

ND holds its own in STC play

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Picture the Elmira Pioneers playing the Rochester Red Wings all year, and you've got a handle on the Elmira Notre Dame High School baseball team's plight.

Yet it's unlikely that a professional Class A baseball team could be as successful against AAA competition as the Crusaders have fared within the Sullivan Trail Conference in 1993.

ND, which will compete at the Class D level in the upcoming Section 4 playoffs, has been holding its own in a league comprised mainly of schools whose enrollments fall into the Class A category.

The Crusaders ended play last week with a 5-4 STC record and a 7-5 overall mark, which is quite all right with Head Coach John Cain.

"We're doing some things now that we weren't doing earlier in the season," said Cain. "I've been pleased."

Notre Dame's two most recent victories have been especially pleasing. One featured a no-hit pitching performance by Cain's son, Willie, and the other win saw ND erase a five-run deficit.

Willie Cain's gem came against Bath on May 8, in the consolation round of the Elmira Tournament at Horseheads High School. He allowed only three baserunners all day, on two walks and an error. The Crusader defense also played a big part since Cain struck out just three batters.

In its league win against visiting Elmira Free Academy on May 12, ND rallied for five fifth-inning runs and one in the sixth to pull out a 6-5 victory.

In other sports highlights at diocesan high schools last week:

The Aquinas Institute baseball team



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Victor's Michael Mady knocks the ball away from Bishop Kearney shortstop Ryan Van Allen (far left) as Mady steals second base. Curtis Woods (far right) backs up the play. The Kings lost to the visiting Blue Devils 7-4 on May 12.

(16-4) ran its winning streak to eight games with three decisive City-Catholic League triumphs: 17-4 over visiting East on May 10, 14-1 over host Wilson on May 12 and 13-0 over host Marshall on May 14.

Bishop Kearney (6-8) got a home run from Chad Gunerra and a triple and double from Chris Dooley in a 7-4 baseball loss to visiting Victor on May 12.

McQuaid Jesuit's baseball club (9-6) received home-run help from Cy Glavin and Pat Derleth in a 12-6 win over host Wilson Magnet on May 14. Two days earlier, the Knights had been on the wrong end of an extreme rarity: they hit into two triple plays during a 6-4 loss to visiting East.

In the Finger Lakes West, the Geneva DeSales baseball squad (4-5) spotted visiting Marcus Whitman five first-inning runs, but the Saints fought back for an 8-7 victory on May 11.

By virtue of their wins on May 12, Aquinas and Our Lady of Mercy remained deadlocked for first place in Private-Parochial League softball. AQ (3-1, 11-5) was a 9-6 winner over visit-

ing Nazareth Academy (2-2, 11-3), and Mercy (3-1, 9-4) took a 14-13 thriller in nine innings over host Kearney (0-4, 9-7).

Nazareth bounced back from the AQ loss to win 16-10 over visiting Harley Allendale-Columbia on May 13 and 16-11 over host Wilson on May 14.

BK also ended the week with a softball triumph, scoring a 13-2 rout over East Rochester on May 15 at McAvoy Park in Irondequoit.

Geneva DeSales (6-4) rallied from a 3-1 hole to record a 6-4 home decision over Bloomfield in May 10 softball action. Sharon Rose had three hits and Krista DeVaney popped a home run for the winners.

Elmira Notre Dame's softball team (2-11) also made a spirited comeback, scoring seven sixth-inning runs to close to within 13-11, before going down to an 18-11 loss to host Corning West on May 14.

In lacrosse, McQuaid (9-5) rolled to a 9-3 home win over Brighton on May 13 behind Brian Holmes' four goals.

The BK lacrosse team (3-10) was a 12-8 winner over visiting Waterloo on May 14 as Chuck O'Loughlin recorded five goals.

Aquinas' first-year lacrosse squad (3-10) was a 10-8 victor over host Newark on May 10 as Doug Crowley exploded for six goals.

In boys' tennis, AQ (10-2, 12-3) clinched at least a tie for the City-Catholic League title with a 3-2 victory over host East on May 11.

The Mercy girls' track team finished second in the Pittsford Relays, held on May 15 at Pittsford Mendon High School. Julie Garland and Melanie Heeder paired up to place first in both the long-jump and triple-jump events.

McQuaid's Dan Lesser was a week-end champion as well, winning the 3,200-meter run in the Eddy Games held at Union College in Schenectady.

In dual track action, Nazareth won a 72-60 decision over visiting Aquinas on May 13. Carolyn Courtright and Amy Frank were double-event winners for the Lasers.

The McQuaid golf team (9-1-1) defeated East, 24-12, and Wilson, 19½-14½, on May 13 at Genesee Valley Golf Course. The Knights' Greg Roehrig was co-medalist with a 35.

BK's golfers edged Aquinas, 7-5, on May 12 at Durand Eastman Golf Course.

Basketball camps set at diocesan schools

Basketball camps are scheduled to take place at various diocesan institutions within Monroe County. The following is a listing of camp information furnished to the *Catholic Courier*.

Our Lady of Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom Road, Brighton, will host its annual girls' camp under the direction of Mercy Head Coach Kathleen Boughton.

The camp is scheduled for June 28-July 2 in the school gymnasium. Scheduled sessions are: ages 10-12 — 9 a.m.-noon; ages 13-15 — 1-4 p.m.

Cost is \$100. To obtain a registration form, contact Boughton at 716/288-7120.

Aquinas Institute, 1127 Dewey Ave., Rochester, will be the site of the Little Irish boys' camp under the guidance of AQ Head Coach Mike Dianetti.

All sessions are scheduled for the Aquinas gymnasium. They are as follows: grades 4-8 — June 28-July 9, 8-11 a.m.; grade 9 — June 28-July 9, noon-3 p.m.; grades 10-12 — July

12-16, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Entry fee is \$90. For application information, call Dianetti at 716/254-2020.

St. John Fisher College, 3690 East Ave., Pittsford, will host a camp for boys and girls under the direction of Bob Ward, athletic director and head men's basketball coach at the college.

The camp will be held in two sessions: June 28-July 1 and July 6-9, and July 12-16 and 19-21.

For entry details, call the St. John Fisher athletic department at 716/385-8309.

Bishop Kearney High School, 125 Kings Hwy. S., Irondequoit, will be the location for Ed Nietopski's 29th annual camp.

Nietopski, the current varsity boys' coach at BK, will conduct three sessions: boys ages 9-12 — July 12-23, 9 a.m.-noon; boys ages 13-17 — July 26-Aug. 6, 9 a.m.-noon; and girls ages 10-17 — July 26-Aug. 6, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Cost is \$90. To register, call Nietopski at 716/342-4000 or 225-1045.



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Christopher Dooley, shown here leading off third base, collected a double and triple against Victor.