

# Reitz, Lesser lead McQuaid runners

McQuaid Jesuit's first cross-country excursion into New England in five years proved well worth the 800-mile trip for the Knights last weekend as they captured the top race of the Catholic Memorial Invitational at Boston's Franklin Park.

Juniors Adam Reitz and Dan Lesser led the Black and Gold over the new 2.85 course that was part of the impressive layout for last March's World Cross-Country Championships. After leading through the middle part of the race, Reitz was able to hang on for fourth place in the 135-runner field with a fast time of 14:31 and Lesser, who has run fifth practically all the way, was right behind him, in 14:33.

Next came seniors Eric Garsin, who moved from the 20s in the early going up to a fast-finishing seventh in 14:37, and Tim Kelley, a solid 12th in 14:53.

Junior Shawn Watts turned in his strongest race to date with a 15:25 that placed him 34th, high enough to make McQuaid's 62 points a runaway victory.

McQuaid coach Bob Bradley noted that Watt's time was his best so far in relation to the fourth man. "Shawn's beginning to get the experience and confidence he needs."

Senior Jesse Yeager, returning to the Varsity-1 lineup after a knee problem, was sixth man in 15:52. Senior Matt Bunce, who had filled the fifth-man slot the previous three meets, ran seventh in 16:40.

The Knights were unanimous in their praise of the Franklin Park course. "The best course I've ever run on" was a typical reaction to the stone-wall trails and smooth grass footing.

The lone sour note of the day came when St. John's Prep of Danvers, the top-ranked team in Massachusetts, opted not to run its best squad in the meet, going instead with a second-string lineup that finished far back. McQuaid, ranked No. 1 among New York's large schools, still showed well against five of the Bay State's top seven squads, beating runner-up Plymouth by more than 50 points.

Back home on the frigid hills of FLCC, McQuaid's Varsity-2 team placed third of seven schools in the Canandaigua Invitational. Seniors Tom Brewer (6), Rob Bradley (7), juniors Ian Sohn (16) and Tim Reilly (20), and senior Dave Corsall (21) made up

the scoring group for the Knights, whose 70 points trailed Brockport's 27 and Canandaigua's 60.

McQuaid's JV contingent ran well, losing 44-45 to Newark for top spot among nine schools. The Knight scorers were juniors Chris Curtin (6), Aaron Nolan (9), and Brian Kublak (12), and sophomores Mike Perrotta (8) and Dan Deckman (10).

At the junior high level, the Knights scored their second straight victory in a field of 10 schools. Long-striding freshmen Jeff Clark and Andy Robertson captured first and third spots in the 71-runner field, while eighth-grader John Sullivan (8), and freshmen Brendan Hogan (15) and Jim Whitcomb (22) provided strong back-up. McQuaid's winning total of 49 edged Wayne Central's runner-up score by 10 points, Clark's winning time of 9:32 was a course record for the new 1.6-mile junior high layout.

In City-Catholic action last week, McQuaid won handily over Marshall with a 1-5 sweep from Brewer, Bradley, Sohn, sophomore Pat Bernal, and Corsall at Cobbs Hill. Next Tuesday, the Knights will face a challenge from unbeaten East for the league title that has gone to McQuaid for 20 undefeated seasons since 1971.

This Saturday will find the Knights at the Greenman Invitational in Binghamton against a mostly Section 4 field, and some of the Knights will also be in action at the second annual Seneca Invitational in Seneca Park.

## McQuaid nearly sweeps Manhattan title

"Front four" is usually a phrase from football jargon, but it served perfectly to describe McQuaid Jesuit's cross-country showing in Saturday's Manhattan College Invitational at Van Cortland Park.

Competing in the meet for the first time, the Knights got out well over the hilly and sometimes muddy 2.5 mile course and put their top four men up at the front of the race to outrun a field of 32 schools that included Jersey powers Christian Brothers Academy and Don Bosco Prep.

At one point in the middle of the race, the McQuaid black and gold trio of Adam Reitz, Dan Lesser, and Tim Kelley ran 1-2-3 at the head of the 200-man field, with Eric Garsin back a ways but moving up steadily. At the finish it was Kelley taking the gold medal for his first invitational victory in a time of 13:18. Lesser wound up fourth in 13:32, Garsin in fifth, 13:33; and Reitz in sixth, 13:37.

That left McQuaid coach Bob Bradley looking for a fifth man to clinch the victory, and a little more than a minute later, Matt Bunce and Shawn Watts came across together in 50th and 51st place to take care of that vital detail. The final margin - 66-99 - over CBA of Lincroft, N.J., wasn't really an indication of the race, said Bradley.

