

Monarch, ND girls run away with soccer titles

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Don't check the Private-Parochial League or Sullivan Trail Conference for any crucial girls' soccer show-downs this week or next.

Our Lady of Mercy and Elmira Notre Dame have taken care of business very efficiently this year. Last week, both squads wrapped up their respective league championships with two full weeks to spare in the regular season.

Mercy clinched the Private-Parochial title with a 5-3 home win over Aquinas Institute last Thursday, Oct. 7. The victory gave the Monarchs a 6-0 league record, while Aquinas fell to 5-2.

Gina Montesano collected four goals against AQ. The junior striker now has 27 goals in 15 games, and has scored at least one goal in every contest this season.

"We passed well; our attack looked wonderful," said Mercy Coach Kathy Boughton. "It was unbelievable."

In addition to the AQ victory, the Monarchs put together a 6-1 home win over Livonia one day later as their overall record improved to 11-4. Melanie Heeder scored three goals in that game.

In the Southern Tier, meanwhile, Notre Dame earned the Sullivan Trail Conference championship with two league wins on the road last week.

The Crusaders defeated Elmira Free Academy by a 2-0 count on Oct. 5, and added another 2-0 shutout — this one in overtime — in the clinching victory over Elmira Southside on Oct. 7.

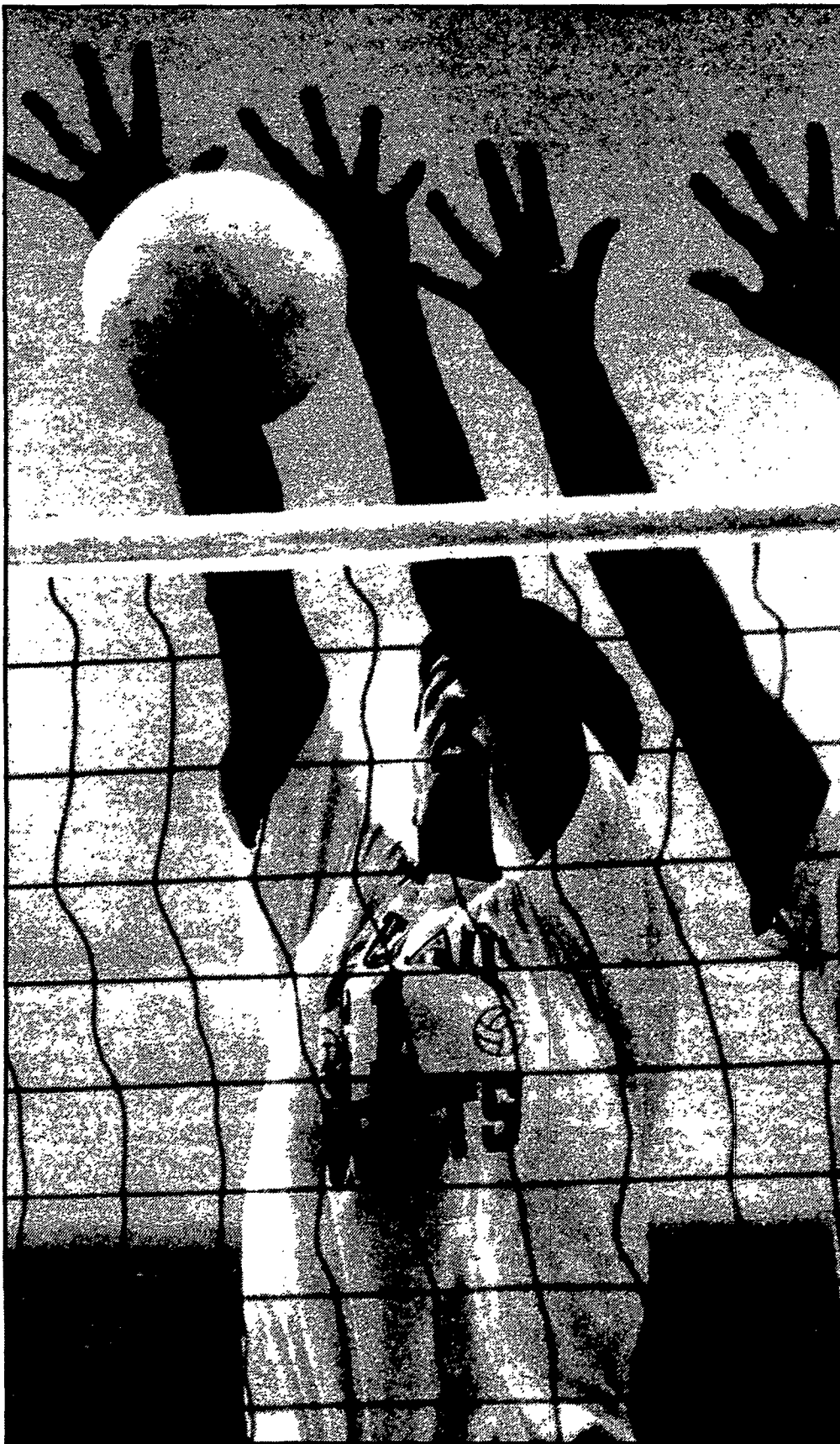
Notre Dame's record improved to 8-0 in league play and 14-2 overall. The Crusaders' win over Southside was their 10th straight.

