



McQuaid Jesuit

HIGH SCHOOL

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December 15, 1981

To Mike & Tom & Paul & Steve & Rennie & Jean & Brian,

I wanted you to have copies of these to show your grandchildren, and the dinner seemed like a good time to give them to you.

You've probably already had your fill of praise, but please accept your share of the laurels contained in these letters and articles. As a certain coach might say, "Good show!"

One of these years down the road we'll win ourselves a State meet, and wherever you are then (maybe even still at McQ) please celebrate with us. After all, you're the ones who showed your successors it could be done.

Thanks for a memorable season, and God bless you.

One final reminder: make sure you bring your future brides around for my inspection. I want to make sure they're all, shall we say, "awesome!"

Peace,

M. B.

McQuaid turns down No. 1

Runners decide they really don't deserve trophy

By DICK PATRICK
Times-Union

Bob Bradley is giving up the trophy it took him 20 years to win. His McQuaid Jesuit High School cross country team was declared state champion Saturday through a disqualification in the annual intersectional meet at Malone. But Bradley turned over the trophy to Corcoran High of Syracuse, a team his runners defeated twice during the season.

Bradley said the team didn't think the trophy would have looked right in the McQuaid trophy case.

The official score of the meet was McQuaid, 96; Corcoran, Kingston, Clarkstown South and Hauppauge all tied for second with 97. The low score wins. But McQuaid didn't like the way it won the title.

The Knights were declared winners after Corcoran's Steve Loretz, the apparent individual winner, was disqualified. Loretz and Grant Whitney of Penfield were disqualified for making a wrong turn on a poorly marked section of the snow-covered course.

The two leaders cut the course by 15-30 yards but had a greater margin of victory over the rest of the field. Bradley and his runners didn't feel Loretz and Whitney should have been penalized.

Bradley called the home of Corcoran Coach John Hohm Sunday night, but Hohm wasn't in. Bradley left a message that the McQuaid team felt Corcoran had run the best race of the day and deserved to be champions.

"That call meant more to me than anything in the world," said Hohm. "I couldn't sleep that night."

Hohm was more overwhelmed when he learned yesterday that McQuaid was mailing the trophy.

"It's something you don't see in sports," he said. "It's a very noble gesture. I can't say enough about Bradley. It forces other coaches to ask themselves, 'In the same situation, could I do something so noble?'"

Bradley chose to downplay the matter. "We don't want to make a big deal over this," he said. "It just seemed like the thing to do."

Sportsmanship

We nominate the McQuaid Jesuit High School cross-country team and its coach, Bob Bradley, for any award given for inspiration.

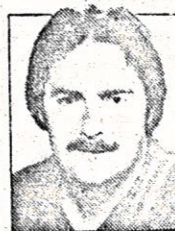
The team won its first state championship recently. But it did so only because two runners, one from Corcoran High School in Syracuse, and the other the talented Grant Whitney of Penfield, strayed slightly from the course and were disqualified. If the Corcoran runner, who edged Whitney for first place, had not made a wrong turn (as did Whitney) on the snowy course with too few judges (Bradley's surmise), Corcoran would have won.

The McQuaid team met. The McQuaid team changed the inscription on the trophy to name Corcoran winner. Bradley sent it to that school.

"We keep only trophies that we win," the coach explained.

Such sportsmanship does McQuaid proud; it does the community proud; it does the rest of us bystanders in the human race proud.

Rochester, N.Y., Friday, November 13, 1981



BOB
MATTHEWS

□ McQuaid cross country coach Bob Bradley wonders what all the fuss is about. The Knights voluntarily surrendered a state championship, but he insists it was the only proper thing to do.

McQuaid was declared the champion in last Saturday's intersectional meet at Malone, but the Knights have shipped their plaque to Corcoran High School of Syracuse (Section 3).

"Sure, we'd love to have that plaque. It would have been the greatest cross country award in our school's history," says Bradley. "But we want to win it the right way."

McQuaid was declared the champion after Corcoran's Steve Loretz was disqualified for making a wrong turn on the snow-covered course. The revised scoring put McQuaid on top with 96 points, followed by a four-way tie for second (Corcoran plus Kingston, Clarkstown South and Hauppauge) at 97 points.

"The conditions were terrible on Saturday. It was 28 degrees and there were four inches of snow on the ground," explains Bradley. "Loretz made a wrong turn, but it wasn't a case of unsportsmanlike conduct. He simply was confused. He gained a maximum of 30 yards by his mistake, but he won the race by 50 yards."

Times-Union,

BOB MATTHEWS

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Bradley gave the championship plaque to team captain Mike Das for the weekend.

