

Victories still piling up for Aquinas boys, girls

Little Irish come up big in soccer showdowns against formidable foes

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They haven't been tested very often in 1992, but the Aquinas Institute boys' and girls' soccer teams had their hands full last week.

And both squads had the look of champions as they scored narrow victories over tough opponents.

The AQ boys earned a 1-0 victory over visiting Greece Athena, a Monroe County League power, in a game played last Tuesday, Oct. 6. Both clubs came into the game with just one loss this season.

Jason Mull scored the game's only goal with 5:42 left in the match when he headed in a shot from close range off a cross from Lin Douangtavily.

"That was one of the best goals we've scored in a couple of years," remarked AQ Coach Gary LaPietra.

Aquinas improved its winning streak to nine games with an 8-0 rout of visiting Northstar Christian Academy on Oct. 8. That triumph gave the Little Irish a 4-1 record in City-Catholic League play and a 13-1 overall mark.

Looming ahead for AQ is an Oct. 20 home encounter against McQuaid Jesuit. The Irish, in all likelihood, will need to win this game in order to tie the Knights (4-0, 11-1-1) for the league championship.

The AQ girls, meanwhile, pulled off two victories in as many days against strong teams. They won 2-0 over host Pittsford Mendon on Oct. 7, and then clinched at least a tie for the Private-Parochial League title with a 1-0 victory at Our Lady of Mercy on Oct. 8.

Kristen Arcieri scored 15 minutes into the Mendon game, and Michelle Khuns got the Little Irish's other goal just three minutes later.

In the Mercy victory, Nicole Pelletier deflected in a corner kick by Tricia DiQuattro five minutes into the first half for the game's only goal. Earlier this season, the two teams played to a 0-0 tie on Sept. 17.

The Irish (2-0-1, 9-1-1) added their fourth straight win with a 7-0 rout of visiting Honeoye Falls-Lima on Oct. 10 behind Khuns' three goals.

In its first 11 games, the AQ defense had gained nine shutouts and allowed only four goals. Coach Gary Page credited goalie Mary Beth Bell and her defensive front of April Baker, Katie Clendinning and Ariana Martinez.

"With our defense, I think we can compete with Penfield," said Page, referring to the team most likely to beat in the Section 5 Class A playoffs.

In other sports highlights among high schools in the diocese last week:

McQuaid battled host Mendon to a 0-0 tie on Oct. 7 and then won 8-0 over visiting Marshall the following day before ending the week with a 1-0 triumph over host Canandaigua on Oct. 10. Franco Bari scored the deciding goal against Canandaigua.

Bishop Kearney recorded two boys' soccer victories. The Kings (4-9-1) won 2-1 over host Bloomfield on Oct. 8 behind goals from Sam Mistretta and Mike Masci, and then blanked visiting Northstar by a 4-0 count on Oct. 10 as Trevor Smith contributed a goal and two assists.

The BK girls (4-10) also had a double-victory week, winning 2-1 over host Wilson on Oct. 7 and 6-1 over visiting Nazareth Academy on Oct. 9. Janet D'Agostino scored both goals in the Wilson game, and Laura Stocklader collected three against Nazareth.

Nazareth (9-4-1) won two games as well: 3-0 over visiting Wilson on Oct. 6 and 4-1 over visiting Eastridge the following day. Traci Sergeant scored three goals against Wilson and added a pair against Eastridge.

Mercy (8-5-1) scored a 5-0 rout of Fairport on Oct. 10 behind two goals from Mimi LaMagna.

In action from the Southern Tier, the Elmira Notre Dame girls' soccer team (6-0-1, 12-0-2) remained unbeaten with a 2-1 Sullivan Trail Conference victory over visiting Elmira Free Academy on Oct. 7. Lori Spaziani and Megan Smith were the Crusaders' goal-scorers.

In girls' volleyball, Kearney pulled off a big upset with a 15-13, 15-9, 15-7 sweep of visiting Aquinas on Oct. 9. Ebony Pelemon served for 17 points as the Kings upped their record to 3-3 in the Private-Parochial League and 8-8 overall. AQ fell to 5-1, 10-2.

In other Private-Parochial volleyball action, Aquinas recorded a 15-10, 15-8, 9-15, 15-13 win over visiting Mercy (9-4) on Oct. 6; and Mercy scored a 15-5, 8-15, 15-3, 15-7 victory over host Nazareth (3-10) on Oct. 8.

