

MCQUAID JESUIT 2009 CROSS COUNTRY



VARSITY SEASON RECORDS

BYRON BERGEN INVITE 1ST PLACE (6 TEAMS)

CHITTENANGO INVITE 1ST PLACE (14 TEAMS)

GENESEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE INVITE 2ND PLACE (20 TEAMS)

MCQUAID INVITE 1ST PLACE (21 TEAMS)

R-H DUAL MEET (LOST)

BINGHAMTON INVITE 1ST PLACE (10 TEAMS)

CLARENCE INVITE 1ST PLACE (7 TEAMS)

AQ DUAL MEET (WON)

SECTIONALS 1ST PLACE (14 TEAMS)

NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2ND PLACE (9 TEAMS)

JESUIT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2ND PLACE (10 TEAMS)

NIKE CROSS NATIONALS [REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS] 11TH PLACE (20 TEAMS)

CITY CATHOLIC CHAMPIONS

DUAL MEET RECORDS = 6-0

OVERALL RECORD (117W-14L = 89%)

2009

2010



McQuaid Jesuit Varsity Cross Country

CAMP DINGLE RESULTS 09'

RACE #1

Black TEAM (bl) = 25 PTS (TTL TIME = 1:25.25 (4 MAN SCORING))

Gold team (G) = 26 pts (ttl time = 1:26.40 (4 man scoring))

Bold (b)= 27 pts (ttl time = 1:24:55 (4 man scoring))

- 1.) Tripp (BL) 18:57* 2) Gouldthorpe (G) 20:07 3) kernan (B) 20:09
- 4.) T. Dunne (G) 20:14 5.) ciminelli (BL) 20:34 6) Crawford (B) 20:50
- 7) LeClair (BL) 21:11 8.) C. Dunne (B) 21:23 9) Ritter (G) 21:36
- 10) Sullivan (B) 11) Rajamani (G) 24:27 12) Cook (BL) 24:33 13) Huff (BL) 25:53

RACE #2

Black TEAM = 24 pts (TTL TIME = 1:25:43 / Gold TEAM = 27 pts (1:27:37))

Bold TEAM = 28 pts (TTL TIME = 1:26:06)

- 1) Tripp / 18:50 * 2) Gouldthorpe / 20:04 3) T Dunne / 20:11 4) Ciminelli / 20:27
- 5) Crawford / 20:48 6) Sullivan / 21:01 7) Kernan / 21:08 8) LeClair / 21:19
- 9) Ritter / 21:35 10) C Dunne / 23:02 11) Cook / 24:40 12) Huff 25:10 / 13) 25:47

NOTES:

- Mike Tripp breaks Derek Seber's course record by :30 seconds
- Most improved during 2 race series was Chris Dunne (-1:39)
- Most improved from 08-09' was Tommy Dunne (-2:45)

BYRON-BERGEN INVITE RESULTS

(6 TEAMS)

TEAM SCORES: 1ST) MCQ [26PTS] 2) WLMVL NORTH [69PTS] 3) BROCKPORT [86PTS]

- 1) ROBERT HURLBUT (15:45) 4) WYATT GOULDTHORPE (16:45) 5) TOMMY DUNNE (16:48)
6) MIKE TRIPP (16:49) 10) RICKY MESOLELLA (16:58) 13) SAM KERNAN (17:14) 14) GABE
CIMINELLI (17:21)**

CHITTENANGO INVITE RESULTS

(14 TEAMS)

TEAM SCORES: 1ST) MCQ [38PTS] 2ND) BEAVER RIVER [83PTS] 3RD) GENEVA [112PTS]

- 2) MIKE TRIPP (16:07) 3) ROBERT HURLBUT (16:16) 8) MIKE CRAWFORD (16:56) 11)
WYATT GOULDTHORPE (17:01) 14) RICKY MESOLELLA (17:10) 19) TOMMY DUNNE
(17:20) 21) DOUG LECLAIR (17:36) 27) GABE CIMINELLI (17:48) 29) SAM KERNAN (17:53)
33) CHRIS DUNNE (18:01)**

GENESEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE INVITE

(20 TEAMS)

TEAM SCORES: 1ST) R-H [64 PTS] 2ND) MCQ [100PTS] 3) BRIGHTON [115 PTS]

**MIKE TRIPP (4TH / 16:23) ROBERT HURLBUT (6TH / 16:33) MIKE CRAWFORD (18TH / 17:07)
TOMMY DUNNE (34TH / 17:21) RICKY MESOLELLA (17:24) / DOUG LECLAIR (54TH / 17:56)**

MCQUAID INVITE
(21 TEAMS & A VERY DEEP FIELD)

TEAM SCORES: 1ST) MCQ [129 PTS] 2ND) HF-L [158PTS] 3RD) WALSH JESUIT [162PTS]

ROBERT HURLBUT (8TH / 15:39) MIKE TRIPP (25TH / 16:02) MIKE CRAWFORD (29TH / 16:13)
TOMMY DUNNE (39TH / 16:22) RICKY MESOLELLA (47TH / 16:30) SAM KERNAN (89TH / 17:01)
DOUG LECLAIR (108TH / 17:17) JONATHAN RITTER (127TH / 17:33)

R-H DUAL MEET
(GVP COURSE / VERY MUDDY / COLD / RAINY)

TEAM SCORES: R-H [26PTS] MCQ [33PTS]

ROBERT HURLBUT (1ST / 15:41) MIKE TRIPP (2ND / 15:44) MIKE CRAWFORD (7TH / 16:17) TOMMY DUNNE (11TH / 16:33) RICKY MESOLELLA (12TH / 16:37) SAM KERNAN (13TH / 16:51) CHRIS DUNNE (14TH / 17:27)

BINGHAMTON INVITE
(10 TEAMS)

TEAM SCORES: 1ST) MCQ [30PTS] 2ND) WINDSOR [39PTS] 3RD) UNION-ENDICOT [67PTS]

MIKE TRIPP (1ST / 15:55) ROBERT HURLBUT (2ND / 16:05) MIKE CRAWFORD (4TH / 16:20)
TOMMY DUNNE (9TH / 16:44) RICKY MESOLELLA (14TH / 17:00) SAM KERNAN (17TH / 17:05)
WYATT GOULDTHORPE (DNF)

Running down a championship

McQuaid cross country is aiming for their first sectional title since 1993.

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The last time the McQuaid Jesuit cross country team brought home a Section 5 championship was 1993.

At the end of last year, Knight runners and coaches agreed that changes needed to be made in and out of the season to get the program back to the glory days of the late 1980's and early 90's. The changes began in the offseason when varsity and junior varsity runners logged hundreds of miles training this summer.

Head coach Todd Stewart then made sure the Knights hit the road to find the best competition to ensure a better sectional finish. McQuaid has competed against elite level teams in meets in Binghamton, Clarence and Chittenango.

Heading into the most important meet of the season, it appears the moves have worked.

McQuaid has won five invitationals and emerged as the favorites to win the class A title at the Section 5 championship Nov. 7 at Genesee Community College.

"It started over the summer, these guys came back ready for the season," said Todd Stewart, the Knights fourth-year head coach. "The guys have been on board with how the coaches have run things this season. I have to give all the credit to the guys. It's their program and they are doing the work."

Experience permeates throughout the McQuaid roster as six of their top eight runners competed in the Section 5 championships last fall.

The Knights are led by junior Robert Hurlbut and senior Mike Tripp. Either one is capable of winning a race, as

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Hurlbut finished first at Byron-Bergen and Tripp won at Clarence.

Junior Mike Crawford benefited tremendously from an outstanding offseason and has moved into the team's top four. Wyatt Gouldthorpe battled back from an achilles injury earlier in the year and should be a factor this post-season.

Tommy Dunne, Sam Kernan and Ricky Mesolella have also played a valuable role in the team's success this fall.

"This offseason was definitely the best one we have had since I have been here," said Dunne, a senior captain. "Everybody was working hard, putting in the time to make sure we got better. I've never seen a team more committed."

