

Notre Dame edged in sectional title contest

Crusaders fall to Seton, 8-7

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For suspense and thrills, last week's Elmira Notre Dame baseball games could have outdone several summer movies released to date.

And, in a week filled with heart-stopping action, the Crusaders' finale fittingly came down to a matter of inches.

That narrow gap represented the difference between ND center fielder Joel Stephens' glove and a blow by Seton Catholic's Dan DiLascia.

However, the ball barely thwarted Stephens' acrobatic effort, and top-seeded Seton Catholic of Binghamton scored two sixth-inning runs on the play to earn an 8-7 victory against the Crusaders in the Section 4 Class C baseball championship. The game was held this past Saturday, June 4, at Owego Free Academy.

"It was a do-or-die play. He had to go for it," said ND Coach John Cain.

The Crusaders, seeded No. 2, finish the 1994 season with a 12-7 record. They reached the finals by winning two home games earlier in the week: 5-4 over No. 7 Spencer-Van Etten on May 31, and 14-13 over No. 3 Windsor on June 2.

ND advanced the farthest of the five diocesan baseball squads involved in sectionals. Bishop Kearney reached the quarterfinals, while Aquinas Institute, McQuaid Jesuit and Geneva DeSales were all eliminated in the opening round.

Kearney (12-11), seeded No. 8 in Section 5 Class AA, scored a 12-2 first-round win over No. 9 Dansville on May 31 at BK. The Kings were then eliminated by top-seeded Eastridge, 4-1, on June 3 at Aquinas.

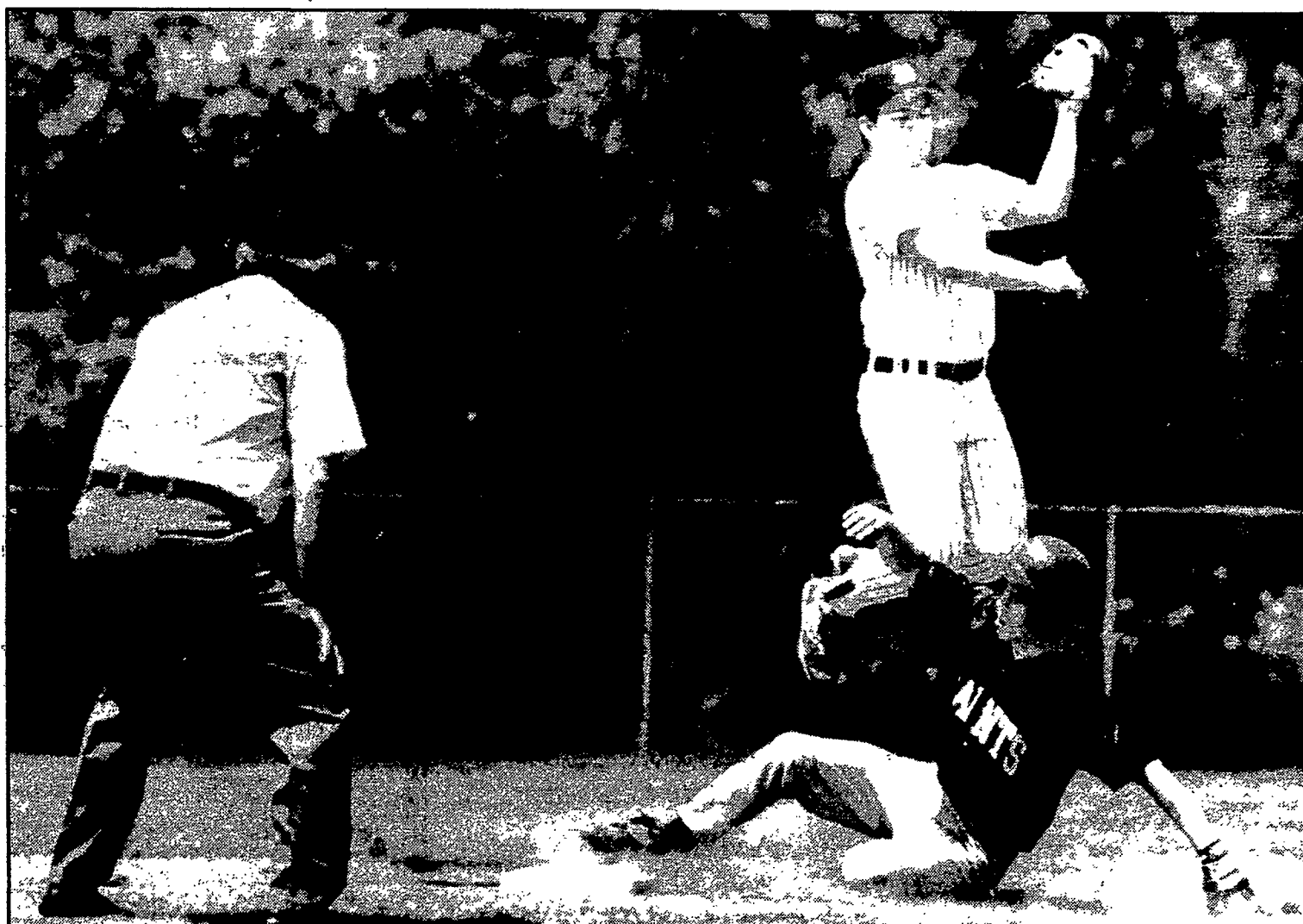
Aquinas (13-11), seeded No. 7 in Section 5 Class AAA, exited with a 9-5 home loss to No. 10 Greece Olympia on May 31.