In boys' volleyball, McQuaid (10-3)



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Mercy falls to HF-L in girls' tennis

You've heard of looking at life through rose-colored glasses, but what about a tightly strung tennis racket? Rae Coveny, first singles player for Our Lady of Mercy High School, concentrates on a forehand shot during her match against Shelly Bronson of Honeoye Falls-Lima. After getting off to a slow start, Coveny made a strong comeback before she was eventually defeated by Bronson, 6-0, 2-6, 6-4, in a match held last Wednesday, Oct. 7. The Lady Cougars also dealt the Monarchs a narrow 3-2 loss in team scoring. The non-league tennis match took place at Shadow Lake Golf and Racquet Club in Penfield.

won 17-15, 13-15, 15-13, 13-15, 15-10 over host Livonia on Oct. 6 and 15-4, 15-1, 15-7 over visiting Edison Tech on Oct. 8. Kearney (4-8) was also victorious, earning a 15-4, 15-8, 15-6 sweep of visiting Sodas on Oct. 8.

The McQuaid cross-country squad took top honors among 24 teams in the Manhattan College Invitational, held Oct. 10 at Van Cortlandt Park in New York City. The Knights, ranked No. 1 in the state, also got an individual first-place finish from Tim Kelley as he

covered the 2.5-mile course in 13 minutes, 18 seconds.

In other cross-country results, Mercy took first place in the seeded division while Nazareth placed second in the unseeded category at the Irondequoit-Penfield Invitational, held Oct. 10 at Harris-Whalen Park in Penfield. Mercy's Amy Martin won the seeded race with a time of 21:59 over the 5,000-meter course, and Nazareth's Carolyn Courtright topped the unseeded division in 22:26.

Stiff test awaits undefeated Notre Dame

If the Elmira Notre Dame football team has been getting hungry for a stiff challenge, the Crusaders need look no further than this weekend.

ND will square off against Trumansburg on Friday, Oct. 16, in a battle of unbeaten. Both carry 5-0 records into the Section 4 Division 5 showdown.

"Both teams have the total package. It's going to be the one making the fewest mistakes that's going to win the game," predicted Crusader Coach Mike D'Aloisio, whose squad is coming off a 28-6 home win over Waverly last Friday, Oct. 9.

The Waverly victory marked ND's first Division 5 league contest of 1992 following non-league victories over Tioga, Susquehanna Valley, Edison and Olean.

Joel Stephens scored ND's first two touchdowns, on an eight-yard run with nine seconds remaining in the first quarter and on a 12-yarder with 7:37 left in the second period.

Jon Sutterby threw a scoring strike to Luke Sheehan with 1:07 left before halftime, giving the host team a 21-0 edge.

It was Stephens again, this time on a 12-yard run, providing the Crusaders with their fourth TD three minutes into the third quarter. Stephens, a sophomore tailback, finished with 146 yards on 20 carries and has now scored eight touchdowns this season.

Pat Palmer followed Stephens' final score with his fourth consecutive extra-point kick of the night. Palmer, a senior, has converted 16 of 18 attempts for the year.

Other Catholic high schools football teams in the diocese all suffered

defeats in games played on Oct. 10.

Aquinas Institute (0-3, 1-4) saw its comeback bid against Franklin fall short as the host Quakers earned a 20-14 City-Catholic League victory. The Little Irish trailed 14-0 after three periods before Phil Wegman put Aquinas on the board with a one-yard TD run.

However, Franklin's Garfield Ellenwood followed with a six-yard scoring run to give the Quakers a 20-7 lead. AQ's final touchdown came on an 18-yard throw from Matt Delly to Sam DiGaetano.

McQuaid Jesuit (1-2, 2-3) surrendered the game's last 27 points and went down to a 27-7 City-Catholic

League loss to host Edison Tech. The Knights' lone TD came on Steven Marks' two-yard run in the first period.

Visiting Wilson Magnet dealt Bishop Kearney (0-4-1) a 24-12 setback in non-league action. The Kings took a 6-0 second-quarter lead when Akin Ross recovered a blocked punt in the Wildcats' end zone, but Wilson scored the game's next three TDs to take control.

Geneva DeSales (0-4) did not have a game scheduled last weekend.

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