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## A Trophy Is Coming To Corcoran

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**W**HAT ARE YOU gonna do with a championship plaque when you didn't win the championship?" asked Rochester McQuaid cross country coach Bob Bradley.

Last Saturday, Corcoran High's cross country team scored low point total of 81 to win, apparently, the Class A race at the New York State Intersectional Meet. Talented Steve Loretz led coach John Hohm's Cougar harriers, winning the race over Grant Whitney of Penfield on a snowy Malone course.

Afterwards, a disgruntled Long Island third-place finisher protested the fact that Loretz and Whitney had strayed off the course in the late stages. A measurement showed both runners had indeed cut the course by perhaps 30 meters. But, since they both led the field by about 70 meters and almost 20 seconds, most onlookers felt the disqualification of Loretz and Whitney was an injustice.

Said coach Bradley, "Given the snowy conditions and lack of officials to guide the runners, they should not have disqualified Loretz and Whitney. The advantage those boys gained was minimal. It was quite obvious they were the two best runners in the race."

The disqualification was upheld, promoting McQuaid's team from second to first, demoting Corcoran from first to fifth. This plunged Corcoran coach John Hohm into a state of depression from which he is just beginning to emerge.

**T**HE DECISION ALSO bothered 20-year McQuaid coach Bradley, a proud man. Understand this: Bradley can be described as the Bear Bryant of Rochester scholastic track and cross country. Like Alabama's Bear, when Bradley talks, people listen. As with Bryant, it's big news when Bradley's team loses.

"When I went to the awards ceremonies, I learned that we were being declared the winners," Bradley said. "I was surprised because I was just hoping for second."

McQuaid took the trophy home and kept it for two days, feeling embarrassed. You do not give champions gift trophies.

Monday, McQuaid team captain Mike Das went to Bradley before practice and said, "We have to send something to Corcoran." Bradley said, "I know that."

## HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

McQuaid held a team meeting, and voted to get rid of the engraved 18-inch by three-foot state championship trophy. Be assured, an Empire State first-place trophy isn't cheap. Athletes receive one like this perhaps once or twice a lifetime. McQuaid has never won one.

Tuesday, Das and the McQuaid runners affixed a nameplate to the trophy bearing an inscription: "Corcoran High School, 81 Points. Rochester McQuaid High School, 101 Points. Congratulations on a Great Race."

**B**RADLEY SAID, "I took the trophy to United Parcel on Wednesday. John should have the trophy by Friday."

These days, another school would have kept the trophy, theorizing, "We'll take it any way we can get it, baby."

They think differently at McQuaid Jesuit High School, where bushels of track and cross country trophies are on display. "We keep only the trophies here that we win," explains coach Bradley.

He added, "We beat Corcoran twice this fall, at our own invitation and at New Hartford. But, Corcoran peaked just right and ran a great race at

Malone. That's why we weren't particularly proud of the trophy we received at the ceremonies.

Added Bradley, "If you talk to John, tell him that United Parcel should be delivering it to his school by Friday."

Informed of McQuaid's intentions, Hohm said "I'm speechless." (He usually isn't). Then Hohm paused before saying, "Mr. Bradley is at the top, and we're chasing him. This time, we caught him and he knows that. And now, he wants us to know that he knows." Then sixth-year coach Hohm added softly, a bit emotionally, "The level that McQuaid is at, is where I'm trying to get."

Apparently, the record book will show that McQuaid's harriers won the 1981 Intersectional Class A meet. But McQuaid knows, Corcoran knows and now, we know.

Some people want to do away with high school sports. Do sports teach us anything? Nah.



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| Division 5    |        |           |            |        |
|---------------|--------|-----------|------------|--------|
| Team          | Record | Own Value | Opp. Value | Rating |
| 1. Cathedral  | 6-0-0  | 62        | 28         | 14.67  |
| 2. Dorchester | 5-1-0  | 50        | 36         | 14.33  |
| 3. Blue Hills | 6-1-0  | 60        | 33         | 13.29  |
| 4. Manchester | 6-1-0  | 60        | 32         | 13.14  |
| 5. Lynn Tech  | 6-1-0  | 64        | 27         | 13.00  |
| 6. Minuteman  | 6-1-0  | 60        | 29         | 12.71  |
| 7. Hyde Park  | 5-1-0  | 50        | 25         | 12.50  |
| 8. Shawshen   | 6-1-0  | 60        | 24         | 12.00  |
| 9. Norton     | 5-2-0  | 50        | 32         | 11.71  |

## FOOTBALL NEWS

# Pleasantville, Harrison top WPSA polls

Yonkers Herald-Statesman

Riding high one week, shot down the next. That's the story of the Eastchester Eagles.

