

Girls' soccer teams bag key early-season wins

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Looking for a breather on your 1995 girls' soccer schedule? It's best to avoid the Private-Parochial League — because those teams leave you gasping.

Just ask Monroe County League powers Penfield and Pittsford Mendon. Penfield lost 2-1 to Our Lady of Mercy Sept. 2, and Mendon fell 1-0 to the Monarchs Sept. 3 as Abby Wambach scored all of Mercy's goals in that two-game stretch.

Meanwhile, Aquinas Institute has recorded two lopsided wins: 7-1 over Newark Sept. 1, and 5-1 over Pittsford Sutherland — the defending Section 5 Class BB champ — Sept. 9.

Kearney also came out smoking, taking its own tournament by winning 7-0 over East Sept. 8 and 2-1 in overtime over Caledonia-Mumford Sept. 9. Also representing the Private-Parochial is Nazareth Academy, which has begun at 1-2.

Elmira Notre Dame — which won last year's Sullivan Trail Conference title and reached the Section 4 Class C finals — is off to a 3-1 start. And in the Finger Lakes, Geneva DeSales has gone 1-3.

Our Lady of Mercy

Head coach: Kathy Boughton
1994 record: 13-1

Key players: Goal — senior Joanne Hanna; defense — senior Katie Fitzgerald, juniors Brianna Johnsen, Sarah Zona and Mara LaMagna, sophomore Meaghan Messmer; midfield — junior Julie Antignano, sophomore Audrey Springer; forward — junior Cheryl Matchik, sophomore Abby Wambach, freshman Tricia Raniewicz, eighth-grader Kim Carpenter.

Coach's comments: "I'm hoping some other people (than Wambach) step up and score. My defense is real strong, and my middle is solid."



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Mercy's Katie Fitzgerald (left) vied for the ball with Aquinas Institute's Jessica Parmalee during a game last October. Both players will start for their respective squads this fall.

Aquinas Institute

Head coach: Gary Page
1994 record: 11-7

Key players: Goal — sophomore Tara Berardi; defense — seniors Molly Khuns, Jill Evenski and Kelly Kocis, junior Lauren Farrell; midfield — senior Karla Jarzyniecki, juniors Lisa Brown and Jessica Parmalee, sophomore Erin Nowak; forward — sophomores Katie Gonzalez and Meg Wegman.

Coach's comments: "We knew we could play with Sutherland but we never knew we could dominate the first half like that (4-1 at halftime). It's a good start, because the last couple of years we've

started out slow."

Bishop Kearney

Head coach: Paul Forte
1994 record: 9-8-2

Key players: Goal — junior Ryan Barry; defense — seniors Mary Finucane, Lucianna Ferruzza and Leslie O'Neil, juniors Amy Chiavetta and Kelly Merkel, freshman Amalia Ferruzza; midfield — seniors Janet Lansing and Kristi Noto, sophomore Shannon Rene, freshman Elizabeth Lipka; forward — senior Gretchen Strieter, junior Sandy Moll, sophomore Kate McIntyre, freshman Nikki Bermudez.

Coach's comments: "We're pretty unselfish; nine different girls have scored already."

Nazareth Academy

Head coach: Chris Bianchi
1994 record: 12-6-1

Key players: Goal — senior Betsy Rivera; defense — senior Lisa Johnson, juniors Robin DeMark and Sarah Zettek, sophomore Meghan Kelly; midfield — senior Melissa Brinkman, juniors Katie Poinan and Sarah Slesak, sophomore Andrea Ferro; forward — senior Tara Lodato, sophomore Amy Gontarek.

Coach's comments: "Game after game, we're going to get better and better. A lot of the girls played summer soccer, and that's helped out."

Elmira Notre Dame

Head coach: Steve Weber
1994 record: 19-1-1

Key players: Goal — senior Michelle May; defense — seniors Emily Violette and Theresa Hayner, sophomores Karyn Batterson and Amy Tangorre; midfield — seniors Jenny Spaziani and Jeanette Klee, sophomore Pam Harley; forward — junior Lindsay West, sophomore Asha Persaud, freshman Kelly Spaziani.

Coach's comments: "We have a lot more room for improvement than normal. I'm not saying we'll win the STC, but I think we'll contend for it."

Geneva DeSales

Head coach: Randy Hagadorn
1994 record: 2-13-1

Key players: Goal — junior Theresa Patrick; defense — senior Dina Smaldone, juniors Sue Nearpass and Nicole Palmer, sophomore Kathryn Friday; midfield — senior Bridget Buckley, junior Allison Hilberer; forward — seniors Melissa Liberatore and Emily Krakowiak, juniors Heather Pike, Kelly Pike and Amy Tredinnick; sophomores Melanie Wiesner and Ellen Fanning; freshman Ann Marie Buckley.

Coach's comments: "We're still one of the fastest teams around. I'm hoping we're going to be able to sneak up on a couple of teams this year."

McQuaid comeback edges Irish

It was a classic ending in a classic football rivalry.

Down 12-0 entering the fourth quarter, McQuaid Jesuit rallied for a 13-12 win over Aquinas Institute Sept. 10 at the University of Rochester.

AQ (0-2) scored in the first and fourth quarters on touchdown runs by Nick Manella; however, the Little Irish failed to convert any extra points.

McQuaid (1-1) began its comeback when Eugene Bradley scored from four yards out to make it 12-6. Brian

Berko-Boateng scored on a six-yard run with 1:59 left, and kicker J.P. Novak made the decisive extra point.

In other football highlights, Elmira Notre Dame (2-0) won 47-18 over Greene Sept. 2 and 35-12 over Seton Catholic Sept. 8. ND's Tug Ollock has totaled five touchdowns in those two victories.

Bishop Kearney (1-1) won 28-20 over Clyde-Savannah Sept. 4, and Geneva DeSales (1-1) also captured its debut with a 15-12 defeat of Romulus Sept. 2.

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• "As I look back, I see the finger of God at work in my life," Bishop Paul Bemile said. "I also see God's work being accomplished in me and the whole diocese through the Propagation of the Faith which is at the very heart of the growth of the church here, and which helps it continue to grow. I rely on those who so faithfully support the propagation of the Faith for the future growth and evangelization of this vibrant local church."



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