Hurlbut's victory at Byron-Bergen jump started McQuaid to start the year. The momentum continued with a second place finish at the Section 5 Invite and wins at the McQuaid Invitational and the Loyal Greenman Invitational in Binghamton.

If last weekend is any indication, the Knights appear to be firing on all cylinders. McQuaid dominated the Clarence Fall Classic as their top five finished in top 11 and they won by 25 points over second place Penfield.

"This team has a lot more unity, more brotherhood," Tripp said. "We're positive, focused and goal-oriented. We think we can overcome the negative thoughts and any pressure we may face."

For many athletes the high point of this season came at the McQuaid Invitational earlier this month. The Knights became only the third McQuaid team to win

in 45 meets when they finished first in the AA seeded race.

The event, which featured over 6,000 runners, has always been a showcase for some of the country's best runners. The Knights had the best afternoon of anyone in Section 5 though as three of their athletes finished in the top 30 led by Hurlbut's eighth place.

"It's such a big meet, and we've all grown up around this meet," Kernan said. "This meet has been a big part of the season for us and to get a win in the seeded race is incredible."

Stewart appears to have the team right where he wants it to be. After finishing sixth at sectionals in 2006 and '07 the Knights were third at last year's meet.

"Each year we have improved bit by bit," Stewart said. "I'm glad to see guys run at the level that they are capable of. I think we have the program back to a top notch level."

The Knights toughest challengers at sectionals will be Pittsford Mendon and Brighton, who shared the Monroe County Division III title with Honeoye Falls-Lima. The Vikings are the defending class A champions.

McQuaid has fared well against both teams defeating them at the Cougar Invite and McQuaid Invitational. Mendon is led by Adam VanVleck, one of the top runners in all of Section 5.

"Our team is out here working hard every day and we think we deserve to win sectionals," Tripp said. "We know that every other team is working hard. We think that are well prepared and that is going to help us."

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ior stopper Nate Lay who sent a long ball streaking Patchen.

Brighton controlled of possession in the first but the Blue Devils kept the score in the 20th minute in a penalty kick following a dubious foul called throw-in at the out corner of the penalty

Patchen got a second two minutes later when senior midfielder Dan Thornton made a pretty run down the left end line and slot pass to the senior the penalty mark. Patchen promptly finished it.

Batavia found an equalizer late in the first half when junior Will Ely kicked in a loose ball following a direct kick from just outside the penalty box. The sure-handed keeper Bonar blocked the first but could not control the second.

The senior captain suffered an ankle injury on the second half and left the game. Goalkeeper Nick Zarcone admirably for Bonar allowed no goals in the remaining 42 minutes.

The Barons were happy with the half-time score which was level at two.

"We didn't Lawrence said about the team's first half performance. "We kept up the intensity of our play and we eventually took advantage of the field."

Patchen earned the hat trick of the year scored in the second half of the second half. He assisted again by Thornton had sent a ball across the left flank.

Thornton got his shortly after when he brought down a nice throw from senior Brian Thornton out-legged the defender and deftly kicked the ball over the head of the onrushing keeper for the second goal of the season.

The Barons had already been taken to heart by Brighton coach Wilmot and Adam use the full width of the field.

CLARENCE INVITE

(7 TEAMS)

TEAM SCORES: 1ST) MCQ [29PTS] 2ND) PENFIELD [54PTS] 3RD) CLARENCE [94PTS]

MIKE TRIPP (1ST / 17:03) ROBERT HURLBUT (2ND / 17:06) WYATT GOULDTHORPE (5TH / 17:47) MIKE CRAWFORD (10TH / 18:10) RICKY MESOLELLA (11TH / 18:10) SAM KERNAN (16TH / 18:23) KIRAN RAJAMANI (50TH / 20:11)

AQ / MCQ DUAL MEET

TEAM SCORES: 1ST) MCQ [15PTS] 2ND) AQ [50PTS]

MIKE TRIPP (1ST / 17:12) ROBERT HURLBUT (2ND / 17:18) WYATT GOULDTHORPE (3RD / 17:30) MIKE CRAWFORD (4TH / 17:37) SAM KERNAN (5TH / 17:50) LANDON GRAY (6TH / 17:59) GABE CIMINELLI (7TH / 18:02) CHRIS DUNNE (8TH / 18:08) MIKE SULLIVAN (11 / 18:36) DOUG LECLAIR (12TH / 18:50)

