

Mercy

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Four Sullivan Trail Conference All-Stars are back for Elmira Notre Dame: senior forwards Christina Brunner and Lori Spaziani, junior midfielder Megan Smith, and senior sweeper Jen Beaty. Sophomore goalie Michelle May leads the newcomers.

ND played three games last week and won them all: 6-0 over host Corning on Sept. 14; 1-0 over visiting Elmira Free Academy on Sept. 16; and 5-1 over visiting Hammondsport on Sept. 18.

Brunner had a phenomenal week, gaining the hat trick against both Corning and Hammondsport and scoring the game's lone goal against EFA.

Leading the way for BK are senior midfielders Sandi Shoniker and Laura Stockslader, senior defenders Tabitha Herscha and Carrie Mersdorf, senior goalie Jennifer Vito, junior forward Teresa Keogh, junior midfielder Jennifer Nicolay, junior defender Erin Pinkney, sophomore defender Chelsie Pero, sophomore forwards Janet Lansing and Mary Finucane, and freshman defender Kelly Merkel.

Shoniker scored two goals in a 5-0 victory over host Nazareth on Sept. 15. Lansing, Keogh and Nicolay also scored in that game.

Vito made 12 saves in the narrow loss to Mercy, allowing only a second-half goal by Montesano.

Nazareth's mainstays are: forwards — junior Traci Sergeant, sophomores Melissa Brinkman and Lisa Johnson and freshman Katie Poinan; midfielders — sophomore Tara Lodato and freshmen Krystelle Van Buren and Megan Brooks; defenders — senior



St. John Wilkin/staff photographer
Melissa Brinkman (left) of Nazareth Academy and Bishop Kearney's Jessica Thomas each go for the ball during a Private-Parochial League game at La Grange Field Sept. 15. Kearney won the match, 5-0.

Melissa Schramm, junior Jill Bazar and freshmen Robin DeMark and Cindy Johnson; and goalie — sophomore Jessica Benthin.

In the three-goal victory over DeSales, the Lasers were boosted by goals from Sergeant, Poinan, Van Buren and Lisa Johnson.

Leading players for DeSales are senior midfielder Emily Parshall, senior goalie/defender Sarah Cataline, soph-

omore forward Melissa Liberatore, freshman goalie Theresa Patrick, and two sister combinations: junior defender Rachel Tredinnick and freshman midfielder Amy Tredinnick; and freshman twins Kelly and Heather Pike, both forwards.

Although the Saints have struggled recently in the win-loss column, Lavin noted that his team has earned the Section 5 Sportsmanship Award the last two years.

After 34-0 win, McQuaid faces tough stretch ahead

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Even after a one-sided victory over the weekend, McQuaid Jesuit Coach Tom Sprague has five good reasons for not getting cocky.

East. Edison Tech. Marshall. Aquinas Institute. Fairport. Teams with a combined record of 12-3.

Teams which the Knights must overcome in their quest for a City-Catholic League title and/or a Section 5 playoff berth.

"I was happy we put points on the board," said Sprague after his club's 34-0 road win over league foe Wilson Magnet this past Saturday, Sept. 18. "But we've got a long way to go."

The Wilson win saw McQuaid rebound nicely from a tough 7-6 non-league loss to Gates-Chili one week earlier. The Knights are undefeated in City-Catholic play with a 2-0 record, and stand at 2-1 overall.

McQuaid was the only diocesan football squad to taste victory over the weekend: Elmira Notre Dame (1-1) suffered a 15-14 non-league home loss to Corning East on Sept. 17; Bishop Kearney (1-2) lost 29-7 at Hornell in Finger Lakes East action on Sept. 17; Aquinas (1-2) was defeated 14-7 by host Marshall in a City-Catholic League contest on Sept. 18; and Geneva DeSales (0-3) was dealt a 27-0 road loss by Finger Lakes West opponent Red Jacket on Sept. 18.

McQuaid wasted no time pouring it on against Wilson, scoring two first-quarter touchdowns and a second-period TD to take a 21-0 halftime lead.

John Pineau got the first score on a one-yard carry, followed by a 19-yard run from Tim Tyre and a two-yard carry by Mike Kehoe.

Pineau added a two-yard score in the third quarter, and Chris Schiller completed the rout with a one-yard TD carry later in that period.

Jamie Fishgold led the McQuaid defense with 13 tackles and a fumble recovery, and Dave Tipple added two blocked punts. Quarterback Rich Mayewski completed five passes in nine attempts for 87 yards.

McQuaid battles East this coming Saturday, Sept. 25, in a 1:30 p.m. home game. The Knights are attempting to end their three-year losing streak against the Orientals.

Elmira Notre Dame took the early lead on Corning East when Joel Stephens scored on a five-yard run with 7:54 left in the first quarter. Josh Oakley kicked the extra point to make it 7-0.

