

McQuaid Teams Begin With New Talent

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"I don't ever remember anything like it in the 12 years that I've been here," McQuaid athletic director Tim Jordan said.

Jordan was talking about the unbelievable effort put forth by McQuaid sports teams last season. The combined successes of all teams netted a total of four sectional championships (football, cross-country, indoor and outdoor track), one county championship (hockey), and five City-Catholic League championships (wrestling, swimming, cross-country, golf and football).

It all boiled down to McQuaid capturing the Carter-Smith Trophy, signifying overall sports supremacy among the four Catholic high schools, for the fifth year in a row.

"We had a great year all around," Jordan said, "academically as well as athletically. I don't recall ever having such a good group of seniors to work with."

But, as in all schools, when

graduation rolls around, you're bound to lose some good players. And graduation just about drained McQuaid.

Tom Seymour returns for another season as football coach, but this year his work is cut out for him. From last year's championship team, Seymour lost 21 of 22 players. The only returnee will be Chris Heier, a running back, MVP in the sectional win over Aquinas.

Handling the cross-country and track squads again will be Bob Bradley. Bradley lost six of seven starters in crosscountry but the only one returning, Peter Glavin, could be the best area runner this year.

The Knights' hockey team came within one goal of a perfect season. The only scar was a 3-3 tie with Bishop Kearney. Their 15-0-1 record gave them first place in the Monroe County High School Hockey League, then they beat Irondequoit, 4-3, for the championship. All-star defenseman Tony Solazzo and goalie John Taille are gone now, but coach Bob Pedersen should have enough returning players to insure another strong season.

Coach John Roselli's wrestling team featured National Greco-Roman champion Phil Lanzatella and Vince Baiamonte. Again, they

are gone, and the team is a question mark.

The names that became household words around the halls of McQuaid Jesuit High School are now memories of the past: Lanzatella, Baiamonte, Neil Brophy and Marty Mahoney (swimming), Craig Rice and Vaun Grattet (track), Solazzo and Taille, and Dave Roberson (football and basketball) among many

others. They are now replaced by a new breed: John Ryan (State Amateur golf champion), Heier, Rich Price (track), and Glavin.

The consensus among the coaches is that many of the overpowering teams fielded by the Knights last year will never be duplicated. It rests on the shoulders of the young breed to make new history for the school.

2,300 entered for McQuaid Invitational

Sept. 29-79

Nearly 2,300 runners from 120 high schools in four states will take part in the 15th annual McQuaid Invitational cross country meet starting at 10:45 a.m. tomorrow at Genesee Valley Park.

McQuaid Coach Bob Bradley describes it as one of the largest high school competitions in the state.

Among the ranked large high schools competing for the title will be Corcoran High School of Syracuse, currently No. 4 in the state. Others include defending champion Christian Brothers Academy of Syracuse and Central High School of Pittsburgh.

In the AA class the top teams appear to be Nottingham of Syracuse, Jamesville-DeWitt, East Aurora, Chardon of Ohio and Clover Leaf High School of Akron, Ohio. The defending champion is Blue Mountain High School from Pennsylvania.

York of Section 5 is the leading contender for the small school title (Class A). Strong challenges are expected from Penn Yan Academy and Chanel High School of Cleveland.

In the girls' competition, 55 teams will compete in two divisions. Among small schools, Skaneateles, one of the top girls teams in the state, and Chardon of Ohio are considered the teams to beat.

In the upper division Clarence Central of Section 6 is defending champion. Other outstanding teams are from Baldwinsville of Section 3 and Rush-Henrietta Sperry.

The runner recording the boys' fastest time will be awarded the Steve Prefontaine Memorial Trophy. Top runners are Craig Kinney of Corcoran, Peter Glavin of McQuaid, Ron Miller of Irondequoit, Pat O'Connor of East Aurora and Pat Lehmann of Lewiston-Porter.

McQuaid To Host Top Runners

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More than 120 schools and 2,300 runners are expected for the 15th annual McQuaid Invitational cross country meet tomorrow at Genesee Valley Park.

"It's the toughest field we've ever had," says McQuaid coach and meet chairman Bob Bradley. "My team doesn't have the experience to be a contender. I'd be very happy to come in third."

The top two teams in the Class AAA race are expected to be Corcoran High of Syracuse and Central Catholic of Pittsburgh. McQuaid's Pete Glavin and Irondequoit's Ron Miller are expected to be two of the top individual finishers.

In Class AA, Blue Mountain, Pa. is back to defend its team title against East Aurora, Syracuse powers Nottingham and Jamesville-DeWitt, Chardon, Ohio High and Cloverleaf High of

Akron. Defending Class A champ York is expected to be pushed by both Penn Yan and Chanel High of Cleveland.

There are also 55 girls teams, the largest field ever, entered in the meet, which begins at 10:45 a.m. The Class AAA boys varsity race is expected to begin around 3 p.m.

THE LANCERS, who have been criticized in the past for not promoting soccer at the high school level locally, are sponsoring tomorrow's game between city powers East and Marshall at 2 p.m. at Holleder Stadium. Admission and parking is free.

"We originally wanted to make it a tripleheader but it was a little too late for some of the other schools to change their schedules," says Bob Moran, marketing and sales director for the Lancers. "We hope to have a tripleheader sometime in October."

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