"We had such a strong foursome, the CBA coach was congratulating me even before he knew where our fifth man had placed."

McQuaid's top four, in fact, was the most impressive from any of the meet's seven varsity races. "I expect our fifth man to be up there soon," said Bradley. "When that happens, we'll be able to run with anybody."

"This weekend, the Knights will have another crack at the Manhattan meet's five-man combined time champion, St. John's Prep of Danvers, Mass., when they journey to Boston for the Catholic Memorial Invitational at Franklin Park.

Back in the Rochester area, the Knights Varsity 2 squad did well in Friday's Dansville-Wayland Invitational at Stony Brook Park. Senior Jesse Yeager placed ninth in a field of 157 runners to lead his team to a third-place finish behind Hornell and Dansville. Senior Tom Brewer (17), junior Ian Sohn (20), senior Bobby Taylor (41), and sophomore Pat Bernal (44) completed the McQuaid scoring.

At the same meet, freshman Andy Robertson, running as an individual, took first in the junior high race over the scenic but muddy course.

The following day, there was mud aplenty at Harris-Whalen Park for the

Irondequoit-Penfield Invitational, but it didn't deter the Knights junior high squad from posting a 46-54 win over Pittsford in the 12-school field.

Freshman Jeff Clark had a runaway victory in 8:18, coming on top of his big win at the McQuaid Invitational a week earlier. Behind him came John Sullivan (5), Brendan Hogan (7), Mark Von Holden (10), Sean Gallagher (23), Andy Campbell (24), Steve Jones (25), and Brian Burrows (55).

McQuaid's JV squad also had a strong showing, placing in the top four teams of the field, led by junior Tim Reilly in eighth place. Sophomore Mike Perrotta was 16th, followed by juniors Aaron Nolan (17), Chris Curtin (19), and Brian Kubiak (35), and sophomore Dan Deckman (36).

In last week's City-Catholic action, junior Shawn Watts and seniors Matt Bunce, Rob Bradley, Tom Brewer, and Jesse Yeager gave the Knights a sweep of Bishop Kearney's incomplete team. Watt's 17:37 for the 5K Cobbs Hill course is the fastest so far this year.

This weekend, while McQuaid's Varsity 1 seven take on the New England competition, the Varsity 2 contingent will head the rest of the Knight runners in the Canandaigua Invitational at FLCC on Saturday morning.



## CROSS COUNTRY

### BRECKSVILLE INVITATIONAL

#### BOYS

**How They Finished** — 1. Brunswick, 83; 2. Lakewood, 114; 3. Amherst, 131; 4. Brush, 135; 5. Medina, 144; 6. Strongsville, 147; 7. Westlake, 160; 8. Madison, 177; 9. North Olmsted, 186; 10. Mayfield, 267; 11. Eastlake North, 297; 12. Bedford, 302; 13. Maple Heights, 327; 14. Berea, 359; 15. North Ridgeville, 408; 16. John Marshall, 415; 17. Elyria, 469; 18. Midpark, 551. **Top 10 Individuals** — 1. John McDaniel (Brunswick), 17:05; 2. Scott Kovacevic (E. North), 17:13; 3. John Dorisch (Amherst), 17:17; 4. Bob Bowman (Lakewood), 17:22; 5. Jamie Jackson (Mayfield), 17:29; 6. Doug Kruka (Westlake), 17:29; 7. Matt Iyamoto (Madison), 17:29; 8. Greg Balogh (Amherst), 17:33; 9. Mike Pistolas (Brunswick), 17:36; 10. Matt Martin (Madison), 17:38.

#### Division II

**How They Finished** — 1. Nordonia, 60; 2. Chardon, 77; 3. Kenston, 78; 4. Brecksville, 97; 5. Chagrin Falls, 122; 6. Bay, 147; 7. Olmsted Falls, 169; 8. North Royalton, 173; 9. Fairview, 253; 10. Brooklyn, 260; 11. Trinity, 326; 12. Elyria West, 342. **Top 10 Individuals** — 1. Jim Vickers (C. Falls), 17:32; 2. Tony Glozzo (Nordonia), 17:34; 3. Brian Hunter (Kenston), 17:37; 4. Kent Gee (Bay), 17:41; 5. Jay Fessler (Nordonia), 17:41; 6. Josh Barnhizer (Kenston), 17:47; 7. Kyle Williams (C. Falls), 17:50; 8. Colin Murphy (Nordonia), 17:50; 9. Jamie Barbour (Murphy), 18:02; 10. Bryan Prusha (Chardon), 18:07.

