

DeSales girls' soccer team halts winless streak at 73

GENEVA — After going 0-69-2 in its previous 71 games, it was no small accomplishment when the Geneva DeSales girls' soccer team played visiting Nazareth Academy to a 1-1 deadlock last Monday, Oct. 11.

Yet that tie was only an opening act for something much, much bigger.

The Saints' winless streak ended at 73 games when they came from behind to edge Honeoye, 2-1, in a Finger Lakes West contest played Oct. 15 at Seneca Lake State Park in Geneva.

"We never knew if this would ever happen, to be honest with you. The teams in this league are so good," remarked Greg Lavin, who has endured as the Saints' head coach throughout their five-year slide.

DeSales had been dealt a 10-0 home defeat by Honeoye just two days before its monumental victory over Honeoye. The Saints had also lost 6-1 in their first meeting against the Bulldogs, back on Sept. 23.

Yet DeSales forged a 1-1 halftime tie

last Friday when Renee Wiesner's goal erased an early 1-0 deficit. She was assisted by Bridget Buckley.

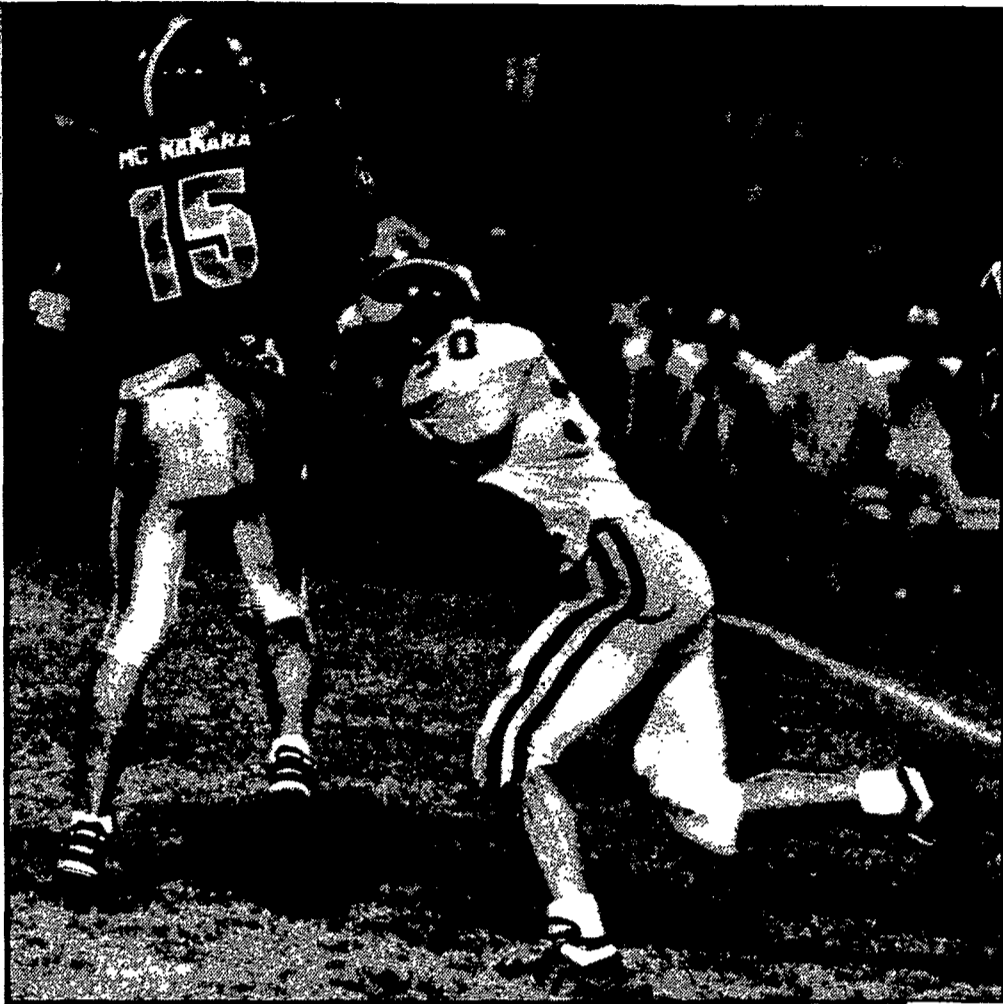
Midway through the second half, Wiesner scored the winning goal on an assist from Emily Phillips. DeSales continued to dominate second-half play in preserving its long-awaited triumph. Goalie Theresa Patrick played a key role, making 15 saves on the day.

"We just converted our opportunities and kept hustling. We seemed to make fewer and fewer mistakes as the game went along," said Lavin.

"It was frenetic. We were just standing and screaming the last 10 minutes. The referee had to tell us to get back from the sidelines," the DeSales coach added.

The Saints' raucous post-game celebration lasted several minutes. And, Lavin noted, "We always say a Hail Mary before each game, but this time we said an extra one afterward."

— Mike Latona



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Tioga defender Matt Browne reaches Elmira Notre Dame's Tom McNamara, but not before the Crusader quarterback completes a pass. McNamara was 8-for-8 for 114 yards as the visiting Tigers, 26-14, on Oct. 15.

