

Scholastic Notebook

**Cross-Country
Catching On**

By John Doser



When McQuaid coach Bob Bradley reports a Knights' cross-country result to the newspapers he sometimes refers to the sport as the sport of kings.

Cross-country has grown in popularity because of the work people like Bradley have put into it.

A native of Jersey City, N.J., Bradley was graduated from St. Peter's Prep there and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in English from Fordham University.

He ran track and cross-country at St. Peter's, but never performed at the college level. He was just an average runner he said.

He's far from an average coach.

Bradley joined the McQuaid faculty in 1960, the only teaching/coaching job he's known.

He succeeded Terry Foley, now at Penfield, in 1961. "I inherited Terry's winning tradition," Bob says, and then points out that the Knights have never had a losing season.

Bradley has had great success at McQuaid. "If our win-loss record looks funny, it's because of the way we score our wins and losses," he explained.

There's nothing funny about winning 80 per cent of your meets and that's McQuaid's average since Bradley assumed the cross-country reins.

Bradley doesn't consider a tournament win as a single victory; he treats a 30-team invitational as McQuaid vs. 29 opponents and if the Knights take second he logs 28 wins and one loss.

"If we're in a race with 30 schools and we finish 15th, that's 15-14—you can pick up a lot of wins or losses in a hurry."

The Knights never have had an unbeaten season.

Many county public schools go undefeated in their league dual meets but McQuaid and Bishop Kearney have consistently defeated the county's best in head-to-head battles in the invitational meets.

Under Bradley McQuaid won diocesan cross-country titles from 1962 through 1965; Aquinas took two since then, and

Kearney and Cardinal Mooney own one "Dio" title each.

The Catholic League is now in its fourth season of competition but Bradley and his Knights haven't won this one yet—the three previous CL cross-country trophies are sitting in a Bishop Kearney trophy case.

The Knights have a shot at the 1970 hardware however, because McQuaid, Aquinas and BK are all tied with 2-1 records. The champion will be determined at the Diocesan Tournament next month.

When Bradley took over cross-country at McQuaid the Brighton Invitational was about the only tournament going in the Rochester area. And it was lucky to attract a dozen schools in the early 60s.

Now the McQuaid Invitational attracts 60 schools or more, many from Buffalo and Syracuse; Penfield drew more than 30 schools to its invitational; and Brighton's tournament draws enough schools now to break into three varsity divisions.

Few schools have their own courses; most run in area parks. New courses such as Mendon Ponds, Genesee Valley, Seneca Park plus the old standbys—Durand Eastman, Cobbs Hill and Ellison Park—are the most popular courses.

Most high school cross-country courses are about 2.4 miles although most invitational courses are 2.5 miles, the maximum distance allowed by the state.

The boy who runs cross-country today isn't necessarily the athlete who gets in shape for another sport.

"More runners, real runners, are in cross-country now. They run the whole year around. Before we started indoor track these boys ran on the roads, snow or no snow, during the winter. Most kids who run cross-country are in pretty good shape when they come out," Bradley said.

He added that many cross-country performers don't have the weight or size to compete in football, for example.

"Our second best runner weighs 94 pounds; our best weighs 140; most are under 125; our average is about 120," Bradley added.



CYO Masquerade

Youngsters who delight in opportunity to wear bizarre costumes may win a prize at fourth annual Hallowe'en carnival from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 31, at Catholic Youth Organization headquarters, 50 Chestnut St. Information may be had by calling 454-2030. Pictured are Anthony Kirchoff, 8 (left), of Holy Trinity parish, Webster, and Sam Mammano, 6, of St. Rita's parish.

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Mr. Marcus' position has been distorted and misrepresented by those who have obvious political motives for doing so. Here are the facts:

1. **MARCUS REALIZES** repeal of "Blaine" will do little or nothing to help solve the financial crisis facing the Diocesan School Districts for several years, if ever at all, depending upon the U.S. Supreme Court's decision regarding the First Amendment. By that time many, if not most, of the Diocesan schools in New York State will have been forced to close.
2. **MARCUS OFFERS** a positive plan to maintain the moral advantages which religious education stimulates.
3. **MARCUS PROPOSES** that all children whose parents so desire have the opportunity to get their secular education in the public schools.
4. **MARCUS PROPOSES** that all children whose parents so desire have the opportunity to get their religious education during the school day in the public school buildings they attend. Classrooms would be rented by the religious denominations at a cost (including that for religious instructors) that would place a minimal burden on the parents.

Stan Marcus sympathizes with the financial problems faced by Diocesan School Districts, and of the desire of parents to give their children a religious education. He is also aware of the need to maintain the principle of church-state separation which is an essential element of the American system.

Mr. Marcus' plan would lift the financial burden by making state aid available equitably for the secular education of all children. At the same time, it would make religious education available at the lowest possible cost and in a way that is faithful to U.S. Constitutional principles.

Isn't that what we all really want?

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