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Coach Hopes for Re-Match

The Track Meet 'Almost Was'

By JOHN DOSER

It's already been dubbed "the track meet that almost was," that abbreviated collision between once-beaten McQuaid and unbeaten Monroe last week at Frederick Douglass Junior High School.

Lest things get blown all out of proportion, McQuaid track coach Bob Bradley points out that relations between the two schools are not strained; there is, obviously, a communications gap in there somewhere. He hopes the meet can be rescheduled, and he wishes he didn't use the word "adamant" during subsequent interviews about what happened.

And what did happen?

The battle between the two City-Catholic track teams ended after the first two relays, which the Knights won, when Johnny Anderson, Monroe track coach, took his troops off the field and went home.

The meet was being held as part of a double dual meet along with the regularly scheduled McQuaid-Franklin scrap at Douglass — the former being postponed from its original date by rain.

The Knights eventually pasted Franklin, 89-38, for their fourth win in five starts, while Monroe left in a huff with its unbeaten record of 4-0 intact.

While Bradley is not seeking (although the subject did come up) a forfeit as the result of Monroe's untimely exit, he also explains there's nothing in league rules to cover such a situation because it never happened before.

While there was a remote possibility the match could be rescheduled before this story is published, "That's very unlikely because Monroe is going against Kearney (also unbeaten at 5-0) on Monday (of this week) in a real big meet," Bradley said.

"Although that's a bye date for us, there's no possibility of our going in on that because that in effect would make Monroe be trying to beat Kearney and McQuaid with the same lineup. That would be unreasonable."

It's pointless, he explains, to question the use of officials as the basis for walking off the field.

"Anybody who knows track knows that of the 18 events in a track meet, I'd say, three of them might be decided on time. It isn't what your time is that determines an event winner, it's which body gets across the finish line first.

"The only thing the officials were doing that was different in this meet was that they were just keeping one set of results (McQuaid-Franklin); but they were there to do anything that needed to be done and since they were only keeping the McQuaid-Franklin results, Johnny and I were supposed to be keeping the other results.

"This doesn't mean that there were no officials at the meet. As a matter of fact there were six officials there," Bradley explains.

Even if the officials had intended to record McQuaid-Monroe times, the only thing they would have put down on their sheets is what they did put down on their sheets, for example, after the first relay, "McQuaid, :45.2."

The officials agreed not to time any Monroe first places, but that didn't mean Monroe would not get the first place if it won an event — even if the Redjackets had won the first, second or even both relays, Bradley says he would have had a time on Monroe anyway.

"The officials would have times us because they were getting the McQuaid-Franklin results; so on their sheets they would have put McQuaid :45.2 for the Franklin meet; and on the sheet that Johnny and I were going to work on, we would have had Monroe :45 flat had Monroe won the event."

Ironically, for the two races that were run, time had no bearing on the races — McQuaid won the 440 yard relay with Monroe a good three or four yards back and the Knights won the two mile relay with the Redjackets a good distance back.

But Bradley admits he would have had to scramble the rest of the way to pull off a major upset win over the Redjackets whom he considers the class of the City-Catholic League.

He also didn't expect Monroe to have much trouble with Bishop Kearney which handed his Knights their only loss to date.

Bradley put the best foursome he had against the Redjackets in the 440: senior Mike Reeves, senior Vaun Grattet, junior Craig Rice and sophomore Rich Price.

The :45.2 they recorded was the fastest time in the league so far this year. Monroe took second.

The two mile relay, also won by McQuaid, featured Denis Cushman, Joe Regan, Steve Burnett and Jon Horton — the last of the McQuaid Hortons. This quartet turned in a good 8:38.9.

Now Bradley hopes the track meet that almost was, will still become the track meet that is, sometime during the remainder of the season.

Spring Music

Bishop Kearney High School will present its Spring Concert, May 23, 8 p.m. The Jazz Band will open the festivities and the drum line, colour guard, and twirlers will be featured with the marching Kings in "Danny Boy", "Man from La Mancha", and "Somewhere".

The Concert Band will play selections from "The Wiz" as well as a rendition of "The Russian Sailors Dance". Other pieces will include music from the opera "Pagliacci", and the modern theme from Close Encounters of the Third Kind.

WINNERS

Kathleen Rice, a student at Geneva DeSales, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle $5 for the week of April 26.

John Hart, a senior at McQuaid, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle $5 for the week of May 3.

Nazareth Notes

ARTS

Nazareth Academy's Art and Music Departments are jointly planning a Spring Event for the week of May 18-26. An Art Show will feature student entries in sculpture, crafts; drawing, painting, ceramics, textiles, photography and graphics. In conjunction with the Spring Concert on May 19, students and adult guests will vote for the best of the show.

