

# Kearney, Aquinas gain long-awaited victories

## ND triumphs in season opener

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For Bishop Kearney and Aquinas Institute, any kind of football victory would have served as a nice departure from recent history.

The Kings and Little Irish met their goals over the weekend — with plenty of room to spare.

Kearney, which hadn't won a game since the 1991 season, rolled to a 32-13 home triumph over Waterloo on Friday evening, Sept. 10. The Finger Lakes East win raised BK's record to 1-1.

Aquinas scored at least one touchdown in every quarter and pulled away for a 43-16 City-Catholic League win over visiting Wilson Magnet on Sept. 11. The Little Irish also improved to 1-1 in 1993 after a 2-6 finish last season.

Another victorious club over the weekend was Elmira Notre Dame, which opened its season with a 35-9 rout over host Seton Catholic of Binghamton in a non-league contest on Sept. 11.

Both McQuaid Jesuit (1-1) and Geneva DeSales (0-2) came up short on Sept. 11. The Knights were edged 7-6 by visiting Gates-Chili in a non-league thriller, and the Saints were blanked 27-0 by visiting Dundee in Finger Lakes West action.

The upcoming weekend's schedule is as follows: Sept. 17 — Corning East at Elmira Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.; Bishop Kearney at Hornell, 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 18 — Aquinas at Marshall, 1 p.m.; Geneva DeSales at Red Jacket, 1 p.m.; McQuaid at Wilson Magnet, 1 p.m.

Kearney ran wild on Waterloo, accumulating 335 yards on the ground. Patrick Goode (12 carries, 145 yards), Vernon Banks (15-95) and Sherrard Sloan (15-88) did most of the ground work for BK.

The score was knotted 13-13 at halftime, with the Kings' first-half scores coming from Goode on a 53-yard run and Sloan on a 33-yard gallop.

BK took control with third-quarter TD runs from Sloan (four yards) and Goode (25 yards). Banks added a five-yard scoring run in the final period.

"We needed a game like this to get the kids rolling a little bit, to get them some confidence," said Coach Nick Teta, whose Kings finished 0-7-1 last season. "The kids played real well right on down the line. There wasn't a single player who had a bad game."

## Mercy

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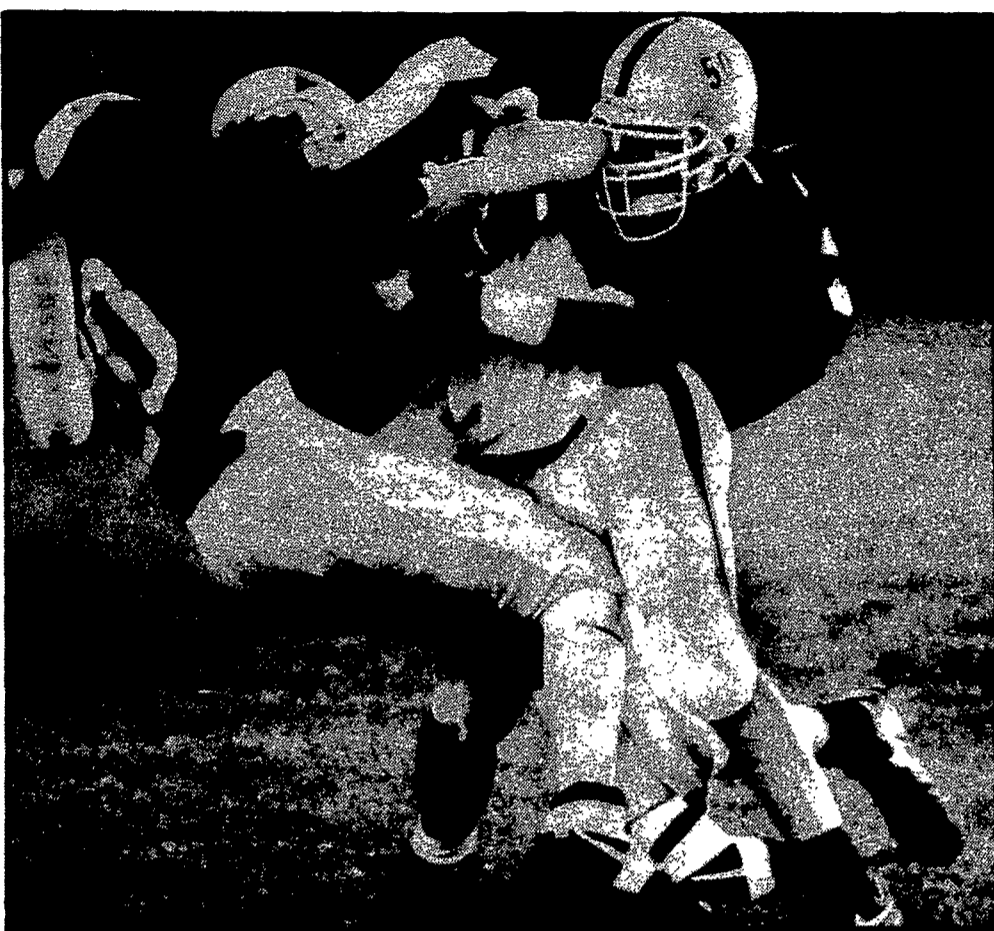
In girls' volleyball, Kearney (2-0) started its season with two victories: 15-8, 13-15, 13-15, 15-4 over host Marion on Sept. 8; and 15-4, 15-8, 15-10 over visiting Batavia Notre Dame on Sept. 10.