"It's a tradition we have," he explains. "The kids can take it to parties over the weekend."

On Monday morning, Das returned the plaque to Bradley.

"I told Mike I didn't feel good about the plaque. I didn't think we deserved it," he says. "Mike agreed, and so did the rest of our team."

McQuaid had the plaque engraved: "Corcoran 81, McQuaid 101. Congratulations on a great race." Then Bradley shipped the plaque to Corcoran via United Parcel Service.

"We had a good day Saturday, but Corcoran had a great day. They earned the championship," says Bradley. "We beat them by 20 and 25 points during the regular season, but they performed extremely well in the intersectional meet. Especially Loretz."

McQuaid is to be applauded for a rare display of sportsmanship in a society obsessed with winning. Victory at all costs is the prevailing attitude. Run up the scores. Flood TV screens with "We're No. 1" finger signals. Taunt defeated opponents.

McQuaid's cross country team — Tom Warth, Jean Pierre Lavallee, Paul Cloos, Brian Rapp, Rennie Brimstein, Steve Mack and Das — might have lost a prestigious cross country meet, but won a lot of respect. And, of course, so far as the state is concerned, the Knights are champions. The record books will not point out their gesture of sportsmanship.



For what it's worth

By Ray Russell
Managing Editor

Disqualification recalls memories of 1975 event

The disqualification of Corcoran's Steve Loretz as the first place winner in last Saturday's Class A race in the State Intersectional Cross Country Meet held in Malone which took the crown away from Corcoran and made a first place winner of Rochester McQuaid revived memories of another disqualification which occurred back in 1975 in Buffalo.

The outcome of the two disqualification, however, had different endings.

For Corcoran, a happy one.

For Franklin Academy of Malone, not so happy.

Yes, it was our own Huskies who were disqualified at the Elma Meadows Golf Course in Buffalo on Nov. 8, 1975, the Huskies and the entire Section 10 contingent.

Here's what happened.

On the night before the meet, Coach Fraser was instructed to have his runners at the course Saturday at 11 a.m. for the start of the

B-C race. The coach was also given a printed instruction sheet listing FA and Section 10 as a Class B-C entry.

Nothing could have been clearer.

But...when the Section 10 group appeared as instructed on Saturday morning they were advised they were supposed to be running in the Class A race which was already underway.

Fraser was told by the meet officials his boys could run in the B-C race if they wanted, but they would be disqualified regardless of how they finished.

Coach Fraser's protests were in vain and when it was obvious the officials were not about to change their minds, he elected to have his team run in the B-C event anyway.

Run they did, coming through with 104 points to take first place.

It was John Pelkey 22nd, freshman Al Rust 37th, Bill Coughlin 64th, Mark Wilcox 76th and Steve Kelley 85th to give FA the lowest point total

in the 146-man field with South Jefferson taking second place team honors.

The officials' pre-race decision, however, stood firm, and the Huskies came back to Malone proud but without any kind of reward except the satisfaction of knowing they had run in the race they were initially told they should have run and had won it.

But...no trophy. As far as I know, that still rests in the trophy case of the team that finished second behind the Huskies.

A not so happy ending for that particular disqualification.

Now to last Saturday's disqualification and the happy ending.

Loretz, the Corcoran runner who finished first in the A race was disqualified for straying off the course as was Grant Whitney of Penfield, the number two finisher. A measurement following the race revealed the two boys had cut the

course by perhaps 30 meters, according to Syracuse Post Standard writer Neil Kerr who wrote this week that "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".

Although, McQuaid Coach Bob Bradley agreed, the disqualification was upheld, Bradley's McQuaid team was declared the winner and Corcoran, coached by John Hohm, was dropped to fifth place.

The McQuaid coach wasn't happy with the outcome. He felt it was a tainted victory that his school did not deserve. His boys agreed with him and on the Monday following the meet, Syracuse sportswriter Kerr reported, the McQuaid team captain, Mike Das, went to his coach and said: "We have to send something to Corcoran".

A team meeting was held and the decision was: Send

the engraved 18-inch by three-foot state championship trophy to Corcoran.

A new nameplate was affixed to the trophy which read: "Corcoran High school, 81 Points. Rochester McQuaid High School, 101 Points. Congratulations on a Great Race".

I, too, would like to say congratulations to Corcoran on a great race.

But my real deep down inside feeling is "Congratulations to Coach Bradley and his Rochester McQuaid team".

Your surrender of the trophy is a shining example of the good that can come from high school athletics; the good that is in our kids, proof that they learn from sports what is right and what is wrong and in this instance had no hesitation in following the right path.

