

Undefeated SS. Peter and Paul boys volleyball wins Diocesan championship



The SS. Peter and Paul boys varsity volleyball team went 12-0 in seasonal play. The team was Canisius High School volleyball and WNY Diocesan boys champions. David Hill was All-WNY MVP, and Max Roehmholdt and Jonathan Caimano were all-tournament team selections. Members of the team pictured, from left, are: front row - Mark Eberhard, Parker Reusch, Leo Lynett, Michael Piscatelli, Max Roehmholdt; back row - Alex Podgorsak, Kyle Baran, assistant coach Fran Hill, David Hill, Jonathan Caimano, assistant coach Pat Drexinger, Ben Miller; coach Mary McIntyre, Ricky Mendiola; missing from photo - assistant coach Spencer McIntyre.

The Saints Peter and Paul Knights boys varsity volleyball team did not record a regular season loss all year as they went 12-0 and finally captured the elusive Diocesan championship for the first time in school history. Coach Mary McIntyre insisted this 11-man team was very coachable and possessed a strong balance between offense and defense.

The team entered the Canisius volleyball tournament early in the year and rolled through the semifinals without a loss. Entering the finals against St. Andrews was going to be difficult since the Knights would be without four varsity players. Four sixth graders from the junior varsity team were called up to fill in and each played fantastic when called upon. Mike Piscatelli was pressed into action to fill in as setter for the entire day and did an outstanding job. In the end, the Knights came out on top to win the tournament.

Leadership had been paramount for the team all year and nothing would change heading into the Diocesan playoffs. David Hill and Ben Miller took

it upon themselves to provide the team leadership. The Knights started out with a win over Nativity, needing just two games to advance to the round robin semifinal play downs.

The team suffered a setback in losing to Our Lady of Sacred Heart, however, the Knights came back the next day with a strong performance to beat St. Andrews and St. Greg's. As a result, the Knights earned the chance to play for the Diocesan championship but they would have to once again face Our Lady of Sacred Heart. The team leaders focused the 11-man squad and the Knights prevailed, 25-7, 25-15.

Senior David Hill earned the All-WNY MVP Player of the Year honors. Max Roehmholdt and Jonathon Caimano both earned all-tournament team awards.

Kyle Baran, Mark Eberhard, Leo Lynett, Ricky Mendiola, Ben Miller, Michael Piscatelli, Alex Podgorsak, and Parker Reusch rounded out the squad.



St. Benedict's softball closed out its season with a 12-1 loss to St. John the Baptist in the semifinals. Members of the team, pictured from left, are: first row - Liz Feeley, Jamie Schuh, Jen Krajnick, Kristy Luce; middle row - Maggie Boyle, Kyra Sweeney, Shannon DeRosiers, M.C. Duggan; Carrie Deck; top row - Claire Wincott, Gina Maisano, Shannon Okonczak, Nina Anders, and Mary O'Rourke.



The St. Benedict's baseball team defeated St. John the Baptist of Kenmore, 6-5, for its first Diocesan championship. St. Benedict's finishes with an overall record of 21-1. Members of the team, pictured from left, are: first row - Peter Gregory, Bobby Graczyk, Jamal

Davis, Nick DeJoy, Marc DiLeo, Derek Fraas; second row - coach Herb Glose, Patrick Glose, Sam Insalaco, Paul Boerema, Dylan Beres, coach Joe DiLeo; third row - coach Bryan Tenney, Sean Tenney, Dylan Blujus, Zac Garlick, Brendan Tenney and coach Stan Blujus.

St. Benedict's defeats St. John the Baptist for baseball title

St. Benedict's School of Eggertsville recently claimed its first Diocesan baseball championship by defeating St. John the Baptist of Kenmore, 6-5, before an enthusiastic crowd of over 500 fans at Dunn Tire Park.

The game pitted two teams that only had one loss between them, so everyone knew it was going to be a close game.