SECTIONALS

(14 TEAMS)

TEAM SCORES: SEXNAL CHAMPS) MCQ [35PTS] 2ND) MENDON [67PTS] 3RD) BRIGHTON [71PTS]

MIKE TRIPP (1ST / 16:34) ROBERT HURLBUT (2ND / 16:36) WYATT GOULDTHORPE (9TH / 17:12) MIKE CRAWFORD (10TH / 17:16) TOMMY DUNNE (13TH / 17:30) RICKY MESOLELLA (23RD / 17:52) SAM KERNAN (35TH / 18:22)

SECTION V HONORS: FIRST TEAM = MIKE TRIPP & ROBERT HURLBUT

SECOND TEAM = WYATT GOULDTHORPE & MIKE CRAWFORD

- **2ND LOWEST POINT TOTAL IN MCQUAID'S SECTIONAL HISTORY**
- **TRIPP & HURLBUT ARE THE 2ND DUAL IN MCQUAID HISTORY TO FINISH 1 & 2 AT SXNLS**
- **TRIPP IS THE FIRST MCQUAID INDIVIDUAL WINNER IN 14 YEARS!**
- **MCQUAID JESUIT WON ITS FIRST SECTIONAL TITLE IN 16 YEARS!**
- **MCQUAID JESUIT WON THE MERGE [78 PTS OVER HF-L 92 PTS]**

boys since they were two years old, so to watch them win a title is an amazing feeling," said Irish coach Chris Battaglia. "They played so hard and really stayed focused on the goal."

With the Irish leading 7-3

after Bostick's score set up Messina's second touchdown from five yards out to make it 28-3 with 9:30 to play.

But McQuaid showed true heart as they were able to score twice more to make it interesting.

was a little kid," he said. "To win it and advance is the greatest feeling in the world."

Tim Young had 37 yards including a 10-yard score in the second quarter. Anthony Bianchi hauled in four pass-

Jenkins led McQuaid's offense with 161 yards and the score and Pat Jenkins added 61 yards on 11 carries. Quarterback Kent Kozar was 9-for-19 with 156 yards and touchdown pass.

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McQuaid harriers end title drought

CROSS COUNTRY: Mike Tripp and Robert Hurlbut lead the way in class A.

For the first time in 17 years, the first two runners across the finish line were wearing the black and gold of McQuaid Jesuit as senior Mike Tripp and junior Robert Hurlbut paced the Knights to a decisive victory over Pittsford Mendon and Brighton in the Section 5 Class A championships last Saturday at Genesee Community College.

Back in 1992, the present Class AA-A races were combined into one division, and a pair of juniors—Adam Reitz and Dan Lesser—were joined by seniors Tim Kelley (third), Eric Garsin (sixth), and Matt Bunce (eighth) for a winning total of 20 points that still stands as the all-time large schools record. A year later, the Knights won again, with Lesser the champion and Reitz playing a key role as McQuaid scored a narrow victory over Penfield.

On Saturday, all that was just history as this year's version of the Knights, patiently developed by Coach Todd Stewart the past four years, broke a 16-year drought and sent a happy bunch of seniors and juniors home with the team trophy.

Junior Wyatt Gouldthorpe had particular reason to celebrate, since the race was only his fourth of the season, as he sat out with an Achilles tendon injury. He was more



McQuaid's Robert Hurlbut finished second at the Section 5 class A championship last Saturday at Genesee Community College.

than ready on Saturday, placing ninth, ahead of seniors Mike Crawford (10) and Tommy Dunne (13) for a team total of 35 points, well ahead of Mendon's 67 and Brighton's 73. Junior Ricky Mesolella (23) and senior Sam Kernan (35) both were positioned to be winning fifth men if needed.

Stewart was especially

pleased that his team placed ahead of Class B champ Honeoye Falls-Lima and Class AA champ Rush-Henrietta, 78-92-129, in the computer merge of all 66 boys teams based on times.