"We had a lot of replacements this year at the defensive end of the field, and they've really come through," said Coach Steve Weber, whose team has outscored its STC opponents by a 29-2 margin.

Other sports highlights

The Aquinas girls' soccer squad (6-4-1) gained a 6-0 win over visiting Wilson on Oct. 6 behind two goals and two assists from Tricia DiQuattro.

The Bishop Kearney girls (6-6-1) re-



McQuaid Jesuit's Dave Hartman blocks a shot during an Oct. 7 boys' volleyball match against Wilson. The host Knights earned a 15-5, 15-11, 16-14 win.

corded a 4-0 home triumph over Nazareth Academy (4-7) on Oct. 8 as Sandy Moll, Sandi Shoniker, Tabitha Herscha and Mary Finucane all scored.

In boys' soccer, McQuaid Jesuit (9-2-3) won three straight road games by shutout: 5-0 over Edison Tech on Oct. 5, 3-0 over East on Oct. 7, and 3-0 over Brockport on Oct. 9.

The Aquinas boys (7-5) blanked host Northstar Christian Academy, 5-0, on Oct. 5 as Dave Pereira earned the hat trick.

Kearney's boys (7-4-1) picked up a 4-0 victory over visiting Bloomfield on Oct. 8 as Pete Kinsella scored twice.

In girls' volleyball, Kearney moved into sole possession of first place in the Private-Parochial League with a 15-4, 15-6, 14-16, 15-6 home win over Harley Allendale-Columbia on Oct. 5. The Kings (5-1, 12-3) also swept visiting Aquinas (1-9) by a 15-4, 15-0, 15-4 count on Oct. 8.

Our Lady of Mercy's volleyball team (5-2, 9-4) stayed in the Private-Parochial hunt with a 15-1, 15-4, 15-4 win over host Nazareth Academy (5-10) on Oct. 7.

The McQuaid boys' volleyball team (8-4) won its fourth consecutive match, outlasting host Spencerport on Oct. 9 by scores of 15-12, 13-15, 6-15, 15-6 and 15-11.

In boys' cross-country, McQuaid's Dan Lesser was victorious again as he blew the field away at the Stock-Konwicke Invitational, held Oct. 9 in Binghamton. Fresh off a first-place showing in the previous weekend's McQuaid Invitational, Lesser finished with a time of 16 minutes, 39 seconds. His run was a full 34 seconds ahead of the next-closest runner, and it helped the Knights to a second-place team finish overall.

