

McQuaid Indoor Runners

Prepare for Sectional Meet

Despite outstanding performances from senior Justin Berko-Boateng and junior Brad Sumner, McQuaid Jesuit's indoor track men fell six points short of Penfield in the RWTL Class A championships at the University of Rochester field house last Saturday.

The meet was the Knights' final warm-up for this weekend's Section 5 Championships at U of R, where they, Penfield, and RWTL Class B champion Geneva figure to stage a three-team battle for the title. Field events begin Friday, at 6 p.m., with running events going at 10 a.m. Saturday.

In the RWTL finale, McQuaid trailed all the way, from the moment Penfield's Nathan Sacco posted 10 points with a victory in the 3200M run, Berko-Boateng brought them close with a 22-point performance, the meet's best, in his three events. He tied the school record at 5.6 in the 45M trials and wound up taking fourth in 5.7. In his specialties, he went 20-11½ for first in the long jump and a school record of 42-¾ in the triple jump, missing another first by 2 inches to Brockport's Jesse Long.

Sumner scored his 20 points in the 300 and 600, taking two first in 37.1 and 1:27.5 to become the only Class A double winner. In the shorter race, he held off Churchville's Craig Marker after catching Penfield's top-seeded Saadiq El-Amin. In his encore, he led all the way but had to run a 28-second last lap to thwart Spencerport's Mike Irving's charge.

McQuaid's third horse, senior Chris Cusack, chipped in with a 10-point

cluster. Cusack had his best time of 2:39.7 in the 1000, but got caught in traffic and never challenged Penfield's Eric Blumenau, who won in 2:37. Fellow senior Chris Adin also had a PR with a fifth-place 2:43. Cusack came back with legs on two runners-up relay teams, the 3200 and 1600, as did Adin in the 1600.

The Knights' fourth horse, junior Scott Romanowski, added nine points with a second-place tie on time with Marker in the 300 and an anchor leg on the 1600 relay that just missed catching Edison for the gold. Romanowski was touched off about 5 yards behind Tech's Anthony Simmons, got to his shoulder with one lap left, but couldn't edge ahead in a battle down the home stretch.

Junior Dan Riley was McQuaid's other double-event scorer. Continuing his improvement in the hurdles, he won the consolation final to finish sixth in 6.3 and popped a 5-foot-10-inch high jump good for third.

Senior Marc Dovi was the other individual scorer, taking fifth in the 3200 with a 10:19.6, his best indoors. Adding relay points were senior John Schell, whose strong lead-off leg in the 3200 was marred by a dropped baton, senior Mike Hanna in the 1600, and junior Mickey Stone and soph Jason Fahy, both in the 3200. Fahy's anchor leg was the Knights' fastest.

It all added up to 88 points for Penfield and 82 for McQuaid, leaving the Knights hungry for another crack in the sectionals.

McQuaid Runners Set Indoor Track Records

Juniors Brad Sumner and Scott Romanowski continued to make their marks in McQuaid Jesuit's indoor track records last week with outstanding performances at two invitationals.

Romanowski raced to his second school record at Yale on Saturday with a 50.94 for the 400 meters, breaking Chris McGuire's '85 mark by more than a second. His time placed him eighth among 36 runners in the select five-state field. Later in the meet, he came back and led off McQuaid's 3200M relay team with a 2:04.8 as the Knights finished fifth in 8:17.55, their best time this season.

At Buffalo on Monday, Romanowski posted a meet record in the 300 as he won in 37.8, a personal best. In the same meet, he ran legs on the 1600M and 3200M teams both of which placed second.

Sumner, who holds McQuaid's 300

record at 37.0, passed up that event at Buffalo to take on Empire State Games champion Dennis Webster of Clarence in the 1000M. He led Webster until the final 300 meters and wound up a close second in 2:37.5 to Webster's 2:36.7. In the 1600M relay, Sumner added another record with a 51.6 leg, fastest ever by a Knight runner indoors.

At Yale, Sumner came up with his best race to date, winning a section of the special 1000M event with a 2:33.15, just a second off the Section 5 record set by McQuaid's Dave Warth in '85 on the same fast track.

"Brad continues to be able to run his last 200 meters under 30 seconds, and that makes him a tough contender in big meets. He's getting more confidence every time out," said Coach Bob Bradley after the Yale trip.

The two juniors haven't been the only news in McQuaid's indoor picture.

Seniors Justin Berko-Boateng and Chris Cusack teamed with them at Buffalo to run a fast 1600M relay that finished second to Franklin and missed the school record by only seven-tenths. At Yale, it was Cusack and senior Chris Adin teaming up with the juniors, and Cusack's 2:02.1 leg was the fastest of the four.

Other scorers at Buffalo were Berko-Boateng, sixth in the 300 with 39.2; junior Mickey Stone, fifth in the 600 with 1:31.5; and Cusack, fifth in the 1000 with 2:45.6. A good non-scoring performance came from sophomore Jason Fahy, who ran a 4:44.6 1600M to finish eighth.

This Friday, the Knights will travel east to the Hamilton College Invitational, where they'll get their first taste of Section III competition. On Saturday, the rest of their squad will be in action at the RWTL meet at Penfield