"It's the first time they've been at full strength all season, and it was great to see them perform so well."

The race itself went out so

conservatively that the front of the field was still a large pack at the one-mile mark. The entire hill section of the GCC course makes up much of the second mile, and it was there that the Knights took over.

Tripp moved strongly to the front and Pittsford's Adam VanVleck and McQuaid's Hurlbut also broke away from the field. Back on the flats in the final mile, McQuaid's 5-man group was in control, and the main suspense centered on the individual winner.

Van Vleck passed Tripp briefly with about a half-mile to go, but the McQuaid senior battled back into the lead, and Hurlbut closed fast to pass the Mendon leader in the final stretch.

Tripp's sectional victory was the first by a McQuaid runner since Jeff Clark won at Genesee in 1995. His and Hurlbut's times of 16:34 and 16:36 were behind only the 16:26 of HF-L's Alex Deir of the 486 boys who competed in the five races.

The next step for Stewart and his Knights will be the NYSPHSAA meet, commonly known as "States," at SUNY Plattsburgh this Saturday, with top-ranked Section 2 champion Burnt Hills a strong favorite. Class A race time on the 10-race program is 9:50, with unusually mild and sunny conditions forecast.

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NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (CLASS A) (9 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS COMPETE AS ONE)

**TEAM SCORES: STATE CHAMPS) BURNT-HILLS [38PTS] 2ND) MCQ [57PTS] 3RD)
CALHOUN [78 PTS]**

**ROBERT HURLBUT (2ND / 15:51) MIKE TRIPP (7TH / 16:03) WYATT GOULDTHORPE (32ND /
16:29) MIKE CRAWFORD (33RD / 16:31) TOMMY DUNNE (53RD / 16:58) RICKY MESOLELLA
(67TH / 17:14) SAM KERNAN (68TH / 17:15)**

**NEW YORK STATE HONORS: HURLBUT & TRIPP WERE NAMED TO THE ALL-NEW
YORK STATE TEAM (FOR FINISHING IN THE TOP 20 OVERALL).**

- **HURLBUT'S 2ND PLACE FINISH & TIME OF 15:51 WAS THE BEST PERFORMANCE IN
MCQUAID'S HISTORY**
- **TRIPP'S 7TH PLACE FINISH TIED HIM WITH A COUPLE OF OTHER FORTIFIED RUNNERS
FOR THE SECOND BEST FINISH AT THE STATE MEET IN MCQUAID'S HISTORY. HIS TIME
OF 16:03 IS ALSO AMONG THE TOP TIMES EVER RUN FOR A MCQUAID ATHLETE.**
- **MCQUAID JESUIT FINISH 5TH OUT OF 50 SCHOOLS IN THE MERGE.**

JESUIT CHAMPIONSHIPS (10 TEAMS)

TEAM SCORES: 1ST) GONZAGA [35PTS] 2ND) MCQ [56PTS] 3RD) LOYOLA [64PTS]

**MIKE TRIPP (5TH / 13:08) ROBERT HURLBUT (6TH / 13:16) WYATT GOULDTHORPE (10TH /
13:24) MIKE CRAWFORD (12TH / 13:26) TOMMY DUNNE (24TH / 13:52) SAM KERNAN (27TH
/ 13:59) MIKE CROSBY (? / 15:04)**

NIKE CROSS NATIONALS (REGIONALS) (20 TEAMS)

**TEAM SCORES: 1ST) F-M [63 PTS] 2ND) BURNT-HILLS [105PTS] 3RD) NORTH ROCKLAND
[114PTS] 11TH) MCQ [282PTS] RACED TIRED AND EMPTIED THE TANK! GREAT SEASON!!**

**MIKE TRIPP (38TH / 17:01) ROBERT HURLBUT (55TH / 17: 18) WYATT GOULDTHORPE
(60TH / 17:23) MIKE CRAWFORD (97TH / 17:54) TOMMY DUNNE (127TH / 18:19) SAM
KERNAN (144TH / 18:42) CHRIS DUNNE (150TH / 19:00)**