

# McQuaid Captures Track's Triple Crown

Section 5's own version of the triple crown -- championships in cross-country, indoor track, and spring track -- was captured by the McQuaid Jesuit track and field squad Saturday, June 2, at Hobart College in a battle with Fairport.

The Knights and Red Raiders went right down to the last relay before the title was decided. With Fairport leading, 35-34, going into the climactic two-mile relay, the two teams ran almost stride for stride for the last 4½ laps before Fairport's Dave Yendzieski edged past McQuaid's Vaun Grattet to take an apparent third place. But the officials had already disqualified the Raiders when their leadoff man gained an illegal advantage by cutting in too soon from his outside box on the first lap. That moved the Knights into third spot and gave them the three points they needed for the title.

"It's too bad a disqualification had to decide it," said McQuaid coach Bob Bradley after the long day at Geneva. "But our men ran a great race in that one, and I certainly don't consider those to be cheap points."

McQuaid's foursome of Joe Reagan, Jed Hanna, Andrew

Huggins, and Vaun Grattet had an 8:18, the latter three men all scoring personal bests.

The same three had all run earlier on McQuaid's winning relay teams as the Knights piled up a quick 12 points in the meet's first two events. Huggins, a senior, ran a 54.5 leg and Hanna, only a freshman, chipped in a 53.3 on the mile relay team which won in 3:31.3.

Junior George Peacock kept McQuaid in contention with a 52.6 leadoff leg, and junior anchorman Rich Price won it from 12 yards back with a 50.9 that took him past Irondequoit and Brighton.

Grattet, a senior cocaptain, had a 23.8 leg on McQuaid's 880-relay squad, which recorded the day's fastest time -- 1:32.4 -- in taking the AA victory. He also came back with a key second place in the 330 hurdles, running a season's best 40.9.

Running the other 880 legs were senior Mike Anderson (23.3) and the Knights' top two "horses" -- Price (22.7) and senior Craig Rice (22.6). "We asked Craig and Rich to take on a lot -- 3 events each, and they really handled it well," said Bradley.

Price narrowly missed the

Section 5 440 record of 49.4 when he tore through a 49.6 in the AA championship to give McQuaid another six points. That was good enough for a meet record, however, and also lowered his school record from the 50.1 set a month ago.

Rice, who's been favoring a sore leg, added seven points to the Knights' total with a third place in the 100 and a second in the 220 before his leg injury forced him to scratch from the state qualifier 220 and 880 relays.

Pleased with the team's 'triple crown,' Bradley said that it wasn't a goal back in September. "But Mike Hasenauer did such a super job with the indoor squad to come up with a second leg, we figured this might be the year to do it. No one's ever done it before, so it gives our seniors an extra nice note to bow out on."

Fifty miles away in Manlius, four McQuaid freshmen finished their season on a high note, too, winning the two-mile relay at the F-M Invitational. Mike Das, Matt Huggins, Tim Grattet, and Tom Warth were the winning team, Huggins and Warth recording personal bests of 2:12 and 2:10.