

# McQuaid harriers win Section 5 Class A cross-country title

McQuaid Jesuit's cross-country Knights took another step towards a state championship last Saturday with an impressive win over 12 Class A opponents in the Section 5 championships at Newark.

Impressive might be an understatement, considering the fact that the Knights put their five scorers into the top 10 of the race. That achieved a winning score of 20 points, the lowest ever in the long history of sectional cross-country. Coincidentally, the previous low of 21 came at McQuaid's expense in the 1975 sectionals, where Greece Arcadia dominated and the Knights finished fifth.

Especially impressive was the 1-2-3 fashioned by individual champion Adam Reitz, his junior classmate Dan

Lesser, and senior Eric Garsin. Senior Tim Kelley almost extended the sweep to fourth, but was edged by Fairport's Teague Ruder and Webster's Mike Dahrea in the last 50 yards. Kelley's sixth and senior Matt Bunce's eighth gave McQuaid a scoring group of 37 seconds, its best this season.

Senior Jesse Yeager (20) and junior Shawn Watts (39) were both close enough to have given their team the win if some misfortune had befallen the leaders.

Coach Bob Bradley, after watching his team bring home McQuaid's ninth sectional cross-country trophy, was thinking of this weekend's state meet on Long Island in his comments on the race.

"Matt Bunce's strong running the

last two weeks has really lifted the team to a new level heading into states. We'll need that kind of a tight group to win at Sunken Meadow. Our front four ran very well down there in September, and now that Matt is back in form, we'll be able to match anybody's group."

Bradley expects McQuaid's toughest challenge to come from Suffern and Mepham, both highly ranked behind the No. 1 Knights. "Comparing their times to ours at the Manhattan meet, I'd say they should be right with us. Our guys liked the Sunken Meadow course and are looking forward to getting back on it." McQuaid will run in the last race of the day, at 12:30 p.m.

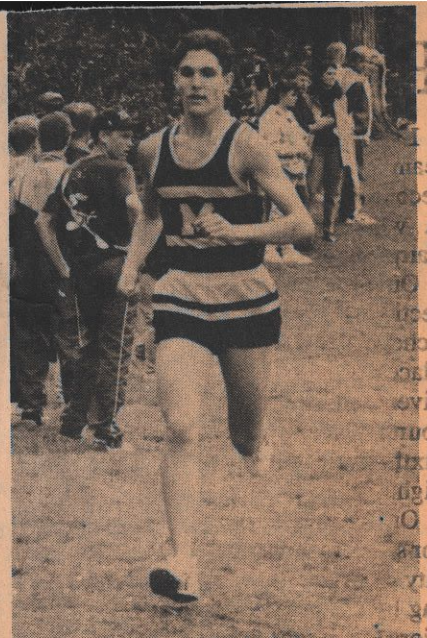
Speaking of the sectionals, Bradley noted that Reitz is only the school's second individual champion in cross-country (Scott Paterson in 1985 was the first). "Adam bounced back very well from his sprained ankle. I thought he might run out of gas in the late stages, but he was coming on strong. He and Dan have been tremendously consistent for us all year."

An even happier development was Garsin's third-place finish, coming a year after he became ill and dropped out of his first sectional race as a junior. "Eric ran more miles than anybody else over the Summer, and he was really focused on the front of the race today. He must have been 20th at the half-mile mark and just kept moving

up very confidently," said Bradley.

Fairport gave the Knights a run for the first mile of the hilly 2.95-mile course, which had been altered just Friday to avoid some swampy and dangerous spots. As the race crested the first steep hill, the Red Raiders had four men ahead of McQuaid's fourth. Garsin and Bunce turned that around in the next mile, and the race was all but over as the runners labored up the final hill to begin their run for home down the long ridge.

That's where Reitz made his winning move past Lesser, who had led by as much as 30 yards. The two juniors were the only varsity runners of the day to break 17 minutes on the tough Newark layout.



McQuaid's Eric Garsin charges to a third-place finish.

## McQuaid sets scoring record, romps to title

By Ted Rosen

Staff writer

Coach Bob Bradley figured five of his runners could finish in the top 10 in yesterday's Section 5 cross country championships.

But sweeping the first three places individually was a surprise.

McQuaid runners also finished sixth and eighth and the result was first place in the Class A team standings with 20 points. McQuaid will represent Section 5 in Saturday's state meet at Sunken Meadow State Park on Long Island.

The Knights' total is a Section 5

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record for boys, edging out Greece Arcadia's 21 in 1975. McQuaid has won nine team titles.

Junior Adam Reitz posted a winning time of 16 minutes, 47 seconds over a three-mile course at Stuart Park. Dan Lesser, also a junior, was second in 16:59 and Eric Garsin, a senior, was third in 17:13.

"I'm happy, but in pain," Reitz said as he sat in a car, trying to thaw out after running in below-freezing temperatures.

Late in the afternoon, the temperatures dropped, as did the chill factor.

No wonder the cold was so biting. "We didn't wear tights. They're too restrictive," said Reitz, who was fourth last year.

Reitz and Lesser ran together most of the race. Lesser fell behind after 800 meters.

Seniors Tim Kelley, sixth in 17:21, and Matt Bunce, eighth in 17:24, added to McQuaid's strong performance. The Knights are No. 1 in the New York State Sports Writers Association ratings of Class A

### The winners

**Class A boys:** McQuaid; **Individual:** Adam Reitz, McQuaid.

**Class A girls:** Fairport; **Individual:** Kirsten Doehler, Webster.

**Class BB boys:** Brighton 49; **Individual:** Matt Moynihan, Victor.

**Class B boys:** Honeoye Falls-Lima 33; **Individual:** Carl Mauro, Hornell.

**Class BB girls:** Victor; **Individual:** Georgia Jones, Victor.

**Class B girls:** Waterloo; **Individual:** Julie Donnelly, Waterloo.

**Class CC boys:** East Rochester; **Individual:** Greg Loomis, Campbell.

**Class C boys:** Bolivar; **Individual:** Matt Annabel, Canisteo.

**Class CC girls:** Williamson; **Individual:** Heather Haupt, Williamson.

**Class C girls:** Canisteo; **Individual:** Stephanie Nearpass, Geneva DeSales.

teams.

Fairport's girls held off Greece Athena in Class A, 36-41, and will represent Section 5 in states.

Carrie Cocca led Fairport run-

ners, finishing third. Alison Rasbach of Athena was fourth, her sister, Rachel, was fifth and Kristen

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