

## McQuaid tennis star eliminated at states

It took until June for an opponent to even win a set against Chad Riley.

Yet Riley, the outstanding sophomore from McQuaid Jesuit High School, finally met his match during the NYSPHSAA boys' tennis championships last weekend at the National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadow.

Although a title eluded Riley, he still staged a solid performance by reaching the state tournament's consolation final.

Riley went into the consolation bracket after losing 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 to Brian Boyle of Briarcliff (Section 1, New York City/Westchester County) in the opening round. He reached the consolation final with victories over Scott Strazik of Binghamton (Section 4), Hartan Thompson of Half Hollow Hills East (Section 11, Long Island's Suffolk County) and David Kroll of Pittsford Sutherland (Section 5).

The consolation final, held June 3, saw Riley fall in a 10-5 pro set to B.J. Tucker of Horace Greeley (Section 1).

Prior to last weekend, Riley had swept through Rochester-area competition by winning every set of every match. He was flawless in City-Catholic League play and also captured Section 5 Class A and state-qualifier titles, defeating Brighton's Jeremy Wurtzman both times in the finals.

## Saint girls comeback falls short in lacrosse

It may have been their first play-off game ever, but the Geneva DeSales girls' lacrosse players frequently performed like seasoned veterans.

DeSales, the No. 9 seed in the inaugural Section 5 tournament for girls, endured an 8-6 loss to host and No. 8 seed Eastridge last Tuesday, May 30. The Saints ended their season with a 3-8 record.

DeSales faced a 5-2 halftime deficit at Eastridge but rallied to within one goal of the Lancers, 7-6, before falling a bit short.

"In the first half I think they were nervous, but in the second half they really came alive," DeSales Coach Jeneane Donahue said of her squad.

Sophomore Amy Perry led the Saints with three goals. She was also the team's top offensive player for the season, compiling 38 goals and nine assists.

# ND's long wait ends victoriously

By Mike Latona  
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OWEGO — Yes, patience is a virtue. And good things come to those who wait.

But by the time the sun began to set this past Monday, the only popular saying on the mind of Elmira Notre Dame baseball players and coaches was a frantic "Just win, baby!"

The struggle for a Section 4 baseball title is finally over for the Crusaders. ND defeated Groton, 3-2, in 12 innings June 5 to win the Class D crown.

Thunderstorms forced the title contest to be halted June 2 at Binghamton Municipal Stadium, where the score was tied 0-0 in the top of the third inning.

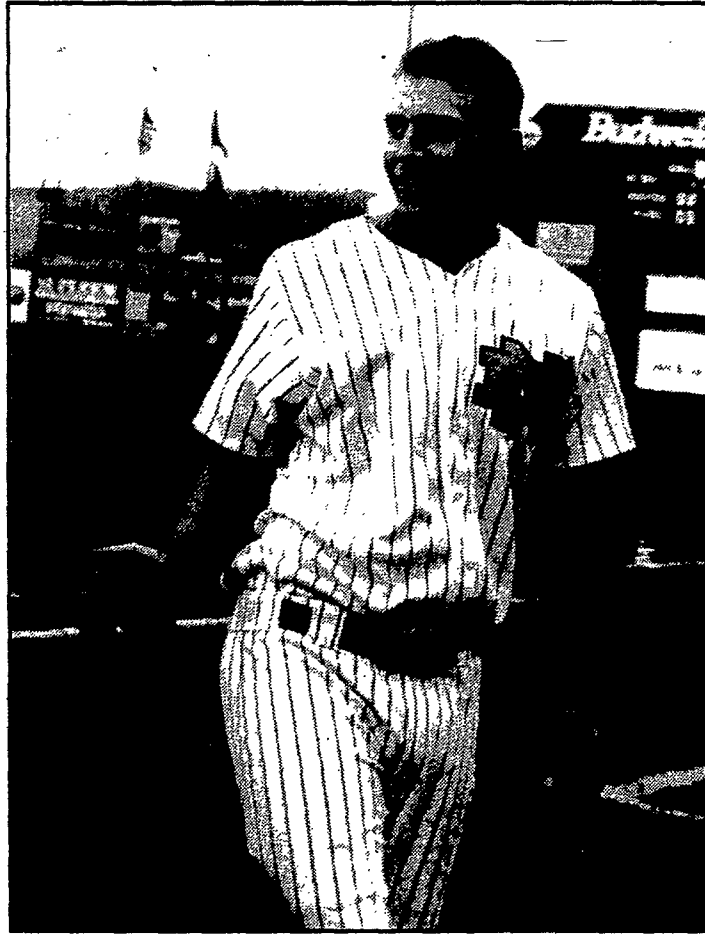
Play resumed June 5 at Owego Free Academy — the same field where the Crusaders had fallen in the 1994 Section 4 Class C finals to Seton Catholic.