The Nazareth Academy girls' volleyball squad (1-0) made a successful 1993 debut with a 15-10, 15-13, 16-14 triumph over visiting C.G. Finney on Sept. 10.

Mercy also gained a volleyball win. The Monarchs (1-1) were 15-4, 15-3, 15-4 victors over host East on Sept. 9.

In girls' tennis, Kearney (1-2) picked up a 3-2 home win over Aquinas (0-1) on Sept. 9.

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Bishop Kearney's Patrick Goode (left) and Tom Valvassori (right) bring down Mike Emerson of Waterloo during the host Kings' 32-13 victory on Sept. 10.

Aquinas led Wilson 22-16 at halftime on an 80-yard kickoff return by Brian Natale and touchdown runs of four and 40 yards by Jim Miner.

The third quarter was all AQ: quarterback Matt Delly and Ryan Hayes hooked up on a 25-yard TD pass play, and Gabe Bauza scored on a six-yard run. Miner added his third touchdown of the day, a five-yard carry, in the final period.

Miner rushed 22 times for 128 yards, and Bauza had 10 carries for 60 yards while Delly went 5-for-7 for 73 yards. David Khuns, who led the defense with eight solo tackles, was also 5-for-5 on extra-point kicks.

"The big difference for us this week is that our offensive line dominated the whole game," Coach Joe Munno remarked. "There was just a lot of desire in the second half."

Notre Dame followed a similar trend as BK and Aquinas, turning a close halftime game into a rout.

The Crusaders led Seton Catholic 14-9 at the half on first-quarter scores from Joel Stephens (four yards) and Dan Wilson (nine yards). Wilson staked ND to a 28-9 edge after three periods on a three-yard run and a 20-yard interception return, and Ste-

phens finished off the rout with a four-yard run in the fourth quarter.

In addition to scoring all five ND touchdowns, Stephens and Wilson rushed for a combined total of just under 300 yards: Stephens carried 19 times for 188 yards, and Wilson made 10 rushes for 106 yards.

Josh Oakley, who played goalie for the Crusader soccer team last year but came out for football when the school didn't field a varsity soccer squad this

## Tourneys seek participants

Golfers and sponsors are still needed for two golf tournaments this coming Monday, Sept. 20.

The 12th annual St. Joseph's Villa Golf Tournament will take place at Ridgmont Country Club, 3717 Ridge Road W., Greece. Proceeds will benefit St. Joseph's Villa, 3300 Dewey Ave., a non-profit agency which provides mental health and support services for youths and their families. Call 716/865-1550, ext. 284, for details.

The James McCuller Memorial Golf Outing '93, a benefit for Action for a Better Community, Inc., will take place at Green Hills Country Club, 226 Mendon-Ionia Road, Mendon. Call 716/325-5581 for information.

fall, went 5-for-5 on extra points.

"We were very pleased, but we don't want to rest on our laurels," said Coach Mike D'Aloisio, who expects a tough battle against Corning East this weekend.

The defensive struggle between McQuaid and Gates-Chili saw the Knights convert four fourth-down opportunities, including two in their only touchdown drive of the afternoon. It ended when quarterback Rich Mayewski made a 15-yard scoring pass to Brad Mitchell with 4:05 left in the third quarter.

However, Mayewski missed the extra-point kick, and that proved crucial as Gates-Chili scored quickly on its ensuing drive. Cleveland Cooper made a three-yard scoring run with 3:09 left in the third period, and Anthony Valenti's extra-point kick put the Spartans up by one.

McQuaid nearly pulled out a win after recovering a fumble deep in its own territory with 1:04 to go in the game. Yet Mitchell was stripped of the ball at the G-C 39 after making a reception, and the Spartans recovered.

"You can't fault him for that. It's just heartbreaking the way it had to end," Coach Tom Sprague lamented.

DeSales trailed Dundee 21-0 at halftime, but the defense then stiffened and limited the Scotsmen to a third-quarter touchdown.

The Saints' offense, however, continued to experience problems: Coach Mark McCheyne's crew was limited to 13 total yards in getting blanked for the second straight week.

"We've got to do a lot of regrouping with our whole offensive philosophy," remarked McCheyne.

On a positive end, McCheyne noted that his team's schedule should ease up a little after this weekend.

"Red Jacket is the team in the Finger Lakes West, but after that we'll have five teams we can compete against," he said.

## AQ grads playing at Alfred

ALFRED — Four Aquinas Institute graduates are members of the 1993 Alfred University football team.

The former Little Irish players are junior nose guard Jim Julian; sophomore linebacker Chris DiAntonio; freshman running back Matt Piccone; and freshman defensive back Tony Fanale.

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