

Frenetic finishes mark baseball, softball week

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Were these games being contested by ballplayers or stockbrokers?

Fitcher's duels were a rarity during last week's baseball and softball action involving diocesan high schools. Several games featured inordinate numbers of rallies and momentum swings which sent final scores spiraling into double digits.

For the most part, Catholic-school teams held up nicely through these pressure-packed shootouts. One such squad was the McQuaid Jesuit baseball club, which prevailed through two bizarre endings.

The Knights allowed an 11-1 lead to disappear in their game at Brockport last Thursday, April 29. However, they managed to come back for a 12-11 win in nine innings behind Cy Glavin, who drove in the game-winning run and finished with five RBIs.

Two days after the Brockport victory, the Knights scored five runs in the seventh and final inning to erase a three-run deficit and edge host East Rochester, 12-10. That win enabled McQ to even its record at 4-4 after beginning 1993 with four straight losses.

Also making a successful march down the comeback trail was the Elmira Notre Dame baseball team (5-2), which trailed 8-0 against host Elmira Southside but pulled out a 9-8 victory on April 27. The Crusaders scored three fourth-inning runs and six more in the fifth.

ND then scored an identical 9-8 win over visiting Corning West the next day, but it was done in entirely different fashion as the Crusaders barely made an early 9-3 lead hold up.

The Geneva DeSales baseball team (2-3), meanwhile, was locked in a 6-6 tie with host Honeoye on April 26 before exploding for 10 seventh-inning runs in a 16-6 victory.

Wild finishes spilled over onto the softball diamond as well. Aquinas Institute (4-3) trailed 7-3 in its April 30 matchup against visiting Penfield before scoring twice in the sixth, and three times with two outs in the seventh, for an 8-7 triumph. Amy Bierley hit a two-run double to tie, and Shawndralynn Joiner crossed the plate on a wild pitch for the game-winner.



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Brockport's Barry Sullivan knocks over Cy Glavin of McQuaid Jesuit as Sullivan attempts to score during a non-league baseball game at Brockport April 29. Glavin gained revenge by driving in the winning run in a 12-11 victory.

Bishop Kearney's softball team (3-4) got in on the comeback act during its April 26 contest at East Rochester. The Kings produced four seventh-inning runs for an 11-9 victory.

In other recent sports highlights involving diocesan high schools:

The Nazareth Academy softball team (7-0) stayed unbeaten by winning the 10th Ward Tournament held May 1 at McAvoy Park. The Lasers thumped Martin Luther King of New York City, 14-1, in the opening round; and then got a two-hitter from Linda Iekel in a 9-0 whitewashing of Greece Athena in the championship game.

Kearney's baseball squad (5-1) allowed a total of just four runs in capturing three straight games: 6-2 over visiting Wilson Magnet on April 27;

3-2 over visiting Greece Athena on April 29; and 3-0 over host Waterloo on May 1. Colin Ribble pitched a two-hitter to earn the shutout against Waterloo.

The Aquinas baseball team (8-3) also recorded a shutout last week, as Ken Keilman fired a two-hitter with 12 strikeouts in an 8-0 home win over Marshall on April 28.

Our Lady of Mercy picked up a 9-8 Private-Parochial League softball victory over visiting Kearney on April 28. Katie Fitzgerald got the game-winning RBI for the Monarchs (4-2).

The DeSales softball club (3-2) won two tight games in as many days: 7-6 over host Romulus on April 28 and 8-5 over visiting Naples on April 29.

Notre Dame's softballers (2-6) busted loose for an 18-2 rout of host Corning East on April 30 as Christie Garwood tossed a three-hitter.

In lacrosse, the first-year varsity program at Aquinas gained its inau-

gural victory with an 8-3 defeat of host Bloomfield on May 1. AQ's Doug Crowley led AQ (1-5) with four goals and one assist.

The Little Irish were not as successful against McQuaid on April 29; as the host Knights (6-3) rolled to a 12-3 win behind Jeff Shepard's three goals.

In track, McQuaid earned four first places in the His and Hers Invitational held at Canandaigua Academy on May 1. Knight winners included Eric Garsin in the 3,200-meter run, Dan Lesser in the 1,600, Shawn Watts in the 800 and the 3,200 relay quartet of Lesser, Adam Reitz, Garsin and Watts.

Also at the His and Hers, DeSales' Stephanie Neapass triumphed in the girls' 3,000-meter run.

Earlier last week, Mercy's girls won two lopsided home meets: 127-7 over Aquinas on April 26 and 111-21 over Kearney on April 28.

In other track results, the BK girls won 78-53 over Nazareth on April 29 in a meet held at Mercy. One day earlier, the AQ boys won 95-39 over BK in competition held at McQuaid.

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