Mercy won the team large-schools championship at the Penfield-Irondequoit Meet, which took place Oct. 9 at Harris Whalen Park in Penfield. Kathryn Belgiorio was the Monarchs' top individual finisher with her third-place time of 22:05.

Also at the Penfield-Irondequoit Meet, Nazareth Academy's Karen Scozzafava enjoyed a first-place showing in the small-schools division. Her 20:30 clocking was the day's best overall time for girls.

Saints end long skid; McQ clinches tie for league crown

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Maybe your favorite high school football team is battling for a league championship or a post-season playoff berth. Maybe it's just struggling to maintain a winning record.

In either case, wins are often expected more than they're appreciated. Sometimes teams even become dissatisfied because they don't win by enough points.

They should trade places with Mark McCheyne for a day.

McCheyne, the head coach at Geneva DeSales, had gone since November of 1990 without a win. During that time, the Saints accrued the state's longest losing streak — 20 games.

Finally, DeSales got back on the winning track this past Friday evening, Oct. 8. A 28-yard field goal by Steve Davoli with 30 seconds remaining gave the Saints a thrilling 15-12 homecoming victory over Spencer-Van Etten.

"The sun's a little brighter today. Everything's a little nicer," McCheyne

commented. "I'm happy for the first time in three years."

The non-league victory raised DeSales' record to 1-5. The Saints are 0-5 in Finger Lakes West play.

McQuaid Jesuit, meanwhile, continued its season-long trend of low-scoring wins by knocking off host Marshall, 10-0, in City-Catholic League action on Oct. 9. The victory guaranteed the Knights (5-0, 5-1) at least a share of the league championship.

Elmira Notre Dame (3-0, 4-1) won for the second straight week by a 47-0 score. Visiting Newark Valley was the most recent victim, in an Oct. 8 Southern Tier League game. One week earlier, ND had triumphed by the same 47-0 count over Watkins Glen.

Also coming up victorious was Bishop Kearney, which used a three-touchdown performance by Sherrard Sloan to score an 18-7 home win over Victor in a Finger Lakes East contest on Oct. 9. The Kings (2-2, 2-4) broke a three-game losing streak.

Aquinas Institute suffered a 7-6 City-Catholic League loss to host East on Oct. 9. The Little Irish fell to 2-3 in

league play and 3-3 overall.

DeSales quarterback Jayson Lamson put his club on top with a one-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter. Spencer Van-Etten tied it at 6-6 on Jason Perkins' eight-yard TD carry in the second quarter, but the Saints' Eric Colton answered immediately by returning the ensuing kickoff 85 yards to put his club back on top, 12-6, at half-time.

Perkins made another eight-yard TD run early in the final period to knot the game again. DeSales' winning drive began when the Saints' defense stopped Spencer-Van Etten on downs at its own 38-yard line with 3:00 remaining.

The Saints moved the ball quickly upfield, setting the stage for Davoli's dramatic 28-yard winning kick — which just barely cleared the crossbar.

"If it had been 29, I don't know," McCheyne remarked.

DeSales goes for its second straight victory when it travels to Canisteo for a non-league game this coming Saturday, Oct. 16, at 1 p.m.

McQuaid's strong defensive-line play on a chilly, rainy afternoon proved to be the difference in its win over Marshall.

"They could not run inside on us; we were too big for them. You've got to run inside when you're in the mud, and they couldn't do it," commented Coach Tom Sprague. His Knights have given up just 27 points in six games.

Rich Mayewski kicked a 32-yard field goal in the first quarter to give the Knights a 3-0 lead. The game's only other scoring came when Tim Tyre made a five-yard touchdown run in the final minute of play.

McQuaid can clinch the City-Catholic crown outright with a victory over Aquinas on Friday, Oct. 15, in a 7:30 p.m. clash at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium.

Elmira Notre Dame led 14-0, 27-0 and 34-0 at the quarter breaks en route to its easy win over Newark Valley.

Joel Stephens scored two touchdowns and amassed 174 yards on 15

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