

Pennsylvania senior outruns them all

Record pace best among 2,300 in McQuaid meet

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They came from all over Section 5, and beyond, for this 15th McQuaid Invitational. In all, 120 schools from three states and Ontario, Canada sent 2,300 runners to compete in 16 races. Before the long day at Genesee Valley Park had ended, 857 T-shirts and medals and ribbons and trophies and plaques had been awarded.

But there emerged only one runner who could call himself the fastest. An 18-year-old senior who drove 5½ hours to run less than 15 minutes won the prize everybody coveted.

Niagara Falls had to wait yesterday, because Randy Haas wanted to make sure he had won what he had come for — the Steve Prefontaine Memorial Award as the fastest runner in a cross country carnival that they'll be talking about for a long time at Blue Mountain High School in Pennsylvania.

Haas, who drove here Friday night in the school van with his coach and six other teammates, became the meet's first, and only, runner to shatter 15 minutes in winning the varsity Class AA three-mile race. His record time of 14:52.1, almost 12 seconds better than the 15:03.3 mark Tom Hollis of Sperry set last year, was posted at 12:45 p.m., but it wasn't until after the Class AAA run had been completed some three hours later that he was assured the big prize.

Two other records were set. Section 5 teams from Dansville, Waterloo, York and Pittsford Sutherland were winners and so were Section 5 runners Rick Dean of Greece Olympia, Darby Webster of Corning East, Scott Bagley of East Rochester and Kari Clement of Spencerport. But the runner with the best time, the big plaque and the broadest smile was Haas.

"I came here thinking of breaking the record and

winning the plaque," he said. "I thought I had a shot."

After Haas won, the Blue Mountain team was finished for the day. Their coach had planned a trip to Niagara Falls before they headed home. But now they all wanted to stay to the meet's end.

Waiting for the Class AAA race, and then following its progress, may have been more torturing for Haas than running his own race.

"Coming from Pennsylvania, there's no meet like this one," he would say later. "This is something. It's almost bigger than our states."

He was right there at the finish line, looking over the shoulders of one of the timekeepers, as the Class AAA winner, Brian McIreney of Elmira Free Academy, ran the final 200 yards. He got McIreney's time — 15:09.8 — and then joined in a mini celebration with his coach and teammates. "This," he said, "is the highlight of my running career."

The other record-setters were Connie Rieglemann of Cicero High in the Class AA girls (12:30.7 for the 2.2 miles), and Pat Corcoran of Corcoran High in junior high Division 3 (7:41.6 for the 1.48 miles).

The fastest Section 5 runner was Peter Glavin of McQuaid in Class AAA (15:18.8), but he was sixth in the glamor event that Corcoran High won. But Section 5 wasn't shut out. Dansville (varsity Class B Division 1), Waterloo (junior high Division 1), York (varsity Class A) and Pittsford Sutherland (varsity Class AA Division 2) were team winners.

Individually, Bagley of ER won varsity Class A (15:29.0), Dean of Olympia won varsity Class AA Division 2 (15:28.8), Webster of Corning East won varsity Class B Division 2 (16:26.1) and Clement of Spencerport was girls junior high champion (9:22.7).

McQuaid's Peter Glavin was the fastest Section 5 runner in the 15th annual McQuaid Invitational, which attracted more than 120 teams and 2,300 runners. He was sixth in the Class AAA race with a time of 15:18, well behind the meet record time of Randy Haas (14:52.1) of Blue Mountain, Pa. . . . East Rochester's Scott Bagley (15:29.0) won the Class A race while Olympia's Rick Dean (15:28.8) won the Class AA division 2 race.

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CROSS COUNTRY McQuaid Invitational at Genesee Valley Park

Team finish: 1. Syracuse Corcoran 102:16.6, 4. Fairport 135:13.5, 3. Sperry 145:18.8, 6. Erie Brockport 146:18.8, 5. Dansville 147:18.8, 11. St. Joseph's 229:12, Liverpool 238:13, Irondequoit 248:14, Orchard Park 303:15, Spencerport 383.

Top 5 finishers: 1. Brian McIreney, EFA, 15:09.8, 2. Bob Rusford, Central Catholic, 15:10.7, 3. Mike Short, Central Catholic, 15:11.9, 4. Craig Kinney, Corcoran, 15:12.3, 5. Jim Scarbrough, Corcoran, 15:15.4.

