

McQ, Mercy relay squads move on to states

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ROCHESTER — As the final leg of the 1992 high school outdoor track season quickly approaches, McQuaid Jesuit and Our Lady of Mercy are preoccupied with, well, final legs.

That's because each school is sending a relay to the state championships, which will be held this Friday and Saturday, June 5-6, in Kingston, N.Y.

McQuaid qualified in the 3,200-meter relay and Mercy advanced in the 1,600 as a result of their first-place finishes in the Section 5 Meet of Champions state qualifier. That competition took place last Friday, May 29, at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium.

Also qualifying for states were McQ's Kris Weldon in the 400 intermediate hurdles and Adam Reitz in the intersectional relay; and Mercy's Gabby LaMagna in the long jump.

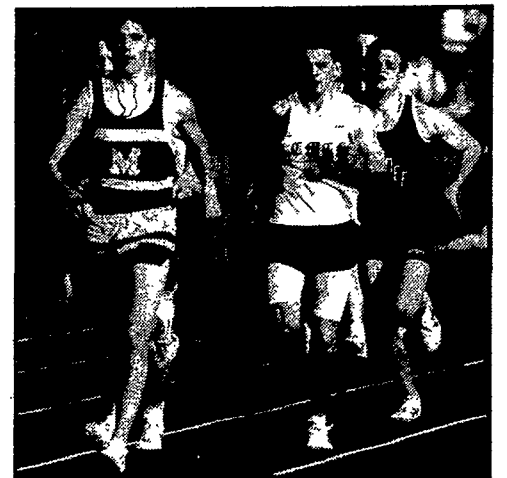
For both teams, this weekend will cap extraordinary seasons that saw the Knights and Monarchs take home league and Section 5 championships.

McQuaid's 3,200 relay took first at the Meet of Champions with a time of 8:06.6, well ahead of second-place Victor's 8:18.7. Relay members included Shawn Watts, Tim Kelley, Eric Garsin and Reitz.

Knights Coach Dave Warth will insert Mike Keogh in place of Reitz at the states. If things fall into place, he



Our Lady of Mercy High School's Julie Garland finished fifth in the 100 hurdles semifinal during the Section 5 Meet of Champions at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium May 29.



McQuaid's Eric Garsin (left) leads the pack during the 1,600 meters. Although Garsin did not place in the top three, he helped the 3,200 relay team to a first-place finish.

thinks his 3,200 squad has an extremely good chance at finishing near the top.

"I think they can be in the top three if they really push themselves," Warth commented. "Their best time is 8:01, but they're capable of going 7:55 or under."

Weldon advanced to states by finishing second in the 400 hurdles at the U of R with a time of :55.3. (First-place finishers in individual events automatically go on to states, and second- and third-place finishers also become eligible if they meet predetermined qualifying standards. The 400 hurdles' qualifying time was :56.2.)

Reitz, who took fourth in the 3,200 run, will compete in the 1,600 leg of the intersectional medley. (This event comprises the Meet of Champions' top finishers from the four longest distance events who would not have otherwise qualified for states.)

For Mercy, the 1,600 relay won a thrilling battle with Dansville at the Meet of Champions. The Monarchs trailed by a few steps going into the last leg, but got a strong finish from Jenny Smith as she burst into the lead in the final 100 meters for the victory.

Mercy's time was 4:06.8, while

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Some tickets remain for Pete Pavia dinner

ROCHESTER — Several celebrities from the world of sports are scheduled to attend this year's Pete Pavia Sports Celebrity Dinner. The fourth annual gala will take place 7 p.m. Monday, June 8, at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center, 123 E. Main St.

P.J. Carlesimo, head men's basketball coach at Seton Hall University, will serve as master of ceremonies for the second consecutive year. The head dais will include several other basketball coaches, including Syracuse University's Jim Boheim.

Several members of the Super Bowl champion Washington Redskins are also scheduled to attend.

This dinner serves as the largest annual fundraiser for Camp Good Days and Special Times for children with cancer or AIDS. Tickets are still available at \$85 per person and can be purchased by calling the Camp Good Days office, 716/427-2650, or Pete Pavia Sports, 383-1910.

Golf tournament June 13; Elmira schools to benefit

ELMIRA — The Holy Family Catholic School System is sponsoring its first-ever golf tournament on Saturday, June 13, at Mark Twain Golf Course.

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m., with four players on each team. Cost is \$200 per team and \$50 per player. The fee includes greens fees, cart, lunch, prizes and dinner.