#### GIRLS

##### Division I

**How They Finished** — 1. Brecksville, 45; 2. Amherst, 79; 3. Brunswick, 92; 4. Strongsville, 96; 5. Eastlake North, 106; 6. Mayfield, 123; 7. Lakewood, 141; 8. Strongsville B, 225; 9. Brush, 291; 10. Maple Heights, 317; 11. Bedford, 322; 12. Olmsted Falls, 337; 13. Elyria, 359. **Top 10 Individuals** — 1. Amy McKinley (Amherst), 19:48; 2. Lizzy Roche (Lakewood), 20:14; 3. Kiera McKeon (Brecksville), 20:35; 4. Sue Dzama (Amherst), 20:47; 5. Becky Blything (E. North), 21:21; 6. Jenny McDaniel (Brunswick), 21:21; 7. Karen Keptner (Mayfield), 21:32; 8. Betsie Devan (Brecksville), 21:34; 9. Colleen Elder (Brecksville), 21:35; 10. Gail Selick (Brunswick), 21:35.

##### Division II

**How They Finished** — 1. Chagrin Falls, 47; 2. Kenston, 77; 3. Westlake, 79; 4. West Gauga, 121; 5. Chardon, 123; 6. North Royalton, 138; 7. Nordonia, 145; 8. Bay, 189; 9. Olmsted Falls, 230; 10. Fairview, 280. **Top 10 Individuals** — 1. Allison Mulcahy (Kenston), 20:12; 2. Tina Lokar (Westlake), 20:51; 3. Kristy Edmison (N. Royalton), 21:14; 4. Allison Had (Kenston), 21:21; 5. Courtney Degross (C. Falls), 21:32; 6. Casey Abley (C. Falls), 21:45; 7. Courtney Michel (C. Falls), 21:47; 8. Gina Glozzo (Nordonia), 21:53; 9. Rebecca Stevens (W. Gauga), 21:59; 10. Susie Kowalski (Westlake), 22:10.

### TIFFIN INVITATIONAL

#### BOYS

**How They Finished** — 1. Amanda Clearcreek, 120; 2. Bellefontaine, 131; 3. Napoleon, 176; 4. Marion River Valley, 181; 5. Fairview, 196. 26 total teams. **Fairview's top finishers** — 17. Ken Richendollar, 17:25; 23. Ken Kurz, 17:34; 33. Cliff Reeves, 17:49; 60. Brett Gibbs, 18:31; 63. Andy Slack, 18:37.

### WALSH JESUIT TOMAHAWK RUN

#### BOYS

##### Gold Division

**How They Finished** — 1. Walsh Jesuit, 60; 2. McQuaid Jesuit, 67; 3. Wadsworth, 114; 4. Austintown Fitch, 137; 5. Stow, 158; 6. Canton Hoover, 203; 7. Mentor, 207; 8. St. Ignace, 226; 9. Cleveland Hts., 254; 10. Euclid, 279; 11. Wooster, 280; 12. Kent Roosevelt, 301; 13. New Philadelphia, 307; 14. Willoughby South, 310; 15. St. Edward, 373; 16. Shaker Heights, 390; 17. Alliance, 427; 18. McQuaid B, 471; 19. West Tech, 549. **Individuals** — 1. Richie (Walsh), 16:31; 2. Lesser (McQuaid), 17:33; 3. Turner (Stow), 17:42; 4. Reitz (McQuaid), 17:48; 5. Garsin (McQuaid), 17:48; 6. Antonucci (A. Fitch), 17:49; 7. Rundo (Walsh), 17:50.

##### Maroon Division

**How They Finished** — 1. Edgewood, 28; 2. Akron Buchtel, 111; 3. Southeast, 129; 4. Avon Lake, 135; 5. Field, 178; 6. Hudson, 182; 7. Central Hower, 214; 8. Green, 232; 9. Buckeye, 243; 10. Doylestown, 248; 11. Elyria Catholic, 291; 12. Talmadge, 297; 13. Villa Angela-St. Joseph, 334; 14. Louisville Aquinas, 334; 15. Akron North, 368; 16. Revere, 378; 17. Garrettsville, 473; 18. **Individuals** — 1. Norris (EC), 17:48; 2. Lieb (Akron), 17:50; 3. C. Talt (Ash, Edgewood), 17:56; 4. Konegini (Ash, Edgewood), 17:57; 5. T. Talt (Ash, Edgewood), 17:59; 6. Holub (Ash, Edgewood), 18:04; 10. Platts (Ash, Edgewood), 18:27.