CLASS AAA
Team finish: 1. Nottingham 84:2, 2. Jamesville-Dewitt 93:3, East Aurora 105:4, Cloverleaf, Lodi, O. 114:5, Blue Mountain, Pa. 130:6, Canisius 138:7, Clarence 145:8, Chardon, O. 189:9, Corning West 225:10, Susquehanna Valley 230:11, St. Francis 262:12, Lewiston-Porter 285:13, Bradford, Pa. 377.

Top 5 finishers: 1. Randy Haas, Blue Mountain, 14:52.1, 2. Dave Elster, Jamesville-Dewitt, 15:11.9, 3. Bill Maloney, Canisius, 15:15.5, 4. Jim Pfeiffer, Nottingham, 15:27.1, 5. John Munier, Nottingham, 15:30.9.

CLASS A
Team finish: 1. York 88:2, Penn Yan 89:3, Dansville 99:4, Albion 112:5, Newfane 117:6, Bishop Grimes 149:7, East Rochester 162:8, Marcellus 167:9, Bishop Turner 197:10, Chancel Bedford, O. 208:11, Waterloo, 237:12, Skaneateles 301.

Top 5 finishers: 1. Scott Bagley, East Rochester, 15:29.0, 2. Todd Lindsay, East Rochester, 15:38.8, 3. Mike Cossette, East Rochester, 15:39.2, 4. Jeff Murray, Newark, 15:37.9, 5. Mark Layland, York, 15:40.7.

CLASS AA GIRLS
Team finish (top 10): 1. Baldwinsville 62:2, Clarence 65:3, Sperry 107:4, Liverpool 108:5, Lake Shore 171:6, Williamsport East 245:7, Lockport 285:8, Fairport 309:9, West, Vestal 335:10, Lancaster 352.

Top 5 finishers: 1. Connie Rieglemann, Cicero, 12:30.7, 2. Erin McCarthy, Clarence, 12:48.7, 3. Anne Duproski, Lancaster, 12:52.7, 4. Anna Kelly, Sperry 13:15.5, 5. Terry Allen, Clarence, 13:33.3.

CLASS A GIRLS
Team finish (top 10): 1. Chardon, O. 59:133, 4. Brockport 201:5, Nottingham 214:6, Waterloo 222:7, Wilson 225:8, Webster Thomas 234:9, Jamesville DeWitt 241:10, Cloverleaf, O. 274.

Top 5 finishers: 1. Emily Wood, Skaneateles, 12:39.5, 2. Debbie Grain, Williamsport North, 12:49:2, 3. Juanita Weller, Chardon, 12:52.8, 4. Vicki Brown, Waterloo, 13:24.9, 5. Nancy Pokorny, Chardon, 13:24.9.

CLASS B GIRLS
Team finish: 1. Sweet Home, 2. Greece Arcadia, 3. Columbia, 4. Lancaster, 5. Fayetteville, Winner: Scott Hammond, Sweet Home, 15:34.6.

CLASS C GIRLS
Team finish: 1. Pittsford Sutherland, 2. Canandaigua, 3. LaSalle, Niagara Falls, 4. Thousand Islands, S.S., 5. Webster Thomas, Winner: Rick Dean, Greece Olympia, 15:28.8.

CLASS D GIRLS
Team finish: 1. Dansville, 2. Albion, 3. Bishop Grimes, 4. Penn Yan, 5. Waterloo, Winner: Tim Hogan, Bishop Grimes, 17:10.

CLASS E GIRLS
Team finish: 1. Nottingham, 2. Canisius, 3. Cloverleaf, O., 4. Chardon, O., 5. East Aurora, Winner: Darby Webster, Corning East, 16:26.1.

CLASS F GIRLS
Team finish: 1. CBA, 2. Fairport, 3. Brockport, 4. Greece, Arcadia, 5. Lockport, 6. Andes, Winner: Corning East, 16:26.1.

CLASS G GIRLS
Team finish: 1. Waterloo, 2. Cleveland Hill, 3. Pembroke, 4. Hannibal, 5. Medina, Winner: Brian Aylams, Bishop Grimes, 8:09.7.

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