Thank you, Coach Bradley and your boys, and thank you Neil Kerr of the Post Standard for giving me this happy ending story.



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NOVEMBER 21, 1981

TO BOB BRADLEY & MEMBERS OF THE MCQUAID X-C TEAM;

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS PLAQUE AS A TOKEN OF
OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL GESTURE.
YOUR DISPLAY OF SPORTSMANSHIP HAD A TREMENDOUS IMPACT
ON BOTH THE CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM AND MYSELF. IN ADDITION,
YOUR GESTURE HAS BEEN THE CENTER OF DISCUSSION THROUGHOUT
THE SYRACUSE COMMUNITY AND YOU HAVE EARNED THE
ADMIRATION OF COACHES THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

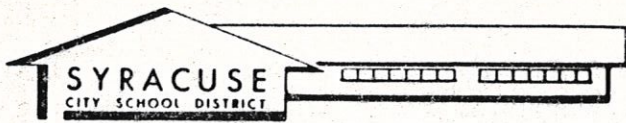
DURING MY EIGHT YEARS OF COACHING I HAVE
STRIVED TO MEET THE HIGH STANDARDS AND EARNED RESPECT
THAT MCQUAID HAS SET THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. I ALSO
CLEARLY REMEMBER THE IMPACT THAT COACH BRADLEY (w/TEAM)
HAD ON ME AS A YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL RUNNER. MY ONLY
GOAL IS TO APPROXIMATE WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED
THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. MAY YOU ENJOY CONTINUED SUCCESS.

OUR SINCEREST THANK YOU FROM MYSELF, THE 1981
CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM AND CORCORAN HIGH SCHOOL. WE
WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO FULLY EXPRESS WHAT YOU HAVE
DONE BY YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS.

MCQUAID: "YOU ARE CHAMPIONS IN WHAT REALLY COUNTS"

SINCERELY,

COACH - CROSS-COUNTRY
CORCORAN HIGH SCHOOL



WILLIAM NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL
3100 EAST GENESEE STREET
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK 13224

November 16, 1981

To: The McQuaid X-C team and coach
From: George Constantino (Nottingham X-C coach)
Re: "CLASS"

How do you spell McQuaid cross
country? Capital C-L-A-S-S. Not

only are you champions on the various
X-C courses in this state but you are

also living proof that X-C and
X-C runners are very unique and
special. Your act of sportsmanship

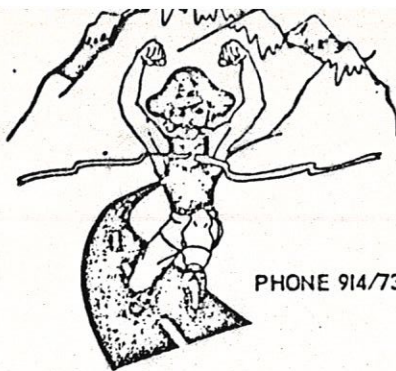
involving Cocoran and the state meet
further ~~elevating~~[~] my opinion of McQuaid
and its cross country program.

Congratulations

"THE PIRATES"
PEARL RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

TOM DOHERTY, MENS' COACH
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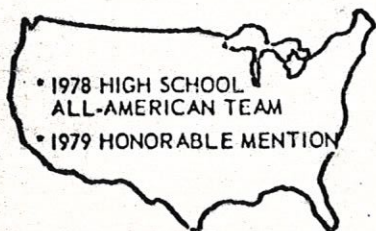
Dear Bob + Tom,

Just finished reading NEIL KERR'S
story in SYRACUSE newspaper "A Trophy
is coming to Concord" & I CAN'T
TELL you how proud I am to be
ASSOCIATED WITH CROSS COUNTRY BECAUSE
OF YOUR ACTIONS.

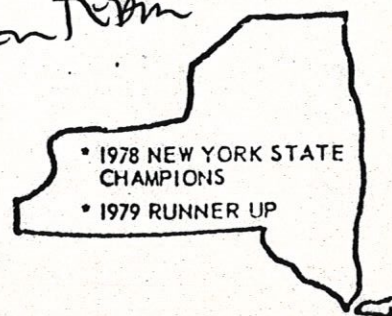
You guys have set a STANDARD OF
EXCELLENCE THAT WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED
WHEN EVERYTHING ELSE ABOUT THE STATE
MEET IN MALONE '81 IS FORGOTTEN.

Our compliments to CAPT. DAS & your
VANITY TEAM -- you guys are SPECIAL
CHAMPIONS IN OUR EYES.

