TWO TEAMS, TWO TITLES -- McQuaid's Jesuit's cross-country squad experimented with a two-varsity system this season, and each team produced a championship. Kneeling behind their City-Catholic League trophy is the Varsity-2 team of (left to right) Dave Hoak, Bill Ruffin, Jim Dunn, Andy Hamingson, Mark Messura, Joe Reagan, and Bill Radder. Standing with Coach Bob Bradley is the Section 5 champion Varsity-1 team of Chris Rimlinger, Jim Malley, Rob Starkweather, Peter Glavin, Steve Burnett, Andrew Huggins, and Chris Koller.

McQuaid Runners Capture Annual Jesuit Championship

McQuaid Jesuit's finest cross-country squad since 1974 closed out its season with medal-laden winning performances in the annual Jesuit championships at New York's Van Cortland Park last Saturday.

Putting five gold and black shirts into the top seven of a 63-runner field, the Knights captured the varsity title with 22 points against eight Jesuit opponents from five states.

Leading the way for the second straight week was senior Andrew Huggins with a fast 13:27, good for runner-up spot in the race. Right behind him were junior Peter Glavin (3), and seniors Chris Koller (4), Rob Starkweather (6), Chris Rimlinger (7), and Steve Burnett (14).

The Knights were coming back from a sub-par race in the Intersectional Championships at Poughkeepsie, where they finished sixth of 13 teams. "I don't know what happened to us in that one," said McQuaid coach Bob Bradley, "but I'm glad they bounced back. They're too good a team to run two bad races in a row."

The victory was McQuaid's third championship of the season, going with its earlier City-Catholic and Section 5 laurels. The Knights also had invitational wins at Lake Shore, Cobleskill, and Alfred-Almond.

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Every one of the 23-man McQuaid contingent captured a medal in the Jesuit competition, as the J.V. and freshman squads followed the varsity lead. The Knight frosh bested five teams with a low 18 points, led by Tom Warth's individual win. Matthew Huggins (2), Mike Das (4), Bryan Jones (5), and Bob Stokes (6) completed the scoring.

In the J.V. race, McQuaid continued its sweep with junior Dave Hoak winning the gold medal, followed by sophs Andy Hamingson (2) and Mark Messura (4), junior Joe Reagan (5), and soph Bill Ruffin (6).