Memories of last year's defeat may have surfaced when Groton scored two seventh-inning runs Monday to send the game into extra innings — a rally that nullified ND's two third-inning runs.

Yet Steve Janeski's arm, along with the hitting of Mike Valeant and Kevin Wilson, enabled ND to claim the championship in the fifth extra inning.

"It's nice to get rid of those ghosts," commented Coach Jim Marks.

The winning run came home when Valeant led off the 12th with a double. Following a ground-out by Mike Lynch, Wilson drove in pinch-runner Shawn Randall from third base



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Joel Stephens has had a lot to smile about lately. In addition to being a ninth-round pick in baseball's draft June 1, his Notre Dame team won a sectional title four days later.

the Baltimore Orioles, the senior outfielder went 3-for-4 against Lansing with two runs scored and two RBI. Janeski also played a major role by driving in three runs.

ND's sectional title win enabled the Crusaders to advance to state quarterfinal play against Frewsburg of Section 6 (Buffalo area). The winner of that June 6 game advanced to the state Final Four, to be held this weekend in Utica.

with a single to right field.

Valeant, a junior, finished the day with a single and two doubles. He also contributed defensively with solid play at third base.

Meanwhile, Janeski relieved starter Mike Kozemko in the seventh inning. After yielding an unearned run in the seventh, Janeski dominated the Indians the rest of the way. At one stretch from the 10th through the 12th innings, he amazingly threw 19 straight strikes.

Janeski said he didn't really feel added pressure, but "it sort of crossed my mind we were playing for a sectional championship."

"This definitely feels good. It was truly a team effort," the junior pitcher added.

Notre Dame, ranked fourth in the state in Class D, was the No. 5 seed in sectionals. The Crusaders had advanced to their title-game matchup against sixth-seeded Groton by edging host and No. 1 seed Lansing, 6-5, June 1.

The semifinal win was highlighted by a stellar performance from Joel Stephens, who reaffirmed that he was pro material. On the same day he was drafted in the ninth round by

## Monarch relay leads list of state track qualifiers

They had won a sectional title one week earlier. Yet to gain entrance into the state meet, members of Our Lady of Mercy's 3,200-meter relay would likely need to improve upon their time of 10 minutes, 9.1 seconds.

And improve this quartet did — by a full 15 seconds.

The Monarchs' Jessie Dugan, Lindsay Wegman, Danni LaMagna and Christine DeMott were the clear-cut winners at the Section 5 Meet of Champions state qualifier, held in Hornell June 3.

Mercy's time of 9:54.1 beat out second-place Fairport, which posted a time of 9:58.0. The Monarchs' first-place effort made them eligible for the state championships this weekend at the University of Buffalo.

Joining Mercy at states will be seven other athletes from diocesan high schools:

- Bishop Kearney's Patrick Goode, who qualified for both the boys' 100- and 200-meter runs. Goode placed second at the Meet of Champions in the 100 (:10.7) and third in the 200 (:22.4).
- BK's Kevin Goode, who finished second in the boys' long jump (21 feet, 9 1/4 inches.)
- Aquinas Institute's Shola Owodunni,

who took second in the girls' 100 (:12.3.)

- McQuaid Jesuit's Greg Schlachter, who took second in the boys' pole vault (14'0").
- McQuaid's Jeff Clark, who finished third in the boys' 3,200 (9:36.5).
- McQuaid's Tim Tyre, who qualified for the boys' intersectional relay.
- Nazareth Academy's Karen Scorzafava, who earned a spot on the girls' intersectional relay.

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