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Nazareth College's Brendan Coffey gets a pass off under pressure from Ohio Wesleyan's Peter Galgano during an NCAA Division III national semifinal game held May 21 at Nazareth College. With their 14-13 victory over the Battling Bishops, the Golden Flyers advanced to this Sunday's championship contest against Salisbury State.

## Balance propels Nazareth lacrosse

### National title game is next

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PITTSFORD — On this spectacularly sunny spring afternoon, the only complaint among these 2,160 spectators may have been over the fierce southern wind that ruined many a good hairdo.

Down on the field, the Nazareth College lacrosse team was doing a scattering of a different kind.

Eight different players accounted for Nazareth's 14 goals, with no Golden Flyer registering more than three goals. This supreme group effort was headlined by sophomore attackman Trent Brown, whose back-to-back goals in the game's final minutes broke a 12-12 tie and carried Nazareth to a 14-13 win over Ohio Wesleyan.

The NCAA Division III semifinal triumph catapulted the Golden Flyers into the national championship game for the second time in school history. Nazareth, with a record of 14-0, will play defending champ Salisbury State (16-0) in a battle of unbeaten teams this Sunday, May 28, at College Park, Md. The 2 p.m. contest will be broadcast live on ESPN-2.

Coach Scott Nelson's team is now one game from earning the same title it captured in 1992, when Nazareth won 22-11 over Roanoke for the school's only national championship to date.

In the Ohio Wesleyan win, Nazareth trailed 4-3 after one quarter but then got back-to-back goals from sophomore midfielder Brent Rothfuss and never trailed again.

The Flyers led 7-6 at halftime, and were seemingly in full control when Rothfuss netted his third goal to make the score 11-7 with 5:28 left in the third quarter.

But Ohio Wesleyan scored five of the game's next six goals to create a 12-12

deadlock. The tying score came from the Battling Bishops' Tim Kaiser with 9:39 left in the game.

Brown's second goal of the afternoon, with 7:35 remaining, gave Nazareth the lead for good and also broke an offensive drought in which the Flyers only managed one goal in a span lasting nearly 13 minutes.

It was Brown to the rescue again with 4:20 left when he netted what proved to be the game-winning goal. Kaiser scored with :06 to go to leave the Battling Bishops one goal short.

Along with hat tricks by Rothfuss and Brown, the Golden Flyers got two goals each from senior midfielder Brian Majczak and senior attack Ed Geary. Meanwhile, single goals came from junior attackmen John Burdett and Neal Powless, sophomore defender Tom Fritz, and freshman middle Ryan McDermott.

Nazareth junior goaltender Ben Wineburg turned in an exemplary effort, turning away 25 shots for the afternoon.

### Benefit sporting events set for early June

Information has been submitted to the *Catholic Courier* regarding a number of sporting events to benefit Rochester-area organizations. Brief descriptions of each event are listed below.

**June 3 — Team Up for Children's Health Run and Walk:** University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium, Rochester, 9 a.m., to benefit Strong Children's Medical Center, call 716/273-5948.

**June 3 — Tour de Cure bicycling fundraiser:** Hamlin Beach State Park, to benefit American Diabetes Associ-

ation; call 716/546-8800 or 1-800/868-7888.

**June 5 — Mendon House Golf Tournament:** Green Hills Golf Club, 226 Mendon-Ionia Road, Mendon; 11 a.m.; \$150; to benefit Ronald McDonald House of Rochester; call 716/442-5437.

**June 6 — Lavery/Dorsey Golf Tournament:** Blue Heron Hills Country Club, Macedon; 11:30 a.m. shotgun start; \$125 entry fee; to benefit student scholarship funds at St. John Fisher College, Pittsford; call 716/385-8001.

## McQuaid

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Other top-six McQuaid golfers are junior John Yesawich, freshman Matt Davin, sophomore Peter Fleming and freshman David Greiner. Completing the roster are sophomores Dan Schaeffer and Dan Ranaletta, seniors Joe Camp and R.J. Cerame, freshman Ben Collier and eighth-grader Joey Ryan.

Coach Tom Schaeffer said his team's extensive commitment to the sport is paying off in a big way.

"They literally have calendars with their schedules booked for the whole summer," Schaeffer remarked.

In baseball, McQuaid's important win over Aquinas (9-2, 12-10) was highlighted by pitcher Chris Pilato's three-hitter, while Jay Magee led the offense with a home run and four runs batted in. The May 22 victory was preceded by a 9-1 blowout of Monroe County League power Fairport two days earlier as Phil Nawrocki threw a four-hitter.

### More sports highlights

The McQuaid track team nearly had a perfect record itself this spring, going 5-1 in dual league meets. In the City-Catholic League championships held May 22 at McQuaid, first-place Knight finishers were Jeff Clark in the 1,600-meter run; Brendan Hogan in the 3,200; and Greg Schlachter in the pole vault.

Our Lady of Mercy softball (7-1, 16-2) clinched the Private-Parochial League title with a 17-7 win at Bishop Kearney May 21. Aquinas Institute (6-2, 14-7) placed second following an 8-5 win in eight innings over host Mercy May 22.

Geneva DeSales baseball (13-2, 15-2) created a first-place tie with Honeoye in the Finger Lakes West by edging the host Bulldogs, 3-2, May 22. Jay Lamson threw a three-hitter as the Saints made all three of their first-inning runs stand up.

Mercy won the Private-Parochial League girls' track championship meet, held May 19 at McQuaid. Event winners for the Monarchs were Christine DeMott (100 hurdles, 400 run); Danni LaMagna (1,500); Monique Golossi (triple jump); Thon Dickerson (high jump); Lindsay Pierce (shot put); Christina Brassler (400 hurdles); and the 3,200 relay.

DeMott and Aquinas' Shola Owodunni — who won the 100, 200 and long jump — shared the meet's outstanding performer honors. Other event winners were Aquinas (400 and 1,600 relays); Nazareth Academy's Danielle LeSure (discus) and Karen Scozzafava (3,000); and Kearney's Danyel Gardner (800).

Elmira Notre Dame's Katrina Buttlerman won the 3,000 and ran on the triumphant 1,600 relay in the Section 4 Class D championship meet May 20 at Windsor. The ND girls, who were defending champions, finished fourth. Meanwhile, the Crusaders' Pat O'Kane won a boys' Section 4 Class D title that day in the triple jump.

Also on May 20, DeSales' Stephanie Nearpass won the 3,000 in the Finger Lakes West title meet at Canandaigua.

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