

Glavin ready for fast pace in special race

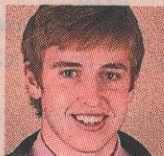
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On the eve of a high school meet that has special significance to him — and where the competition will be fast — one of Section V's top distance runners said he's ready to pick up the pace.

Donovan "Donny" Glavin said, by his standard, he has had a slow start to the outdoor track and field season.

Still, as the the Runnin' Cadet Classic Invitational at Hilton gets underway Saturday, the McQuaid Jesuit senior finds himself the top seed in "The Glavin" 3,200-meter run. That race and "The Glavin" 3,000 race for girls are named after the late Pete Glavin, Donny's father, who was an integral figure in the Rochester-area running community until his death from cancer in April 2010 at age 47.



McQuaid senior Donovan "Donny" Glavin

"I think it's awesome," Glavin said of the race bearing his father's name. "Thirty guys under 10 minutes in a two-mile race. It's exactly what my dad would've wanted."

Pete Glavin, a co-founder of the Genesee Valley Harriers running club, is enshrined in the Greater Rochester Track Club Hall of Fame. The races at the Runnin' Cadet Classic were established in his honor shortly after his death. Donny, who lives in Greece, attended schools in the Hilton Central School District through his freshman year before he

transferred to McQuaid, his father's alma mater.

"We trained together for a couple of summers," Hilton coach Jeff Merkel said of Pete Glavin. "It was about 10 years ago, I moved into his neighborhood. We became good friends."

Donny Glavin, 17, has been invited to run in "The Glavin" twice, including during his sophomore year, when he described himself as a non-contender to win the eight-lap race. He certainly was among the contenders at last season's Runnin' Cadet Classic, but lightning over Hilton canceled the "Saturday Night Showdown."

"Why wouldn't I want to run in the race, it's named after my dad," Glavin said. "It'll be the most loaded race (with

"The Glavin" 3,200-meter top seeds

1. Donny Glavin (McQuaid senior) 9:19.00
2. Kevin Moshier (Corning junior) 9:23.81
3. Brian Bates (Corning senior) 9:30.29
4. Paul Dellinger (Brighton junior) 9:30.99
5. Isaac Goodman (Pittsford Mendon senior) 9:31.41

"The Glavin" 3,000 top seeds

1. Jess Lawson (Corning junior) 9:35.50
2. Abby Wheeler (Elmira senior) 9:42.07
3. Katrina Patterson (Clarence junior) 9:59.72
4. Amanda Vestri (Webster Thomas junior) 10:05.92
6. Elsa Cole (Fillmore junior) 10:18.22

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competition) that I will do.

"This may be more loaded, deeper I say (than the state championships)."

The 11th Runnin' Cadet Classic begins with hurdle races at 2 p.m. A steeplechase that typically draws athletes around the track to watch, closes the first half of the meet at about 6:30.

Invitees in the "Saturday Night Showdown" are

scheduled to start with the introduction of athletes in field events at 7 p.m. Pole vaulters compete on a raised runway in front of the main grandstands at LeBeau Field. The track athletes take a bow at about 8 p.m., with the first of "The Glavin" races going off at about 8:30.

Sponsorship has added a NASCAR race-like atmosphere to the meet, as athletes have access to a "recovery zone", a booth to buy equipment they may need and a place to play games for prizes.

Glavin's third attempt to run in a Glavin race

comes after a fourth-place finish in the 3,200 during the indoor track state championships at Cornell University. He was named to the *Democrat and Chronicle* All-Greater Rochester Boys Indoor Track Team.

"I didn't have a great start (to the outdoor season) but I've been getting on-track," Glavin said. "I took a lot of time off after indoor and I just never got back (in time to launch into the outdoor season)."

The cross country season for Glavin during the fall was described as a dream. He finished 41st at

the Nike Cross Nationals in Portland, Oregon. He was the eighth high school male in Section V history to even run in that event, and his time was third-fastest all-time among area finishers. Area coaches selected Glavin as the AGR Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year.

A student with a 93 average, Glavin has committed to run at Canisius in Buffalo on a partial athletic scholarship. He plans to major in sports management.

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McQuaid's Donovan Glavin, right, and Nick Caterisano run to a 1-2 finish in the 3,000-meter steeplechase during the 2015 Section V Class AA/A Track & Field Championships.