

McQ frustrates Franklin speedster in 16-6 win

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In certain sports such as track and field, or swimming, you're able to compete at both the individual and team level simultaneously. This way, even if your team doesn't have a great day, your personal performance might still pay off in some sort of championship.

This past weekend, Jermaine Stafford must have wished it were track season.

Stafford, the most gifted speedster on the Section 5 football and track circuits, rushed for 128 yards and one touchdown in his Franklin High football squad's game against McQuaid Jesuit.

But the Knights dominated every other facet of the season-opening game, and came away with a 16-6 City-Catholic League victory over the host Quakers on Saturday, Sept. 4.

"(Stafford) is dangerous, and they literally gave him the ball on almost every play," said McQuaid Coach Tom Sprague. "What we were happy about was that we contained him on the outside."

The Knights have now won five straight games over a two-season span. They'll attempt to go 2-0 in 1993 when they host Gates-Chili this coming Saturday, Sept. 11, in a 1:30 p.m. start.

McQuaid was the only one of four diocesan teams to emerge victorious on Sept. 4. In other results:

- Bishop Kearney (0-1) held mighty Canandaigua to a 0-0 halftime tie before falling 17-0 to the host Braves in Finger Lakes East action. The Kings play their home opener against FL East opponent Waterloo on Sept. 10 (7:30 p.m. start.)

- Geneva DeSales (0-1) came up short against host Marcus Whitman, losing 22-0 to its Finger Lakes West foe in yet another game that was tied 0-0 at halftime. The Saints host Dundee in a FL West matchup on Sept. 11 (1 p.m. start.)

- Aquinas Institute (0-1) was victimized by five turnovers in a 14-12 City-Catholic League home loss to Edison Tech. The Little Irish will attempt to bounce back this Saturday in a 2 p.m. league game against visiting Wilson Magnet.

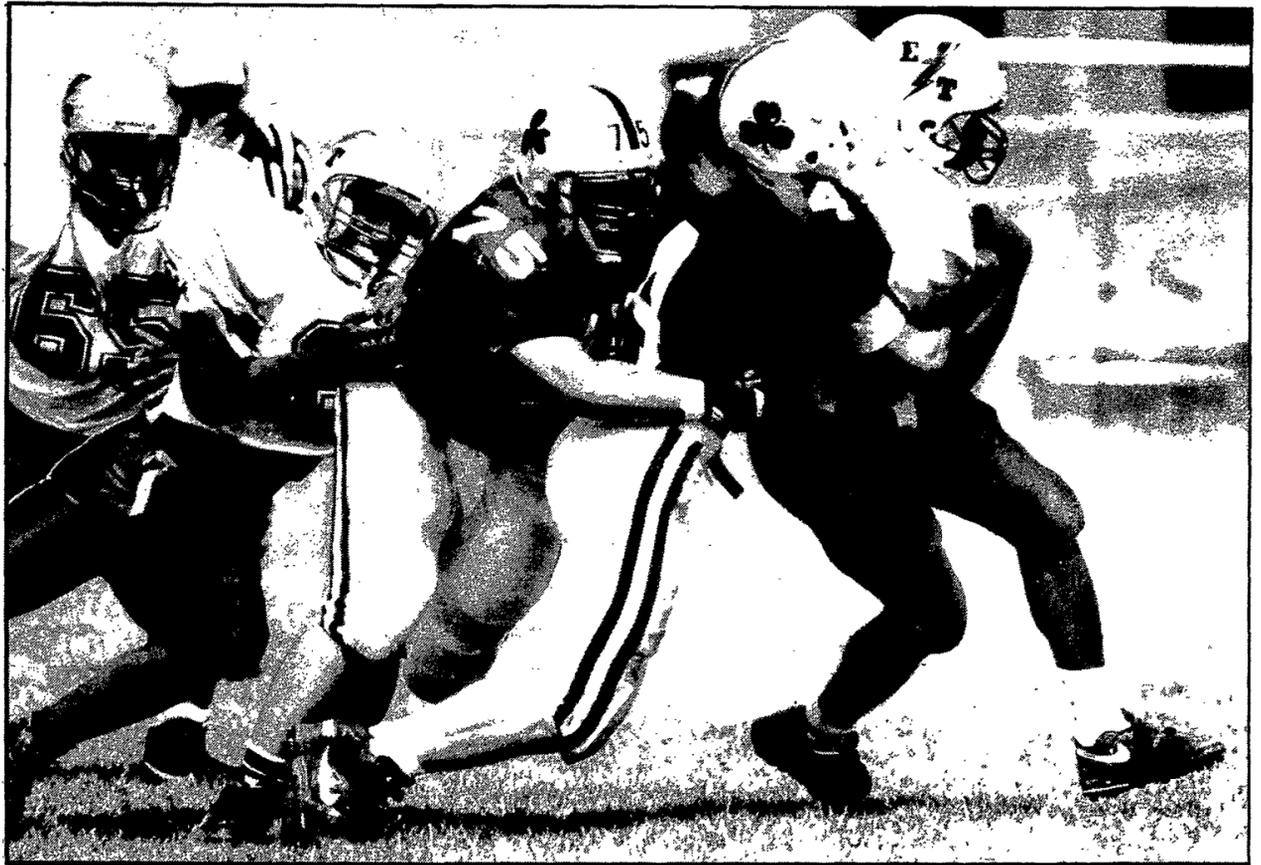
- Elmira Notre Dame was idle this past weekend. The Crusaders' season opener is Sept. 11 in a non-league game at Seton Catholic of Binghamton (7:30 p.m. start.)