#### GIRLS

##### Gold Division

**How They Finished** — 1. Mentor, 66; 2. Magnificat B, 67; 3. Wadsworth, 87; 4. Willoughby South, 112; 5. Stow, 114; 6. Canton Hoover, 148; 7. Wooster, 184; 8. Euclid, 242; 9. Kent Roosevelt, 244; 10. Villa Angela-St. Joseph, 259; 11. Alliance, 280; 12. New Philadelphia, 291. **Individuals** — 1. McGregor (W. South), 20:19; 2. J. George (W. South), 21:30; 3. Ferris (Magnificat), 21:44; 4. Capel (Mentor), 21:54; 5. Karolyi (Magnificat), 21:59; 6. Henry (Wadsworth), 22:00.

##### Maroon Division

**How They Finished** — 1. Southeast, 95; 2. Avon Lake, 95; 3. Hudson, 97; 4. Ashtabula Edgewood, 103; 5. Field, 107; 6. Buchtel, 113; 7. Buckeye, 166; 8. Revere, 189; 9. Villa Angela-St. Joseph, 220; 10. Louisville Aquinas, 252; 11. Doylestown, 258; 12. Central Hower, 342. **Individuals** — 1. Kline (Field), 21:03; 2. Kealey (Ash, Edgewood), 21:35; 3. Horton (Avon Lake), 21:55; 4. Chonacki (Hudson), 22:13; 5. Sturgill (Hudson), 22:15; 6. Virge (Avon Lake), 22:17; 9. Sorber (Southeast), 22:32; 12. Kneiss (Avon Lake), 22:52; 16. Cooper (Avon Lake), 23:00.

# Warrior runners win own tourney

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got going, everything went my way, and the rest of our guys backed me up."

Mentor was first in the Gold Division for girls with 66 points. Magnificat's B Team was a point behind.

Mentor's top finisher, Amy Capel, was third overall in 21:54. Willoughby South sophomore Katie McGregor (20:19) and teammate Jenni George (21:30) finished 1-2.

"I'm pleased with my win," McGregor said, "but, I'm also a bit worried. I had a sharp pain in my right side during the race, and it really bothered me a lot."

McGregor was plagued at the start of last season by a similar pain.

"We weren't able to pinpoint the cause last year, but eventually it went away," McGregor said. "I'm just hoping that this will go away, too."

Ashtabula Edgewood won the boys' Maroon Division (for smaller schools) with 28 points. Akron Buchtel was second with 111.

Elyria Catholic's Nate Norris finished first in the Maroon race in 17:48.

In the girls' Maroon Division, Southeast was awarded first place by virtue of a sixth-runner tie-breaker. Southeast and Avon Lake finished tied for the lead with 95 points. However, Southeast's sixth runner finished 37th; Avon Lake's was 60th.

Julie Kline of Field led Maroon finishers in 21:03. Edgewood's Jade Kealey was second in 21:35, and Kathy Horton of Avon Lake was third in 21:55.

**STOW**  
The Ritchie brothers, Walsh Jesuit coach Pat and senior runner Josh, were all smiles yesterday.

Their team had just won the Gold Division (bigger schools) cross-country competition at the seventh-annual Walsh Tomahawk Cross Country Invitational.

Pat Ritchie guided the Warriors to their second straight Tomahawk title, and for the third consecutive year, Josh finished at the front of the pack with a 16:31 clocking for the 5,000-meter course.

"I'm thrilled, but a bit surprised," Pat Ritchie said as he received congratulations from coach Bob Bradley of McQuaid Jesuit of Rochester, N.Y., which finished second. Walsh had 60 points; McQuaid had 67.

"I felt all along that we had a chance," Ritchie said. "But I also felt that McQuaid was probably going to finish first and our chance was slim, at best. I didn't exactly prepare a victory speech."

Josh Ritchie seemed to echo his brother.

"As for myself, I'm pleased with my first-place finish," he said. "But I'm more thrilled for the team. This is a big win for us, especially since it's our meet."

"I wasn't sure how things were going to go for us. I knew we were going to be in a battle with McQuaid, but I can't honestly say I expected to win it."

"With all the rain we've had, the course was really muddy. But once I



# McQuaid runners rank among the state's best

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They may not have won their own invitational, but the McQuaid Jesuit cross-country team is undoubtedly a squad with state championship potential.

