



Representing McQuaid in the state meet were Section 5 Class A champions, from left, front row, Dan Lesser, Tim Kelley, Adam Reitz, Jesse Yeager, and, back row, Matt Bunce, Rob Bradley, Shawn Watts, Eric Garsin, and Coach Bob Bradley.

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the race, the first time that has happened all year, and a good indication of the talent the Knights were facing. To win, they had to get their top four runners into the top 30, and they succeeded in doing that. Senior co-captain Tim Kelley, running his best race of the season, moved from his early position in the forties all the way up to the 15th with Section 5's top time of the day, 16:47.

Right behind Kelley came sectional champion Adam Reitz, who was up as far as 12th but lacked his usual late drive. Reitz in 17th Eric Garsin in 22nd, and Dan Lesser in 30th did the rest of McQuaid's heavy damage in the race, and Matt Bunce was close enough in 74th to clinch the championship. When the individuals were removed from the finishers, McQuaid's winning group was 6-7-9-13-39 and its time range only 54 seconds, one of the best of the day.

When the race was over, the computerized scoring system was removed to Smithtown High School, which hosted the runners for eating and awards. So it was close to two hours before Bradley and his team learned the good news of their second state championship. In 1984, the Knights won so convincingly at Saratoga that they were able to celebrate almost im-

mediately.

On the chartered bus returning to Rochester there was more good news in the form of All-Section 4 plaques for the Knights front four and a second team certificate to 5th man Bunce. Reitz received the "Runner of the Year" sectional plaque, the first time that honor has gone to a McQuaid runner.

Now the "New Wave" moves to what the Knights hope will be one final crest in the State Federation meet at Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls this Saturday. Champions from the downstate CHSAA, New York City's PSAL, and the Private Schools Association will join the A, B, and C champions plus six wild card teams from the NYSPHSAA in a season's finale.

"We've been pointing for the Federation meet all along," said Bradley, "Because that's the only chance we'll have to run against strong teams like St. Anthony's, Bishop Ford, and Tottenville. It's going to our toughest challenge of the season." Race time is 1:45.

McQuaid will also be represented by a 14-man contingent at the annual Jesuit Championships in New York City on Saturday morning. After that the only remaining cross-country business will be the Kinney National qualifiers at Van Cortland Park the following Saturday, "Some of our guys want to have a crack at that one," said Bradley, "and they certainly deserve it after the season they've had."