

Sneak peak at cross country powers

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Two Greece Athena runners were the first to cross the finish line yesterday at the Spencerport Invitational, but when the McQuaid pack arrived moments later, it gave an indication of the power structure in Section 5 cross country.

McQuaid's team effort captured the large-schools boys race.

McQuaid ran in a pack most of the way and was paced by Tim Kelly who finished in fourth place (16:05). The rest of the Knights came in seconds later. Eric Garson finished ninth, Adam Reitz 10th, Dan Lesser 11th (16:43) and Matt Bunce 15th (17:06).

"This is going to be a great season," said Spencerport Coach Doug Schneider, the meet director. "They (McQuaid, Athena, Pittsford and Fairport) are going to battle all year long."

Greece Athena's Dan Cook took first and

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was named the male runner of the invitational for his 15:48 finish. Teammate Greg Schuster came in second. Cook and Schuster pulled ahead of the lead pack near the two-mile mark and increase the lead over the last quarter mile to the finish line.

Other scoring Greece Athena runners were Carl Brienzi (13th, 17:01), Josh Reid (19th, 17:13), and Steve Gerke (33rd, 18:00).

Greece Arcadia won the boys small-schools race with Chris Weigand finishing second (16:39) and Mike Child ninth (17:04). Albion's Geoff Sidari was first with a time of 15:55.

Sidari set his pace and took off with the race. "He really ran his race and was in control from the start," Schneider said.

In the large-schools girls race, Fairport finished far above any of the competitors

with 39 points, 41 better than Webster.

Every Fairport runner finished in the top 10. The Red Raiders were paced by Nancy Nead's third-place finish (19:36), followed by Melissa Salvman in sixth (20:20), Carrie Cocco (20:35) in eighth and Gail Vosylius (21:15).

Sue Yagielski of Greece Olympia was named the top runner, posting a strong time of 19:10 to capture first place in the large-schools division.

Wendy Bensley finished first (19:21) in the small-schools girls race to pace Honeoye Falls-Lima to its victory. Teammates Amy Bauer finished ninth (21:31), Rebekah Banfield 14th (21:53), Emilie Mahood 15th (21:58) and Melanie Sperry 16th (22:07).

Mercy and HF-L were together virtually the whole race. Mercy had three finishers in the top 10 to come within two points of HF-L. Kristine Wierenga finished 12th (21:41) and Katie Crosseas 24th (22:41).

SPENCERPORT INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

BOYS

Large school team: McQuaid 49, Greece Athena 68, Pittsford 77, Fairport 95, Webster 120, Brockport 170, Spencerport 192, Greece Olympia 192, Penfield 231, Hilton Inc.

Large school individual: 1. Dan Cook (Greece Athena) 15:48; 2. Greg Schuster (Greece Athena) 15:56; 3. Jason Heart (Webster) 16:03; 4. Tim Kelly (McQuaid) 16:05; 5. Ben Ashfield (Pittsford) 16:09; 6. John Wilkins (Pittsford) 16:19; 7. Derek Flemming (Brockport) 16:24; 8. Mike Dahrea (Webster) 16:31; 9. Eric Garson (McQuaid) 16:36; 10. Adam Reitz (McQuaid) 16:42.

Small school team: Greece Arcadia 59, Victor 62, Brighton 85, Churchville-Chill 112, Irondequoit 118, Honeoye Falls-Lima 137, Williamson 232, Albion 266, North Rose-Wolcott 287, Aquinas 291, Bloomfield 342, Bishop Kearney Inc., Hornell Inc., Eastridge Inc.

Small school individual: 1. Geoff Sidari (Albion) 15:55; 2. Chris Weigand (Arcadia) 16:39; 3. Derek Kold (Irondequoit) 16:39; 4. Josh Reisel (Honeoye Falls-Lima) 16:40; 5. Matt Devan (Churchville-Chill) 16:50; 6. Charlie Moynihan (Victor) 16:54; 7. Matt Moynihan (Victor) 16:54 (tie); 8. Tony Gash (Brighton) 17:01; 9. Mike Child (Arcadia) 17:04; 10. Winton Brown

(Brighton) 17:08.

GIRLS

Large school team: Fairport 39, Webster 80, Pittsford 91, Greece Athena 130, Spencerport 143, Brockport, Inc., Greece Olympia, Inc., Penfield, Inc.

