

AQ rains on McQuaid's parade; ND rips Tioga

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Nobody would have denied that Aquinas Institute's football team had a shot at upending McQuaid Jesuit in their latest battle on the gridiron.

But to score more points in one night than the Knights had allowed in their previous six games this season? Now, that would qualify as unthinkable.

Yet it was the unthinkable that became reality under the Fauver Stadium lights at the University of Rochester this past Friday evening, Oct. 15.

AQ erupted for four touchdowns and held off the Knights for a 28-26 victory. The win pushed Aquinas' record to 3-3 in City-Catholic League play and 4-3 overall.

McQuaid, meanwhile, suffered its first league defeat after five wins (the Knights are 5-2 overall). Last Friday's loss also prevented the Knights from clinching the league championship outright.

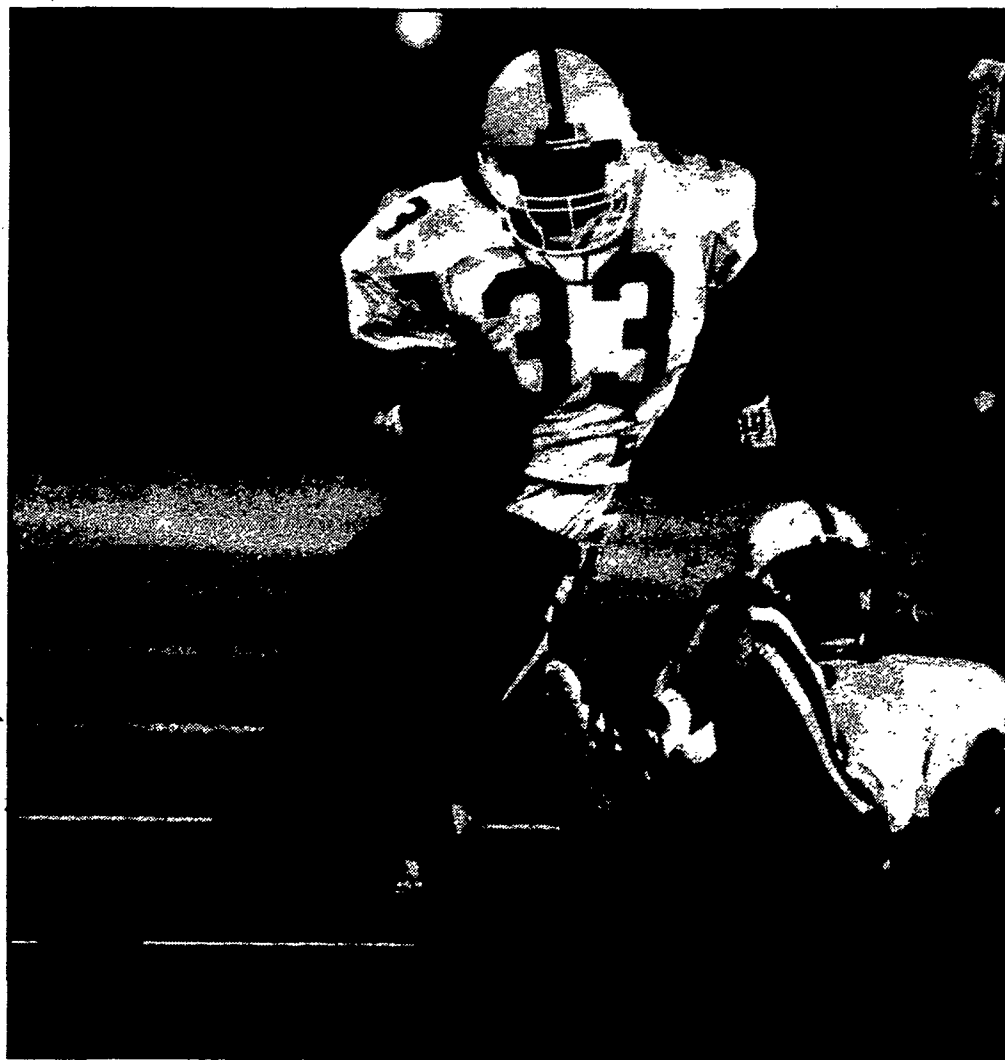
Aquinas' big win avenged the previous outcome in this longstanding rivalry: McQuaid had prevailed by a 13-0 count last fall.

"Last year they humiliated us. We have 20 seniors who played last year, and they weren't going to be denied this time," AQ Coach Joe Munno remarked.

Another diocesan team displaying high-powered offense was Elmira Notre Dame, which gained a 26-14 non-league homecoming win over Tioga on Oct. 15. ND improved to 5-1 with its fourth straight win, and Tioga suffered its first loss against five wins and a tie.

Also victorious was Bishop Kearney (3-2, 3-4), which made two first-quarter touchdowns stand up in a 14-8 Finger Lakes East road triumph over Newark on Oct. 15.

Geneva DeSales, fresh off a victory over Spencer-Van Etten that snapped a



S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer
Aquinas Institute's Gabe Bauza makes a cut during an Oct. 15 City-Catholic League game against McQuaid Jesuit at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium. Bauza led the Little Irish to a 28-26 win over the Knights.

20-game losing streak, could not string two wins together in its non-league road game against Canisteo on Oct. 16. The Saints (1-6) struggled to a 34-6 loss.

The Aquinas-McQuaid score-a-thon saw McQ take an early 7-0 lead on Chris Schüller's 12-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. However, AQ's

ground game powered the Little Irish to a 13-7 edge at the quarter break as Jim Miner scored on a five-yard carry and Gabe Bauza added a 14-yard TD run.

McQuaid made it 13-13 in the second quarter when Dave Medina reached the end zone from one yard out. The Little Irish went back in front when Matt Delly completed a three-

yard touchdown pass to Thad Brown, and the scored stood at 20-13 at half-time.

