

McQuaid Takes State Championship

enough to score a 52-81 victory over Section 9 champion and top-ranked Monroe-Woodbury in the Class A competition. Each of nine sections (Sections 7 and 10 have no "A" teams) was represented by at least one team and its top four individuals, making for a racing situation where teams and individuals blend together in a blur of King (10) and just ahead of Brighton's just behind Churchill-Chill's Bob Quaid runners. Smilie ran in the top 10 and five of those shirts were on McQuaid visible in the front third of the field. The violet of Section 5 was readily sectional-colored shirts.



STATE RUNNERS — Members of the Section 5 cross-country team celebrate after their victories this past weekend. Brighton girls in front row, left to right, Stephanie Walsh, Lauralyn Danielson, Stacy Prey, Jody Dushay, Jennifer Shaver, and Rachel Hosmer; boys in back row include: McQuaid runners Brian Mack, Chris Lybolt, Rob Smilie, Scott Patterson, Brighton's Tim Heinle, and McQuaid's Dave Warth.

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another senior running the Fall sport for the first time, had an excellent race as she placed 35th in 19:00. The other co-captain, senior Stephanie Walsh, continued to show improvement as she had one of her best times of the year, 19:41, as she finished 64th. The other Brighton finishers were Stephanie Castro, 87, 29:16; and Lauralyn Danielson, 111, 22:12.

Another first for Section 5 was their winning of the sectional score as they posted a low of 183 to Section 8's 284. Running in the boys' Class A race, Brighton's Tim Heinle finished 13th in 15:32, and Phil Levinson was 45 in 16:13. They combined with the McQuaid team which won the team title, and runners from Churchillville and Irondequoit to match the girls and also win the sectional score. Section 5 posted a low of 209 to easily outdistance Section 11 with 323 and Section 6 with 368.

A happy coach Dave McLaughlin was lavish in his praise for his runners, and Kara Hyatt.

Mercy Swimmers Enter Sectionals

"We came to the state meet with one goal: to beat Baldwinsville. We certainly did that, by a 21-point margin. We have had a great season, and the state title and No. 1 ranking seem like cherries on the icing on the cake. The fact that the McQuaid boys took the team title in Class A, combined with our win, has to make Brighton the running capital of the state for this season."

Three freshmen from Our Lady of Mercy High School's varsity swim team have made the sectionals. Freshmen Juli Buck, Katie Hettich, and Sue Rapp head the Mercy sectional group. Other members of the Mercy squad to make the sectionals are sophomore Meredith McNamara and Katie Mahoney, and juniors Carol Calcagni

McQuaid Jesuit's cross-country Knights came up with a big race when they needed it most at Saratoga State Park last Saturday, and the result was the state championship they've been pointing for all season.

Senior co-captain Rob Smilie led his team into the front part of the 120-runner field and they stayed up well sectional champ Tim Heinle (13) and Irondequoit's Terry Dutton (16).

Then it was McQuaid's turn, with junior Scott Patterson (19) and seniors Chris Lybolt (30), Steve Rapp (31), and David Warth (35) completing a 30-second group that has been the Knights' winning trademark this year.

"Getting out is always the tough part of the state meet," said McQuaid coach Bob Bradley after the most satisfying win of his 23 years with Knight runners. "There are so many good runners in the field that a team that tries to run a good pace often gets lost in the pack. Our guys wanted to hit the happy medium, and it looks as though that's just what they did."

At the two-mile mark of the muddy trail course, Smilie was the first Section 5 runner, in eighth place. Patterson and Rapp were running together in the top 20. Lybolt was another five places back, and Warth a close fifth in the low 30's.

"Some years we haven't gotten anybody into the top 40, so when I saw that group, I knew we were heading for the win," said Bradley, who was hollering "State champs!" at his runners as they hit their last 500 yards.

Smilie's 12th-place finish was the best by a McQuaid runner in the six times the Knights have reached the state meet since 1973, and Patterson's 19th place was easily the best by a McQuaid junior in that stretch. Next year, when the state meet is in Binghamton, he'll be trying to return as the leader of the '85 Knight edition.

This Saturday, McQuaid will conclude its season in New York City at the annual Jesuit Schools Championship.