St. Benedict's scored in the top of the second inning as Paul Boerema singled, stole second and ended up scoring on a passed ball to give the Tigers a 1-0 lead.

St. John's countered with a run in the fourth to tie the game as Paul Tronolone doubled to deep left field and scored on a single.

The Tigers took a 3-1 lead in the fifth as Patrick Glose and Peter Gregory scored.

After seeing their lead cut to 3-2 in the bottom of the inning, St. Benedict's put two more runs on the board after there were two outs. Brendan Tenney and Zac Garlick scored to open a 5-2 lead before St.

John's tied it up with a bases-loaded triple by Adam Dikeman.

The drama carried into the seventh inning as Sean Tenney, Dylan Blujus and Marc DiLeo opened up the seventh with singles, and Tenney scored what proved to be the winning run while another base runner was caught in a rundown. The Tigers secured the championship by getting the last out of the game with the tying run on third base.

Boerema, DiLeo and Tenney led the St. Benedict's offensive attack with two hits each, while Glose, Gregory, Blujus and Garlick all chipped in with base hits. The pitching staff of Gregory (3.1 innings), Tenney (2.2 innings) and Blujus (closer) combined to limit St. John's to seven hits.

St. Benedict's, which also won the St. Francis grammar school preseason tournament last fall, finishes with an overall record of 21-1.

Fr. Gary Bagley, former pastor at St. Benedict's who died in November, was honorary general manager.

St. Benedict's softball loses in semifinals

St. Benedict's softball team ended their season with a 12-1 loss in

the semifinals against St. John the Baptist.

St. Benedict's only run came in the fourth inning. Shannon Okonczak hit a single and knocked in Mary O'Rourke. Besides Okonczak and O'Rourke getting on base, Gina Maisano, Jamie Schuh, Nina Anders, Jen Krajnick and Kristy Luce were the only St. Benedict's girls able to get their bat on the ball. St. John's experienced pitcher struck out 11.

Luce pitched for St. Benedict's and struck out 10 batters in the losing effort.

Shannon DeRosiers made a nice stop on a hard-hit ball while at second base and threw the girl out at first. Krajnick and Luce also fielded balls in the infield and threw to O'Rourke at first for outs.

Carrie Deck made a stop on a hard-hit ball while in left field, preventing a St. John's player from getting a double. Liz Feeley was able to play her first game this season after recovering from a broken wrist and stopped a fly ball out to right field.

M.C. Duggan, Kyra Sweeney, Maggie Boyle and Claire Wincott also tried to keep St. John's from scoring.

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Summer (Continued from page 33)

a.m.; Batavia High School

- Lacrosse (M): June 13; 4:30 p.m.; Nazareth College (turf field); June 14; 4:30 p.m.; Sweet Home High School (grass field): June 15; 4:30 p.m.; Penn-Yann High School (turf field); [Bring appropriate equipment and shoes to the trials]

- Lacrosse (W): June 15; 5 p.m.; Monroe Community College [Bring goggles, mouthpiece, turf shoes, sneakers and reversible jersey]

- Swimming (MW): June 15; 5 p.m. warm-up; June 16; 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. warm-up; Aquatic Center,

Tonawanda [Applications must be received by June 11]

- Tennis (MW): June 23; 9 a.m.; University at Buffalo,

Amherst-Ellicott Courts; June 24, rain date [Applications must be received by June 20. Bring a new can of balls.]

Sports brief

Medaille College men's basketball coach Mike McDonald will host **two weeks of basketball camps** for boys' ages 6 to 14 at Medaille College, 18 Agassiz Circle, Buffalo. The sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 25 to 29 and July 30 to August 3. Early drop-off and late pick-up are available each day.

The camp also includes games, contests, and instruction. All campers will receive a "Maverick Pack", which includes a reversible jersey, T-shirt, basketball, and a gym sack. The cost of the camp is \$200. Family and team discounts are available. For more information, call 880-2347.