Large school individual: 1. Sue Yagielski (Olympia) 19:10; 2. Jenny Brant (Pittsford) 19:28; 3. Nancy Nead (Fairport) 19:36; 4. Marcy Halcisvas (Pittsford) 20:14; 5. Alex Taber (Spencerport) 20:15; 6. Melissa Salvman (Fairport) 20:20; 7. Danielle Giusti (Spencerport) 20:26; 8. Carrie Cocco (Fairport) 20:35; 9. Jennifer Lewis (Webster) 21:08; 10. Gail Vosylius (Fairport) 21:15.

Small school team: Honeoye Falls-Lima 55, Mercy 57, Victor 81, Greece Arcadia 123, Churchville-Chill 164, Irondequoit 180, Hornell 184, Aquinas 214, Bloomfield 225, East Rochester Inc., Brighton Inc., Eastridge Inc., Williamson Inc.

Small school individual: 1. Wendy Bensley (Honeoye-Falls-Lima) 19:21; 2. Kyle Abernethy (Bloomfield) 19:49; 3. Jenny Dihella (Arcadia) 20:03; 4. Gretchen Ward (Victor) 20:12; 5. Magan Clancey (Mercy) 20:16; 6. Stacey Larson (Churchville-Chill) 21:03; 7. Stacey Monacelli (Irondequoit) 21:16; 8. Amy Martin (Mercy) 21:18; 9. Amy Bauer (Honeoye Falls-Lima) 21:31; 10. Sarah Mastroni (Mercy) 21:39.

McQuaid 25-hour run benefits homeless

At noon last Saturday, seven very happy McQuaid cross-country men took a victory lap on the school's track. They had just completed the annual 25-hour charity relay, a McQuaid Summer tradition that began in 1980.

The seven, most of whom had been there the full 25 hours, were the last of a group of 12 that began the relay on Friday. With one man running a mile at a time, and then resting while his teammates followed suit, they covered 225 miles, rain or shine. Rain they had aplenty in the early morning hours on Saturday, but it was hot and humid again when junior Tom Brewer ran the final full mile just before noon.

"We had a lot of sore and stiff runners by the time it was over," said McQuaid coach Bob Bradley, who also took an occasional turn with the baton. "Averaging 6:40 for each of the miles wasn't easy, especially in the rainy hours, but the guys really rose to the challenge. They had a lot of spirit."

The 12 runners were senior captain Steve Parrish, juniors Rob Bradley, Tom Baewer, Dave Corsall, and Tim

Kelley, sophomores Jim Barnum, Chris Curtin, Dan Lesser, Tim Reilly, Adam Reitz, and Shawn Watts, and freshman Anthony Riley.

The team's charity this year was the newly opened Francis Hospitality Cen-

ter for the homeless. More than \$600 in pledges were raised by the runners in advance, and donations in recognition of their relay efforts can be sent directly to the center at 547 Joseph Ave., Rochester, 14605.

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CROSS COUNTRY LIVERPOOL INVITATIONAL

Team: Auburn 44, Pittsford 46, McQuaid 62, Oswego 66, Fairport 72, Liverpool 82, Baldwinsville 104, Lafayette 121, South Jefferson 127, Cato-Meridian 170.

Matt Wilkins of Pittsford completed the 5,000-meter course in 17 minutes, 35 seconds to win his first invitational. Fairport entered as defending champion of the past two titles.

Individual: First flight, 1. Matt Wilkins (Pitt) 17:15; 4. Ben Ashfield (Pitt) 17:35; 5. Tim Kelley (McQ) 17:36; 12. Dan Lesser (McQ) 18:32. **Second flight,** 1. Eric Garsin (McQ) 18:16; 5. Chris Wilkins (Pitt) 18:44; 6. Jesse Pearce (Fair) 18:46; 7. Evan DeWandler (Fair) 18:48; 10. Chris Clifford (Pitt) 19:02. **Third flight,** 2. Adam Reitz (McQ) 18:36; 4. Geoff Ball (Pitt) 19:12; 6. Scott Welch (Fair) 19:17; 8. Jesse Yeager (McQ) 19:32; 9. Jason Solarek (Fair) 19:34; 10. Jeff White (Pitt) 19:56. **Fourth flight,** 2. Colin Davis (Pitt) 19:22; 3. Adam Seavy (Fair) 19:48; 5. Rob Bradley (McQ) 19:54; 6. Jim Kinton (Fair) 19:57; 10. Chris Ashfield (Pitt) 20:33.