.

Accompanying Mercy on the Pennsylvania trip was Aquinas (6-1-1), which won 3-0 over Mercyhurst on Sept. 26 as Lindsey Hopkins, Ariana Martinez and Alicia Burton scored. One night earlier the Little Irish were dealt their first loss of the season, 3-2 to Villa Maria.

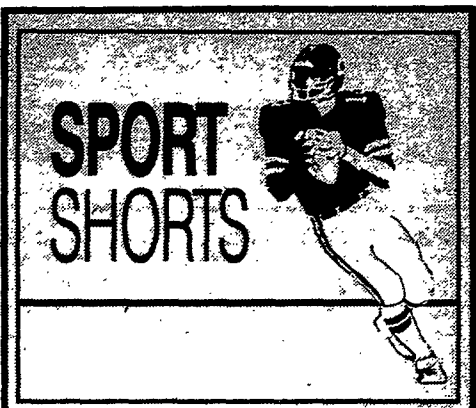
The AQ boys (8-1) were at Mercyhurst on Sept. 26, and came away with a 3-2 victory on two goals from Lin Douangtavilay and another from Jason Mull.

McQuaid (7-1) suffered its first boys' soccer defeat, 1-0 in overtime to host Penfield, on Sept. 26 after shutout victories over Brighton and Northstar Christian Academy earlier in the week.

The Nazareth girls' soccer squad (4-2-1) rolled to a 5-0 win over host C.G. Finney on Sept. 25 as goalie Donna Sergeant recorded eight saves.

In girls' tennis, Nazareth Academy (1-3) gained its first victory with a 5-0 shutout of Marshall on Sept. 24 at Maplewood Park.

The Mercy cross-country team finished seventh among 13th girls' squads in Division 1 at the Newark Invitational, which was held Sept. 26. Also at that meet, Geneva DeSales' Stephanie Nearpass recorded a ninth-place finish in Division 2.



Kick-A-Thon to benefit MDA planned for Oct. 3

PITTSFORD — World Taekwondo Center, 3016 Monroe Ave., is sponsoring a fundraising Kick-A-Thon on Saturday, Oct. 3, from noon to 3 p.m.

Students at the school who will participate in this karate demonstration have been collecting donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Proceeds will go toward MDA research grants at the University of Rochester, as well as MDA services provided to muscular dystrophy patients in the Rochester and Finger Lakes areas.

The Kick-A-Thon is open to the public. For details, call the MDA office at 716/424-6560 or World Taekwondo Center at 381-0990.

Physically challenged will compete at Brockport

BROCKPORT — The Western Region New York State Parks Games for the Physically Challenged will take place on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 9 and 10, at the State University of New York College at Brockport.

Events will be held at the Tuttle Athletics Complex and Special Olympics Stadium. The games are open to athletes between the ages of 5 and 21 who have various physical impairments.

More than 300 athletes are expected to participate. Details can be obtained from Pam Maryjanowski at 716/395-5620.

Tour de Teddi scheduled to help Camp Good Days

MENDON — The second annual Tour de Teddi Bike Ride will take place on Sunday, Oct. 11, at Mendon Ponds Park.

Participants will cycle 20 miles around the park in a fundraising effort for Camp Good Days and Special Times. Registration is at 8:30 a.m., with the ride beginning at 10 a.m. Riders under the age of 17 must be accompanied by an adult age 21 or older.

To pre-register, or to obtain a sponsor sheet, call 716/427-2650.

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