"We didn't have a great race, but we feel we have what it takes to be one of the best teams in the state," said Knights Coach Bob Bradley following his club's third-place showing in the 28th annual McQuaid Invitational on Oct. 3.

The colossal race, which drew 185 schools from all over the eastern United States and Canada, was held at Genesee Valley Park. Approximately 4,700 runners participated in the meet.

McQuaid, running in the elite Class AAA-2 division, finished third among 11 teams with 122 points. Ohio's Walsh Jesuit won the meet with 90 points.

The Knights entered the race ranked second in the state's Class A poll. With all of his best runners back from the 1991 team that won the Section 5 championship and placed fourth at the state meet, Bradley remains confident that his current club will continue to justify that ranking.

"I think we have the makings of a terrific team," commented Bradley, who began the hugely successful McQuaid program back in 1962. His program won the sectional crown in 1973, the first year Catholic schools were allowed to compete. The Knights have collected seven additional titles since then.

The Knights' top finisher at the McQuaid Invitational was junior Adam Reitz, who placed third with a time of 15 minutes, 43 seconds over the three-mile course.

Also placing among the top 10 was junior Dan Lesser, who took ninth with a time of 15:57. Rounding out the Knights' scoring was senior Tim Kelley in 28th place; junior Shawn Watts, 38th; and senior Matt Bunce, 44th.

According to Bradley, the top four runners for the Knights are usually

Reitz, Lesser, Kelley and senior Eric Garsin. The fifth position usually features a battle between Watts, Bunce and seniors Jesse Yeager, Rob Bradley (the coach's son) and Tom Brewer.

## *Fall Review*

### **1992 Cross-Country**

McQuaid's cross-country men climaxed one of their finest seasons by winning their second Class A State Championship a week after sweeping to their ninth Section Five title.

Earlier in the season the Knights had won five invitationals, including first-time appearances in large fields at the Suffolk County and Manhattan College meets. They also extended their unbeaten dual meet streak to 21 seasons with a 25-30 victory over Section Four power Corning.

The lone disappointments of the season came in sub-par performances in our own McQuaid Invitational (3rd) and the State Federation Meet (5th).

The trademark of this year's team was its strong "Front Four" of seniors Tim Kelley and Eric Garsin and juniors Adam Reitz and Dan Lesser. Each of the four led the team on different occasions, with Kelley an individual winner at Manhattan, Lesser at Suffolk County, and Reitz taking top honors at Baldwinsville, Binghamton, and in the Sectionals where he became McQuaid's second champion in twenty years. Garsin, the squad's most improved runner, set a new course record at Cobbs Hill in his only run on that course.

All four Knights earned spots on Section Five's 7-man All-Star team, with Reitz taking "Runner of the Year" honors, repeating Scott Paterson's feat in 1985.

Five is the magic number in cross-country, and at various times that vital spot was filled by either seniors Matt Bunce and Jesse Yeager, or junior Shawn Watts. Bunce's eighth-place finish in the Sectionals finished off a record low (20 points) team victory for the Knights on a frigid afternoon in Newark.

Coaches Tony Trama '73 and Dave Warth '85, were valuable assistants to coach Bob Bradley in his 31st season. Tony, a new member of the History Dept., worked with the Varsity-2/J.V. contingent that took City Catholic honors. Dave, just on board as Asst. Director of Development, coached his junior high combination of 8th and 9th graders into the area's best modified team.

Individually, seniors Bunce, Rob Bradley, and Tom Brewer, and juniors Watts and Ian Sohn won All-City-Catholic recognition. Freshmen Jeff Clark and Andy Robertson established themselves as two of the best young runners in Section Five.

## *Fall Review*

### **1992 Football**

McQuaid's Varsity football team compiled a 6-3 record, the strongest record since the 1989 team won the City-Catholic Championship and a sectional berth.

McQuaid scored wins over Aquinas, Franklin, Marshall, Wilson, Webster and Penfield with losses to East and Edison and a one point loss to Pittsford. The highlight of the season was the 13-0 victory over Aquinas. This was the first time McQuaid has defeated the Little Irish on their new home field. Amidst teeming rain, chill temperatures and a huge crowd, McQuaid brought the Father Onorato, C.S.B. Memorial Trophy home.

The football team was captained by seniors Ben DeLuca, Pat Sadler, Kelly Scanlon and Tim Whelehan. Scanlon (punter) along with Aaron Medina and Dave Tipple (defensive linemen) were named first team all City-Catholic.