

McQuaid Captures Rochester Relays

Anchormen Chris Cusack and Brad Sumner carried the gold baton of McQuaid Jesuit's indoor track team to four relay victories and the team championship in Saturday's 22nd Annual Rochester Relays at the UR field house.

The Knights scored in six of seven relays and added a sixth-place point by junior high jumper Dan Riley to total 49 points and top Penfield (36) and 28 other schools in the eight-hour competition.

The meet was two hours old before McQuaid scored its first points, and the Knights did it in style by breaking the meet record for the 3,200M relay with an 8:23.0. Sophomore Jason Fahy and junior Mickey Stone had the team in second place behind Newark when Sumner took the baton for a 2:00.2 leg that broke the race open. Cusack anchored with a 2:03.5 for the record.

A different foursome gave the Knights six more points with a third in the double four-lap spring relay.

Seniors Justin Berko-Boateng and Chris Adin, junior Scott Romanowski, and sophomore Terry Wolak dueled Edison's team most of the way, with Romanowski's final lap charge falling three yards short.

The distance-medley combination of seniors John Schell and Marc Dovi and sophomores Fahy and Steve Foley added another two points with a fifth-place finish, and then the Knights piled on three more 10-point chunks to clinch the meet.

The first came from a progressive-relay unit that saw Romanowski lead off with a two-lap leg in 57.4. Adin followed with a three-lap leg in 1:37.4, Sumner again opened up a big lead with a four-lap 2:09.3, and Cusack anchored with a five-lap 2:54.1.

Sumner was given a lead in the sprint medley by fellow junior Romanowski and seniors Berko-Boateng and Clay Berardi, and he had three rival anchormen on his heels with a lap to go.

He pulled away then to win by 10 yards with a 2:03.6 800M.

Cusack had fellow senior Adin and sophomores Fahy and Wolak ahead of him in the meet's final relay, the 1,600 meters. He was touched off in fourth place, brought his team up to second with a 54.6 leg, and then got an unexpected bonus when apparent winner Franklin was disqualified for a running infraction.

McQuaid's varsity will be in action at Roberts Wesleyan on Friday night, and then join other Section 5 squads at next Monday's University of Buffalo Invitational.