McQuaid went ahead for good against Franklin on its second drive of the game, when Rich Mayewski threw a four-yard touchdown pass to Ben Wandtke. Mayewski added a 22-yard field goal midway through the second quarter, and Dave Medina gave the Knights a 16-0 edge with a five-yard TD run two minutes before halftime. That score was set up by a Mike Kehoe interception.

The Knights helped keep the ball out of Franklin's hands on their opening drive of the second half, which didn't produce any points but consumed nine minutes. Stafford eventually scored for the Quakers with a five-yard run, but that came with only five minutes left in the game.

Sprague gave credit to defensive ends Wandtke and John Pineau, who consistently contained Stafford. He also cited Dave Tipple, Pat Derleth and Aaron Medina, who recorded eight tackles each.

Kearney actually had two chances to take a halftime lead on Canandaigua,



Aquinas Institute's Carmen Indiano (75) and Andy Wegman (4) combined to tackle an Edison Tech runner during the season-opening game for both teams Sept. 4. The host Little Irish lost the City-Catholic League game, 14-12. S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer



AQ running back Gabe Bauza carried the ball 21 times for 149 yards.

but suffered a dropped touchdown pass and a fumble on the Braves' 4-yard line.

Still, it was only 3-0 after three quarters before Canandaigua put the game away with a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns.

"We played very well. I was very pleased with the kids' effort," said Coach Nick Teta. "I thought it was an even battle, and I was happy that we came away with no injuries."

"If the kids continue to improve, we have a chance to win this weekend (against Waterloo)," Teta added.

DeSales' defense, led by safety Kris Friday, staved off Marcus Whitman for two quarters. But, according to Coach Mark Mccheyne, his squad expended most of its energy in that first half.

"We were dead at halftime," Mccheyne stated.

Marcus Whitman scored one third-quarter touchdown, and the Wildcats added two more TDs in the fourth quarter for the shutout victory.

"We came up against a tougher, stronger team," said Mccheyne. "They kind of wore us down, and we really didn't have a consistent offense."

Yet he was encouraged that the Saints were able to stay in the game, and is hoping for a similar effort this coming weekend against Dundee.

"If we can hang in there until the third quarter, maybe something will happen," Mccheyne remarked.

Aquinas came out smoking against Edison, scoring on its first possession of the season on a three-yard touchdown run by Jim Miner. It was set up by a 45-yard gallop from Gabe Bauza.

The Little Irish fell behind 14-6 before Bauza's five-yard TD run made it 14-12 midway through the second quarter. However, an ensuing two-point pass conversion attempt failed — and that, along with an earlier missed extra-point kick, proved crucial to the game's outcome.

AQ made a late rally, driving deep inside Inventors' territory, but turned the ball over on downs at the 15-yard line with 1:40 remaining.

Coach Joe Munno was perplexed that his team dominated much of the contest but still couldn't gain a victory.

"Statistically, it wasn't even close," said Munno, who noted that the Irish held a 230-82 edge in rushing yardage. "But we gave them three interceptions and two fumble recoveries. It was real disappointing to us because I thought we had the better team."

Bauza finished with 149 yards on 21 carries.

Bowling event is Oct. 16

Cameron Community Ministries will hold its third annual bowling fundraiser, "Help Keep the Ball Rolling," on Saturday, Oct. 16.

The tournament will take place at Terrace Garden Lanes, 1151 Ridgeway Ave., Rochester, beginning at 1 p.m.; and Clover Lanes, 2750 Monroe Ave., Pittsford, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Registration begins 30 minutes prior to bowling.

Four-person teams, comprising either adults or youths ages 12 and over, will bowl three games each. Bowlers must pay \$5 to register unless they have collected in advance pledges of \$25 or more.

Money raised will benefit Cameron Community Ministries, located at 48 Cameron St. in Rochester. The ecumenically sponsored mission project provides various means of support for residents of Rochester's Lyell-Otis and Edgerton neighborhoods.

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