ACADEMICS

The Social Studies faculty paid tribute to several students for their outstanding work during the third quarter of this school year. Recognized for earning the highest average in their class for this quarter in American Studies were: Liz Wagner, Theresa Frazer, Sharon Nau, Karen Franz, Cindy Bleier, Donna Petrella, Susan Schaffer, Mary Ann Weber, Lynn Insolaco, Maureen Gordon, Joyce Rozzi. In European Culture: Marcy Fiorica, Elizabeth Truong, Cynthia Romano, Lori Kusche, Ann Saia, Charlene Infantino, Mary Dufoe, Cathy Young, Chris Wagner, Judy Gallucci, Ester Williams, Debbie Federspiel, Patricia Mahns, Nancy Reininger, Michelle Giardini, Sonia Thompson. In Asian-African Culture: Ester Yun, Mary Ellen Empey, Rosa Solaun, Gloria Ferri, Teresa Malone, Marcy Gertin, Mary Frances Arioli, Karen McCloskey, Lee Ann Smallwood.

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Sports Who's Who

Editor's Note — Have an idea for a Raparound sports feature? Or a news item for Who's Who? If so, drop a line to Raparound Sports, 51 Boxwood Lane, Fariport, N.Y. 14450.

There's only one Horton left at McQuaid - **Jon Horton** - and the rest of the famous track family is now in London where **Mr. Elliot Horton** is an attorney for Xerox Corp.

Chris Horton runs for a track club there and he's still hoping to break four minutes in the mile; **Tom Horton** is still at Boston College; Jon is an improving half-miler, Coach **Bob Bradley** says. Two other Horton brothers helped make the family a household sports name on the McQuaid campus for nearly a decade.

Larry Finucane of Aquinas is headed for Hobart after being contacted by 35 colleges. He was starting fullback and linebacker, was on the kickoff and kickoff return teams, the punt and punt return teams, and occasionally booted extra points when called upon for last fall's Little Irish City-Catholic champion gridders.

Finucane was also first team City-Catholic and Greater Rochester honorable mention.

Larry Keenan knocked in three runs with a pair of singles in Cardinal Mooney's 11-5 baseball win over East . . . Pitcher **Mike Beebe** of Kearney stopped Mooney, 10-3.

Kearney edged Edison in track, 75-70, with **Brian Mongeau** winning the mile in 4:49 and the half-mile in 2:07.8 ...Mooney fell to unbeaten Monroe, 84-52.

Rich Booth of Mooney won his 4th without a loss, stopping McQuaid on a 4-0 two-hitter . . . **Trish Riley** and **Carla Steagura** led DeSales of Geneva over Romulus, 15-9, in Finger Lakes girls' softball . . . Mooney girls whipped Nazareth 17-5.

Kearney's fearless foursome of **Brian Mongeau, John Sullivan, Bill Badura and Dan Callan** won the two-mile relay at the Hornell Invitational with an 8:30, best high school time so far this season.

McQuaid's **Rich Prince, Nathan Peck, Chris Cantabene and Vaun Grattet** own the best area mile relay to date with a 3:31.1 . . . The recent state basketball tournament turned a $51,000 profit . . . the executive committee of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association voted to keep the state tournament in Rochester through 1981 at least.

FOOTNOTES — The Greater Rochester Track Club will hold its annual meeting at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 21 at McQuaid . . . The GRC opens its summer season Tuesday, June 13 with a 5-mile road race at 5:30 p.m., at RIT . . . The GRC also says Aquinas grad **Dick Buerkle** and **Frank Shorter** will run in the Greece MiniMarathon on either June 17 or 24.

Horace Thomas, a Kearney grad, stayed unbeaten with a 52.9 440-dash for Monroe Community College in MCC's 80-57 win over Herkimer CC . . . Money AD and head basketball-baseball coach **Ed Nietopski** played ball with new Red Wing manager **Frank Robinson** at Columbia, S.C., back in 1954-55.

Nazareth basketball coach **Joe Gigliotti** has signed **Bart Shuler** of Monroe High for next season . . . St. John Fisher cager **Rudy Rivera** will be playing basketball for ex-Penn State Coach **Johnny Bach** this summer in Puerto Rico . . . **Mike Shoniker**, Mooney grad, is hitting .347 for highly-touted Monroe Community College baseball.

Nelson Cupello of the Rochester Lancers will switch from coaching Kearney varsity soccer to assistant soccer coach under **Joe Mancarella** this fall at MCC . . . Cuppello played for Mancarella at MCC, scoring 55 goals in two seasons before switching over to Brockport State when he scored 19 goals in his final two years.

Bob Masiulis a Kearney grad, holds the career point record for track and field at RIT, but Tiger hurdler-sprinter **Mark Stebbins** needs only three or four more points to break the mark . . . Three ex-Mooney heroes are playing for the new softball Rochester Zeniths: **Pete Castle, Doug Farrell and Billy Clauss.**

Want to join the Rochester Lancers' Maniac Boosters? Send $3 adult, $2 youth to **Ron Wysocarski**. 20 Capri Drive, Rochester, 14624.