ND triumphs

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passes for 155 yards.

In this coming weekend's regular-season finales, both clubs face must-win situations regarding their Section 5 playoff chances. And, in both cases, powerful Monroe County League clubs stand in their paths.

Aquinas travels to Pittsford for a 1:30 p.m. non-league game on Saturday, Oct. 23. The Panthers are coming off a 30-12 upset win over previously-unbeaten and nationally ranked (in *USA Today*) Fairport.

McQuaid, meanwhile, will travel to Fairport on Oct. 23 for a 1 p.m. contest against the Red Raiders.

After spotting Tioga an early 6-0 lead, Elmira Notre Dame stormed back to score 26 unanswered points.

Dan Wilson ran for two second-quarter touchdowns to put the Crusaders up 14-6 at halftime. He made a four-yard carry midway through the period, and added another four-yard carry in the final minute.

Joel Stephens went over from one yard out late in the third period as ND stretched its lead to 20-6. Stephens added his second one-yard TD run, with just under a minute left in the game, to end the Crusaders' scoring flurry. Tioga added a meaningless touchdown in the closing seconds.

Although Stephens rushed 29 times for 129 yards and Wilson made 18 carries for 107 yards, the ND offense's true catalyst was quarterback Tom McNamara. He completed all eight of his pass attempts for 114 yards.

"Tom, in my opinion, is one of the most underrated players in the Twin Tiers," commented Coach Mike D'Aloisio. "He does a great job every week running a complicated offensive system."

The Crusaders return to Southern Tier League play this week with a 7:30 p.m. home game on Oct. 22 against Trumansburg. ND owns a 3-0 record against league opponents.

Bishop Kearney took advantage of good field position early in its win over Newark.

After the Kings recovered a Newark fumble deep in Reds' territory, Vernon Banks made a five-yard touchdown run to put Kearney up 7-0. The Kings' increased the lead to 14-0 later in the first quarter when, after starting a drive inside the Newark 40-yard line, Patrick Goode ran 33 yards for a score.

Newark's Jack Farnsworth threw four yards to Lance Fisher for a second-quarter touchdown, but the second half was scoreless as BK held on for the win.

"The whole team played well," said BK Coach Nick Teta. "We've had a lot of adversity, with six starters out, but now four of them are back. That helps an awful lot, especially when you have small numbers like us."

Kearney still has a shot at qualifying for the Section 5 Class CC playoffs. The Kings will need a win when they host Penn Yan in a 7:30 p.m. Finger Lakes East game on Oct. 23.

After falling behind 14-0 at the first-quarter break, Geneva DeSales got to within eight points at halftime on a 20-yard touchdown pass from Jayson Lamson to Bob Peters in the second quarter.

The host Redskins, however, scored 20 unanswered points in the second half. Big plays were DeSales' downfall during the day: the Saints allowed scoring strikes of 50, 56 and 33 yards.

"We didn't come to play football," said Coach Mark Mccheyne. "Our line just didn't block as well as it did the week before."

DeSales, which owns an 0-4 record in Finger Lakes West play, hosts Lyons in a 1 p.m. league game on Oct. 23.

Tourney to help homeless

ROCHESTER — A volleyball tournament to benefit the homeless will take place on Sunday, Oct. 24, at Hot Shots Beach Volleyball Club, 1046 University Ave.

Titled "Team Up for the Homeless," the event is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Registration fee is \$125 per team. Proceeds will benefit the Volunteers of America of Western New York.

To obtain a team application, call 716/454-1150 or stop by Hot Shots or Blades Restaurant, 1290 University Ave.

You know it's football season when ...

Yes, it's that time of year again when televisions begin blaring for six-hour stretches — nine hours, if you have cable TV — each Sunday.

In keeping with the spirit of the season, a timely piece, titled "The Top 10 Reasons You Must Know It's Football Season," appeared in the September issue of *Heart to Heart*, the monthly newsletter for St. Mary Church, 1110 Pennsylvania Ave., Apalachin.

Warning, guys — this is strictly a for-women-only listing:

10. Your husband starts wearing his high school football jersey again.

9. Pretzels and beer nuts mysteriously appear on your weekly grocery list.

8. Your husband starts wearing the TV remote control on a beeper belt.

7. Your children ask you where your cheerleader outfit is.

6. The weekend yard work list begins to resemble play patterns.

5. Your husband complains that TV trays have never truly been appreciated as furniture.

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4. Your 'Book-of-the-Month-Club' order has *The Gridiron Gourmet* circled in heavy magic marker.

3. "60 Minutes" doesn't start until 7:22.

2. Your husband insists you would be more comfortable watching "Murphy Brown" on the TV in the bedroom.

1. Your husband keeps referring to you as Bubba.

AQ, BK grads lead Fisher

PIITTSFORD — Jim Flanagan, a McQuaid Jesuit High School graduate, and Jeff Failing, a Bishop Kearney grad, helped the St. John Fisher College football team to a 21-6 triumph over Catholic University of America on Oct. 2.

Flanagan, a junior, converted all three of his extra-point kick attempts. Failing, a senior, added nine tackles as the Cardinals improved their record to 3-1.

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