McQuaid (12-10), seeded ninth in Section 5 Class AAA, suffered a 6-3 loss to host Canandaigua on May 31. The Knights also fell 6-4 to host Wilson Magnet in a City-Catholic League makeup game the following day. That defeat enabled both Wilson and Aquinas to tie McQ for the 1994 league title.

Meanwhile, Geneva DeSales (3-14), seeded No. 14 in Section 5 Class D, was dealt a 7-1 loss by No. 3 Batavia Notre Dame on June 1 in Batavia.

Sectional b-ball highlights

Elmira Notre Dame's first-round win over Spencer-Van Etten was made possible by a game-ending double play in



Elmira Notre Dame's Dan Wilson makes a flying catch too late at second base as Seton Catholic's David Harding slides in safely. The Crusaders lost to the Saints, 8-7, in the Section 4 Class C baseball final held at Owego Free Academy June 4.

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Elmira Notre Dame's Mike Eisenman pitched the Section 4 final and also hit a third-inning home run.

the top of the seventh inning. Pitcher Mike Eisenman threw a four-hitter in that game and drove in two runs.

The shootout win over Windsor ended when Matt Fogarty drove in Dan Wilson with the winning run as the Crusaders scored twice in the bottom of the seventh. Fogarty collected five RBIs during a free-for-all which featured a combined 31 hits.

ND made a valiant comeback effort in the title game against Seton Catholic. Trailing 5-1 after three innings, the Crusaders erupted for five runs in the top of the fourth to take the lead.

"I think we were a little nervous, but once we got through that we started hitting the ball and we were all right," said Cain.

Seton scored once in the fourth to tie the score at 6-6, but Notre Dame recaptured the lead in the sixth when Stephens was hit by a pitch and eventually scored on a ground-out by Eisenman.

However, the Saints notched the tying and winning runs when DiLascia's sixth-inning double eluded Stephens and brought home David Harding and Bob Fimbres.

Fimbres, who relieved starting pitcher Jon Curtin in the sixth inning, then set ND down one-two-three in the seventh.

Colin Ribble had a big day in Kearney's first-round win over Dansville. He threw an eight-hitter with 12 strikeouts, and helped his own cause with a two-run homer in the fifth inning. Teammates Jay Derleth, Ryan Van Allen and Eric Mathis all collected three hits that day.

"We had our hitting shoes on," Coach Ed Nietopski remarked.

The Kings surrendered three second-inning runs in their loss to Eastridge. Fred Tillinghast led the BK offense by going 3-for-3.

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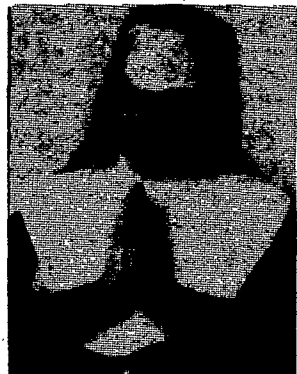
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