

Clarence Tops McQuaid

The state's top-ranked cross-country team, Clarence Central of Section 6, had too much front strength for 16th-ranked McQuaid Jesuit last Saturday, and the result was a 34-56 loss for the Knights at the Clarence Fall Classic.

That was the only loss all week for the Knights, though. Their Varsity-2 and J.V. contingents won at Clarence, their junior high group won a fourth straight invitational at Fayetteville-Manlius, and Tuesday's league meets

at Cobbs Hill produced varsity and junior high wins.

The Clarence meet saw McQuaid's Varsity-1 unit break up the back part of the Red Devils' scoring group with Chris Lyboldt (5), Rob Smillie (9), and Scott Paterson (12) all getting in ahead of Clarence's fifth man. But the 1-3 combination Clarence sandwiched around Sperry's Joe Burke gave the host team plenty of cushion up front. "We didn't get out with them, but we gave them a good run before it was over," said Coach Bob Bradley. "All in all, I was encouraged by what I saw, especially from our sophomore Paterson."

McQuaid's Varsity-2 squad provided more encouragement with a 54-59 victory over a good Newark team and 11 others in the unseeded race. Senior Roy Smith matched Lyboldt's 5th-place finish and had strong backing from Tim Donahue (8), Tim Judson (11), Brian Mack (13), and George Schell (17).

The J.V. runners were not to be outdone either, posting a 63-72-80 triumph over Sweet Home and Clarence in their 20-school race. The winning Knights had John Zeman in seventh and Mark Wiltberger in eighth, followed by Ray Harshbarger (11), Brien Lang (18), and John Dovi (19).

At Manlius, meanwhile, Coach Gary Jones's junior high team remained unbeaten, with a decisive win in a 14-team field. The Knights got their winning 57 points from Tim Hess (3), Conor Cusack (7), Chris Cusack (8), Matt Smith (14), and Dave Schickler (25).

McQuaid Runners Place 2nd

McQuaid Jesuit's cross-country Knights came close to their first invitational victory of the season last Saturday at Oswego, but a fast-finishing Auburn team made them settle for second place in the annual Palladium-Times meet.

"With a half-mile to go, I thought we had it," said McQuaid Coach Bob Bradley. "We had five men ahead of Auburn's fourth and fifth, but their two came on and ours faded a bit. I'd say we lost 10 points and they picked up 10 in that last half." Final score: Auburn 42, McQuaid 56, with none of the other 11 schools close.

Despite that turnabout, Bradley was pleased with his team's improvement over its opening race at New Hartford. The Knights had a 23-second scoring group behind junior Chris Lyboldt, who finished fifth in 16:28 over the 3.04-mile-trail course. Juniors David

Warth (9), Rob Smillie (10), and Steve Rapp (12) were next, and seniors Frank McLaughlin (14) and Roy Smith (16) finished out McQuaid's top placers among the 95-runner field.

Sophomores Scott Paterson, Brian Mack, and George Schell had promising debuts in their first races over the varsity distance, finishing 26th, 36th, and 43rd in the same race as part of McQuaid's Varsity-2 squad.

In the JV race, McQuaid was again second to Auburn, with junior Mark Hickey (3), and soph D.J. Caschette (9) running strongly.

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This Saturday, the Knights will be in action on two fronts, their younger runners going to the Baldwinsville Invitational and their varsity squads having a crack at the sectional course in the Newark Invitational at Stuart Park.

McQuaid Runners Compete In New Hartford Invitational

McQuaid Jesuit paid its annual early-season call on Section 3's cross-country competition last Saturday, and for the first time in four years, the Knights came home without a victory, finishing fourth in a field of 14 schools at the New Hartford Invitational.

Liverpool broke the Knight's winning habit decisively, putting four runners into the top 10 and racking up a low 50 points. Corcoran High of Syracuse was runner-up with 94, five points ahead of Section 10 champion Franklin Academy and 15 points up on McQuaid's 109.

"We didn't scare anybody," commented McQuaid coach Bob Bradley, beginning his 22nd year with the black and gold runners. "But we didn't really expect to. Only one of our seven runners has had a full varsity season under his belt, so we've got a

young team that figures to improve each time out. I think we'll be real tough by the end of the season."

The Knights were led by three juniors -- Chris Lyboldt (10), David Warth (12), and Rob Smillie (23) -- with seniors Joe Amoroso (27), and Frank McLaughlin (37) completing the scoring.

A fourth junior, Tim Donahue, was McQuaid's lone entry in the junior varsity race, and he responded with a winning individual effort, overtaking the leader with a half mile to go and striding to a 20-yard victory.

This week, the rest of McQuaid's upperclassmen will swing into action at Oswego in the annual Palladium-Times Invitational, and a large junior high group under third-year coach Gary Jones will make its debut a week later at Baldwinsville.