The Knights again came back to tie, 20-20, when Rich Mayewski threw five yards to Ben Wandtke in the third quarter. AQ then took the lead for good on the first play from scrimmage following Wandtke's score, as Bauza erupted for a 54-yard scoring run.

Then Bauza added what proved to be the game's crucial points, running for a two-point conversion and giving the Little Irish a 28-20 edge.

McQuaid pulled to within two points when Mayewski scored on a one-yard run with just under four minutes to go in the game. However, the Knights' tying two-point conversion play failed when Sean Finucane was barely out of bounds on a pass he caught from Mayewski.

Aquinas' performance was a coach's dream: no turnovers, no penalties.

"We had to play our very best football, and it was perfect football," Munno commented.

Bauza led the AQ offense with 125 yards on 13 carries, and Miner added 78 yards on 16 carries. Defensive stars were David Khuns with 11 solo tackles and Andy Wegman with 10.

McQuaid Coach Tom Sprague was perplexed by Aquinas' ability to run outside. The Little Irish are the first team this year who have been able to successfully turn the corner against the vaunted Knight defense, which had allowed only 27 points all season going into last Friday's game.

"Basically, we didn't make the right adjustments," Sprague commented. "Our inability to stop their wide pitch play was the overriding thing. Bauza was terrific."

McQuaid's statistical leader was Mayewski, who completed 10 of 15

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Soccer teams on a roll as regular season winds down

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At this season's beginning, McQuaid Jesuit boys' soccer Coach Dan Schied said that his chief concern was for the Knights' last game to be their best.

Lately, though, it would seem rather hard for McQuaid to bring its level of play up any higher.

McQ has won five straight games to raise its record to 4-0 in City-Catholic League play and 11-2-3 overall. During the five-game victory streak, the Knights have permitted only one goal while racking up 20.

In action last week, the Knights won two non-league contests: 5-0 over visiting Honeoye Falls-Lima on Friday, Oct. 15; and 4-1 over host Canandaigua

on Oct. 16.

McQuaid has clinched a share of the league title but must defeat host Aquinas in the regular-season finale on Thursday, Oct. 21, to enjoy the City-Catholic championship outright.

"Each game is getting better," Schied commented. "I'm just happy with the track we're on."

Greg Light collected two goals and one assist to lead McQuaid against Honeoye Falls-Lima. Franco Bari scored three goals during the next day's win over Canandaigua.

Other sports highlights

Bishop Kearney raised its boys' soccer record to 9-5-1 with a 2-1 home win over Gananda on Oct. 15. Two days earlier BK won another close one, 3-1

in overtime, over host Eastridge.

Aquinas Institute (9-5) also earned two boys' soccer victories: 2-0 over host Kearney on Oct. 12 and 1-0 over visiting Buffalo Nichols on Oct. 15.

Elmira Notre Dame (15-2) improved its girls' soccer winning streak to 11 games with a 3-1 victory over host Hornell on Oct. 12. Christina Brunner led the Crusader charge with two goals and one assist.

Our Lady of Mercy's Gina Montesano improved her staggering season scoring total to 32 with five more goals last week. She led the Monarchs (13-4) with two goals in a 4-0 home win over Fairport on Oct. 13, and added a hat trick (three scores) in a 6-3 decision over host Mount Mercy of Buffalo on Oct. 16. Melanie Heeder had the Monarchs' other three goals against Mount Mercy.

The Aquinas girls (9-4-2) picked up their third shutout of the week with a 3-0 blanking of host Kearney on Oct. 16 as Jessica Parmalee, Lynsey Hopkins and Katya Metidieri all scored. The Irish also won 7-0 over visiting Eastridge on Oct. 12 and 3-0 over host Spencerport on Oct. 14.

BK's girls' soccer team (7-7-1) outlasted visiting Harley Allendale-Columbia, 1-0 in overtime, on Oct. 12. The Kings' Mary Finucane scored the game-winning goal.

In girls' volleyball, Mercy (11-4) avenged a loss to Kearney two weeks earlier with a 16-14, 11-15, 15-0, 15-9 Private-Parochial League home win over the Kings on Oct. 14. The Mon-

archs added a 15-7, 15-8, 15-12 sweep over host Edison Tech one day later.

Another Private-Parochial clash saw Aquinas (2-12) defeat visiting Nazareth Academy (5-13) on Oct. 14 by scores of 15-2, 16-14 and 15-13.

Kearney (13-4) gained a 15-11, 10-15, 15-12, 15-5 girls' volleyball win over visiting Le Roy on Oct. 13.


In boys' volleyball, McQuaid (10-5) won twice: 16-14, 15-9, 15-7 over host East on Oct. 14; and 15-6, 16-17, 15-4, 16-14 over visiting Naples on Oct. 16.

McQuaid's Dan Lesser finished second in the Fordham Eastern States cross-country meet, held Oct. 16 at Van Cortlandt Park in New York City. Lesser posted a time of 12 minutes, 54 seconds over the 2.5-mile course as the Knights placed fifth in team competition against several top schools from the northeastern United States.

Notable individual girls' cross-country performances came from Nazareth's Karen Scozzafava, who finished second in the Spartan Invitational held Oct. 16 at English Road Park in Greece; and Geneva DeSales' Stephanie Nearpass, who took second in an Oct. 12 meet among four Wayne County and Finger Lakes schools at Stuart Park in Newark.

Girls' tennis victories came from Kearney, which triumphed 4-1 over host Spencerport on Oct. 15; and Aquinas, which won 4-1 over visiting Nazareth on Oct. 12.

And in girls' swimming, Mercy picked up a 50-36 victory over host Newark on Oct. 14.



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