

FACULTY

McQuaid Victories Complete Best Cross Country Season

Two first and a second in the three divisions of the annual Jesuit Championships in New York City brought McQuaid Jesuit's finest cross-country season to a close last weekend.

With the varsity finishing second to St. Joseph's of Philadelphia and the J.V. and freshmen teams scoring convincing victories, the Knights wound up with a combined won-loss record of 281-31 for their invitational, dual, and championship outings.

Their winning percentage of .900 is the best ever for McQuaid runners, topping the previous best of .886 in 1964 and last year's .882.

Statistics aside, the Knights' runner-up role in the varsity race left them

short of their final goal for the season, that of recapturing the Jesuit title.

McQuaid's grouping of five men in the top 16 of the race would have been good enough to win most Jesuit meets of the past, but this time it ran into a St. Joseph's group that had four in the top 10, giving the winners the luxury of placing their fifth man 20th. Final tally: St. Joseph's 40, McQuaid 61.

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Senior Chris Horton led the Knights in fifth place when Sean McGinnis, running near the head of the field, dropped out with stomach cramps and a breathing problem at the halfway mark.

Next were Tim Lawrence (12), Dave Seeger (13), Kevin Burnett (15), and John Farrell (16). Horton's time was 13:28, almost 20 seconds slower than his winning time in last year's meet.

In the J.V. race, senior Paul Keating came home first, followed by Paul Shafter (2), Jack Moore (5), Rick Seeger (6), and Dan Schoenherr (9). Keating's time of 14:20 for the tough 2.5 mile course is one of the best J.V. times the Knights have produced in their 10 trips to Van Cortlandt Park.

McQuaid's freshmen gave coach Bill Quinlisk his third Jesuit title in four years by packing their scorers into the top ten of the 75-runner field. Andy Allen, clocking 8:31 for the 1.5 mile course set a new McQuaid record but had to settle for third place. Behind him came Peter Stone (6), Tom Horton (8), Paul Barton (9), and Scott Conley (10). The frosh, who lost only twice all year against 90 opponents, wound up their year with a fiveweekend winning streak that also included three invitationals and the diocesan championship.

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I want to thank all of you for your part in the above headline, whether you were named in the story or not. Statistics are a kind of numbers game, so the figure of .900 is not important in itself. What is important is the work, the spirit, the competitive effort, and the comradeship that went into that statistic. Thanks especially for all of that.