A week ago, the Eagles were coming off a win over Sleepy Hollow in a battle of Conference B-

### WPSA Top 10

Votes are compiled on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis. First place votes in parentheses.

| Large schools    |       |     |
|------------------|-------|-----|
| 1. Harrison (20) | 6-0-0 | 200 |
| 2. White Plains  | 5-1-0 | 173 |
| 3. Horace Gre    | 5-1-0 | 155 |
| 4. Roosevelt     | 3-1-1 | 124 |
| 5. Mahopac       | 6-1-0 | 113 |
| 6. Fox Lane      | 4-2-0 | 101 |
| 7. Gorton        | 5-1-0 | 95  |
| 8. Mamaroneck    | 4-2-0 | 70  |
| 9. Yonkers       | 3-1-1 | 34  |
| 10. Walter Panas | 4-3-0 | 26  |

Also receiving votes: Port Chester (3-3), Yorktown (3-3), Carmel (3-3-1).

| Small schools         |       |     |
|-----------------------|-------|-----|
| 1. Pleasantville (13) | 6-0-0 | 188 |
| 2. Rye (7)            | 6-0-0 | 185 |
| 3. Nanuet             | 7-0-0 | 154 |
| 4. Dobbs Ferry        | 6-0-0 | 135 |
| 5. Bronxville         | 6-0-0 | 120 |
| 6. Eastchester        | 5-1-0 | 96  |
| 7. Sleepy Hollow      | 5-1-0 | 82  |
| 8. Hackley            | 6-0-1 | 72  |
| 9. Irvington          | 4-2-0 | 30  |
| 10. Westlake          | 4-2-0 | 21  |

Also receiving votes: Hen Hud (4-2-1), Brewster (3-3).

of No. 1 Pleasantville. The Panthers, in first place since the season began, traveled north to post an easy win over Poughkeepsie but barely held onto their ranking.

## Football EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS Football ratings

| Boston Division 1 |        |           |            |        |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|------------|--------|
| Team              | Record | Own Value | Opp. Value | Rating |
| 1. Walpole        | 7-0-0  | 70        | 56         | 18.00  |
| 2. Newton North   | 6-0-0  | 60        | 43         | 17.17  |
| 3. Waltham        | 6-0-0  | 60        | 29         | 14.83  |
| 4. Brockton       | 6-1-0  | 56        | 36         | 13.14  |
| 5. Medford        | 5-1-1  | 54        | 36         | 12.86  |
| 6. Norwood        | 5-1-0  | 50        | 23         | 12.67  |
| 7. Reading        | 5-2-0  | 50        | 35         | 12.14  |
| 8. Woburn         | 5-2-0  | 50        | 29         | 11.23  |
| 9. Natick         | 5-2-0  | 50        | 20         | 10.50  |

| Division 2         |        |           |            |        |
|--------------------|--------|-----------|------------|--------|
| Team               | Record | Own Value | Opp. Value | Rating |
| 1. Wintthrop       | 7-0-0  | 70        | 50         | 17.14  |
| 2. Tewksbury       | 6-1-0  | 60        | 40         | 14.29  |
| 3. Malden Catholic | 7-0-0  | 58        | 40         | 14.00  |
| 4. St. John's      | 4-1-1  | 48        | 35         | 13.83  |
| 5. Salem           | 6-1-0  | 62        | 34         | 13.71  |
| 6. Taunton         | 6-1-0  | 56        | 39         | 13.57  |
| 7. Beverly         | 6-1-0  | 62        | 27         | 12.71  |
| 8. Andover         | 5-1-1  | 55        | 33 1/2     | 12.64  |
| 9. Lawrence        | 5-1-1  | 55        | 30 1/2     | 12.21  |
| 10. Chelmsford     | 5-2-0  | 50        | 29         | 11.28  |

| Division 3         |        |           |            |        |
|--------------------|--------|-----------|------------|--------|
| Team               | Record | Own Value | Opp. Value | Rating |
| 1. Somerset        | 7-0-0  | 74        | 45         | 17.00  |
| 2. Canton          | 7-0-0  | 72        | 45         | 16.71  |
| 3. Bridgewater-Ray | 7-0-0  | 72        | 39         | 15.85  |
| 4. North Attleboro | 6-1-0  | 58        | 39         | 15.28  |
| 5. North Andover   | 5-1-1  | 55        | 46 1/2     | 14.50  |
| 6. Acton-Boxboro   | 6-1-0  | 60        | 40         | 14.28  |
| 7. Foxboro         | 6-1-0  | 58        | 37         | 13.57  |
| 7. Falmouth        | 6-1-0  | 60        | 35         | 13.57  |
| 8. Amesbury        | 6-1-0  | 56        | 25 1/2     | 11.64  |
| 9. Dartmouth       | 5-1-1  | 56        | 19         | 10.71  |



| Division 4       |        |           |            |        |
|------------------|--------|-----------|------------|--------|
| Team             | Record | Own Value | Opp. Value | Rating |
| 1. Wareham       | 7-0-0  | 70        | 38         | 15.42  |
| 2. Holliston     | 7-0-0  | 72        | 31         | 14.71  |
| 3. Abington      | 6-1-0  | 60        | 36         | 13.71  |
| 4. Abp. Williams | 6-0-1  | 66        | 29         | 13.57  |
| 5. Bourne        | 5-1-1  | 55        | 32 1/2     | 12.50  |
| 6. Middleboro    | 5-2-0  | 50        | 35         | 12.14  |
| 7. Millis        | 5-1-0  | 50        | 22         | 12.00  |
| 8. Hopkinton     | 6-1-0  | 60        | 20         | 11.42  |

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