YOUR FRIEND,
Tom Doherty
Pearl River Team



"There Ain't No Gain Without Pain"





11/13/81

A Trophy Is Coming To Corcoran

Staff Writer
SYRACUSE POST-STANDARD 11/12/81

WHAT 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 Warriors, 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 tramped off the course in the late stages. A measurement showed both runners had indeed cut the course by perhaps 30 meters. But, since they only 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 now 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.

THE DECISION ALSO bothered 20-year McQuaid coach Bradley, a proud man. Understand his: Bradley can be described as the heir 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."

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."

BRADLEY 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 invitational 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 sports. Do sports teach us anything? Nah.

Dear Mr. Bradley,

I was reading the Syracuse Post-Standard yesterday (Nov. 12th) and came across this article in the sports section. I think that both you and your team might be surprised to find out that the gesture you made to Corcoran High did not go unnoticed! I'm not sure whether this is the type of thing that would be published in a Rochester paper, but I wanted your boys to know that their actions were appreciated and publicized here in Syracuse!

It is obvious that the author of this article was quite surprised (and impressed) by McQuaid's action, but I can honestly say that I am not.

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The education and values that I received from McQuaid, and from teachers like yourself, will always remain with me. ~~For~~ So, in this small way I'd like to personally thank both you, and your team, for reminding me of just how proud I am to be a graduate of McQuaid Jesuit. No need to say keep up the good work because I know you will!

Sincerely,

Rob Meyerling
CLASS OF '85

11-13-81

Congratulations to you and
the boys on the Team.

We feel a deep sense of
pride to be a part of
the McQuaid family.

Sincerely

The Schatt Family

Praying Along the Path
Christ the King Retreat House
Syracuse, N.Y. 13224

11/14/81

Dear McQuaid Cross Country Team,

I was so proud that you guys stayed with
us. Your victory was rewarding and fun to
hear about, but your heroism made your
whole year and every hour of practice
sparkle.

It is neat that opportunities like this
seem like they come once in a lifetime, but
with people like But Bradley, Mike Das,
Tom Warth, Paul Cloos, Steve Mack,
Rennie Brimsten, Jan, Marshall and Brian Rapp,
the Lord gives you graces like this almost daily.

Dear McQuaid boys,

Thanks
Fr Jim Dolan SJ

Father Dolan gave me the letter
you left for me last weekend. It was very
thoughtful to leave a note and I'm sorry I
wasn't there to receive it in person! Father
tells me you were going to be more aggressive
this year, well I guess it will just have to
wait until next year. Congratulations for the
Malone meet. I know it must have been hard
to give up that trophy, but like the papers wrote,
it was noble, and it shows your maturity. Just
make sure you win next year! I'm looking
forward to seeing the whole team next fall.

Love,

Mary

P.S. We'll see you next year or sooner if you
come for Retreat

Nov 20, 1981

Dear Coach Bradley + Members
of Cross-Country Team.

Congratulations, Men of McQuaid and Real
Champions. It is really heartwarming to see that
in this world full of lying, cheating, and "win-at-
all costs" that the McQuaid tradition of higher values
still prevails. You have shown a true sense of respect
and sportsmanship and are to be applauded. And
as a graduate of McQuaid, I am especially proud
of your actions.

God has given you good legs and a litter
mind. Use them to the utmost. While New York
State says you are champions for 1981 you have
shown the capacity to be Champions for Eternity.
May God bless you with continued success.

Martin P. McQuaid
Churchville, NY.
Class of '60

11/13/81

Dear Bob "Bear Bryant" Bradley.

We at S&W X-Ray would like to congratulate
you and your cross country team on another fine
season.

Enclosed please find the article that appeared
in the Syracuse paper. We are all proud of
your team and the fine sportsmanship that they showed.
It makes us especially proud to have known
you and to be a member of the McQuaid family.
Keep up the terrific work.

Sincerely,
Tony Bussack '64
Mark W. Miller '71
Tom Snyder '71
Joe Miller '64

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CLINTON SQUARE, P.O. BOX 4915, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK 13221

Bob Bradley
Track Office
McQuaid H.S.
Rochester, N.Y.

Dear Bob:

You've won lots of honors over there, but mailing that trophy to Syracuse was perhaps the biggest....

A beautiful gesture. People I've talked to are very impressed. John Hohm will never forget it.

Here's a "note" we ran on the subject. Hope all is accurate. I know you're not quite the same age as Bear Bryant, but I took a few liberties.....

See 'ya on the track, somewhere.

Cordially,

Neil Kern

Neil K.
Syracuse Post-Standard