Corning East tied the game later in the period, and the score remained 7-7 until Tom McNamara completed a 28-yard pass play to Stephens with 2:00 remaining in the third quarter. Oakley's kick made it 14-7.

With 5:00 to go in the game, Corning East's Jason Kratzer scored on a one-yard run. He then shook off two would-be ND tacklers to score the deciding two-point conversion run.

Notre Dame is back in action on Sept. 25 with a 1:30 p.m. road game against Moravia in the Crusaders' Southern Tier League opener.

Kearney looked good against Hor-

nell in the first quarter, taking a 7-0 lead on an 80-yard touchdown burst by Patrick Goode.

But the Red Raiders stormed back with a pair of second-quarter touchdowns to go up 15-7 at the half, and they added a TD in each of the final two quarters while holding BK scoreless the rest of the way.

The Kings will attempt to even their record at 2-2 when they host Clyde-Savannah on Sept. 24 in a 7:30 p.m. non-league game.

Aquinas was yet another team that couldn't make an early lead hold up.

The Little Irish were on top of Marshall 7-0 at halftime on a first-quarter TD run by James Miner from two yards out. Marshall went ahead in the third quarter when Ronnie Roper scored on a one-yard run, and the Jurists also made a two-point conversion for an 8-7 lead. Roper wrapped up the game with a five-yard TD in the fourth quarter.

AQ plays host to Franklin on Sept. 25 in a 2 p.m. City-Catholic League contest.

DeSales' offensive difficulties continued in its loss to Red Jacket. The Saints gained only 49 total yards as they were shut out for the third straight week.

The Indians, meanwhile, led 13-0 at halftime and pulled away with two third-quarter touchdowns.

DeSales will be at home on Sept. 25, facing Romulus in a 1 p.m. Finger Lakes West matchup.

Lasers slip by Aquinas in volleyball

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Celebrations of this magnitude don't generally come so early in the season.

"The players were all hugging each other like they'd just won some championship or something," said Mike Harnden, the first-year girls' volleyball coach at Nazareth Academy. "Then I had about 18 parents come up and congratulate me."

No, the Lasers hadn't just captured a title, but they did prevail against last year's Private-Parochial League co-champions. Nazareth fought off two match points to score a thrilling 15-3, 15-8, 4-15, 4-15, 18-16 victory over visiting Aquinas Institute last Tuesday, Sept. 14.

Harnden gave credit to senior middle-hitter Erin Dady and junior outside-hitter Tenley Ostrowski for their consistent nerves of steel.

"The team was either getting too excited or too depressed, but they were a stabilizing influence," remarked Harnden, whose team ended last week with a 2-2 record. AQ was 1-2.

In other high-school sports highlights involving Catholic schools around the diocese last week:

Bishop Kearney stayed unbeaten in girls' volleyball with three triumphs. The Kings (5-0) won 15-6, 15-10, 17-15 at Wayne on Sept. 13; 15-7, 15-1, 15-13 over visiting East on Sept. 14; and 15-6, 15-2, 15-9 at Aquinas on Sept. 16.

The Our Lady of Mercy girls' volleyball team (4-2) captured three home matches: 15-6, 15-9, 15-7 over Edison Tech on Sept. 15; 15-9, 5-15, 15-13, 15-10 over Honeoye Falls-Lima on Sept. 17; and 15-10, 15-5, 15-2 over Wayne on Sept. 18.

In boys' soccer, McQuaid Jesuit (4-1-1) reached the finals of the Lewiston-Porter Tournament. The Knights won 4-1 over St. Joseph's of Section 6 on Sept. 17, but fell 2-0 to Lewiston-Porter, also of Section 6, in the Sept. 18 title game. McQ also posted an 8-0 shutout over visiting Northstar Christian Academy Sept. 15, as Greg Light and Franco Bari scored two goals each.

Kearney (2-3) earned two boys' soccer wins: 1-0 over host Harley Alledale-Columbia on Sept. 14, and 2-1 over visiting Mynderse Academy on Sept. 18. Trevor Smith scored the lone goal against H-A-C, and Sam Mistretta netted the game-winner with 1:30 to go against Mynderse.

Aquinas (3-3) notched a 2-0 boys' soccer triumph over Cathedral Prep of Buffalo on Sept. 18. The win came in the consolation round of the Clarence Tournament in Buffalo.

In girls' cross-country, Nazareth's Karen Scozzafava posted the day's best overall time (21 minutes, 3 seconds) at the first-ever Nazareth Invitational, held Sept. 18 at Maplewood Park in Rochester.

Also that day, McQuaid took third in the 12-team Auburn Invitational while Mercy gained third in the seven-team Spencerport Invitational.

In girls' tennis, Mercy (3-2) won 4-1 over visiting Honeoye Falls-Lima on Sept. 16 and 4-1 over host Penfield on Sept. 17.