All proceeds will benefit the Holy Family Catholic School System. Contact Joe Kosmicki or Ginny Andrus at 607/734-4414, or A.J. or Mary Montanarella at 734-4878.

SPORT SHORTS



Fisher tourney June 9 at Blue Heron Hills CC

GANANDA — Blue Heron Hills Country Club will host the fourth annual Lavery/Dorsey Memorial Golf Tournament, scheduled for Tuesday, June 9.

The tournament is named in honor of Father Charles Lavery, second president of St. John Fisher College; and Father Joseph Dorsey, the college's former dean and interim president.

The day begins with lunch at 11:30 a.m., followed by golf at 1 p.m. A four-person team handicap scramble format is being used this year. The entry fee of \$150 includes greens fees, lunch, riding cart, refreshments on the course, cocktail/buffet reception and prizes.

Business sponsorships are also available. The event's proceeds will fund student scholarships at St. John Fisher College.

For information, or to register, call the Fisher Alumni Office at 716/385-8001.

Special Olympics at RIT

HENRIETTA — Rochester Institute of Technology will host the Monroe County Special Olympics Track and Field Meet, scheduled for Saturday, June 6.

More than 600 athletes from around the county are scheduled to participate in the event, which will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

DeSales grads elected into Sports Hall of Fame

GENEVA — Two graduates of DeSales High School were recently inducted into the Geneva Sports Hall of Fame.

Nicholas Quartaro, class of 1973, was a DeSales football standout at defensive tackle, punter and place-kicker. He went on to kick for Xavier University and the University of Iowa, where he once booted a school-record 50-yard field goal.

Jim McNulty, class of 1933, was a DeSales baseball star who later excelled in the fast-pitch Twilight League. He was also a member of the board of directors for the Geneva Reds.

BK tournament June 19 at Deerfield Country Club

CLARKSON — The second annual Kearney Golf Classic will take place Friday, June 19, at Deerfield Country Club.

Registration and lunch begin at 11:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 12:45 p.m. A scramble format will be used this year.

Cost is \$75, which includes greens fees, cart, lunch, awards and dinner.

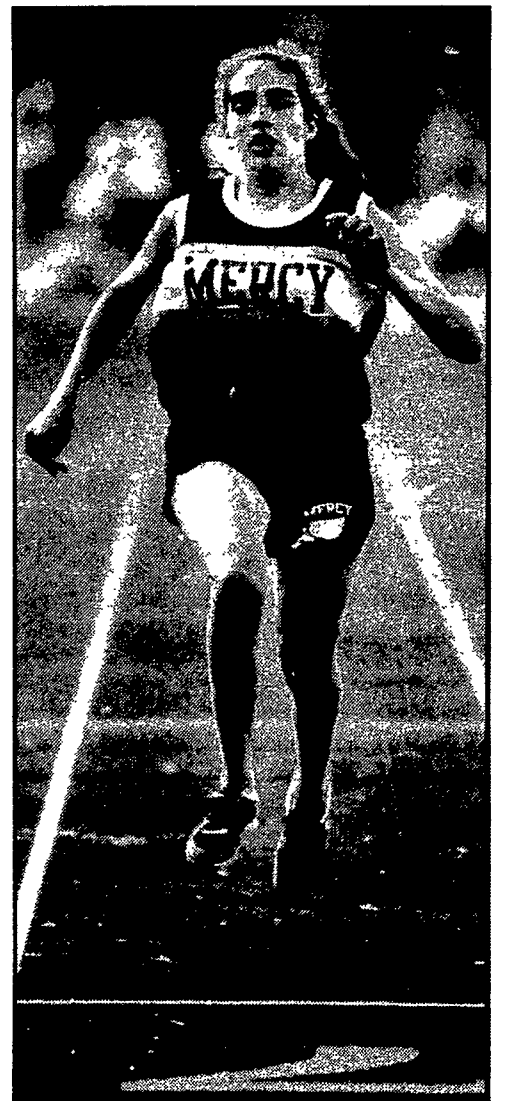
All proceeds benefit Bishop Kearney High School, 125 Kings Hwy. S., Irondequoit.

Golf event is June 8 at Seneca Falls club

SENECA FALLS — The first St. Patrick's Society Golf Tournament will take place Monday, June 8, at the Seneca Falls Country Club.

The format is a four-person scramble, with shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

For details, call Mark Hylwa at 315/568-2311; Don Reynolds at 568-8954; Carl Sangiacomo at 568-6846; or Brad Jones at 568-6855.



Mercy's Mimi LaMagna takes a flying leap toward the finish line during the 100-meter dash semifinal.