

# Stephens shatters record with 352-yard day

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Whoever invented the phrase "a legend in his time" must have been thinking about people like Joel Stephens.

Already Elmira Notre Dame's all-time leading rusher before the 1994 season even began, the senior running back has since ensured that his school records won't be touched for the next century or two.

But for as many great games as he's compiled over his career, none can touch Stephens' latest effort.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is not a misprint: 352 yards in one game.

And he sat out nearly the entire fourth quarter.

Stephens' stupendous feat, which came on 25 carries, set a new Section 4 single-game rushing record. It also spurred Notre Dame to a 33-0 home win over Trumansburg last Friday, Sept. 30.

For the season, Stephens has amassed 1,202 yards in just five games. According to ND Coach Mike D'Aloisio, no other Section 4 running back has ever even reached 1,000 yards in his first five games.

"I think he's captured the attention of 90 percent of the people in Elmira. Our stands are filled every week," D'Aloisio commented.

Stephens scored three touchdowns on Friday, with runs of one, 30 and 57 yards. Ian Lampman added the Crusaders' other two touchdowns on carries of three and 10 yards, as ND improved its record to a perfect 5-0.

While it was business as usual for Notre Dame, Bishop Kearney and McQuaid Jesuit got badly needed boosts by virtue of their victories last weekend.

BK gained its first win against four losses with a 30-7 rout of visiting Newark on Sept. 30. The Kings shook off a 7-0 deficit after one quarter as Fred Riveria threw to Vernon Banks on a 45-yard TD pass play and Brendan Murray returned an interception 41 yards for a

touchdown to give the Kings a 14-7 lead at halftime.

Kearney finished off the game's scoring in the fourth quarter, when Riveria threw 19 yards to Banks and Chris Muscato scored on a 30-yard fumble return.

Coach Nick Teta noted that, despite their losing record, the win against Newark was one of several good performances this season by his Kings. "The kids have been playing well. They've just made a few mistakes," said Teta.

McQuaid, meanwhile, actually picked up two victories last week. Not only did the Knights notch a 23-6 home win over Marshall on Sept. 30, but they were also

awarded a season-opening victory over East. Their 39-0 loss to the Orientals, played Sept. 3, was overturned when City-Catholic League officials ruled on Sept. 26 that East had used an ineligible player in that game.

In the win over Marshall, the Knights used a second-quarter scoring blitz — a 15-yard TD run by Brian Berko-Boateng, a five-yard run by Chris Schiller and a 27-yard field goal by Chris Pilato — to lead 16-0 at halftime. Schiller scored McQ's other TD on an 18-yard run in the fourth period as the Knights raised their record to 2-3.

Aquinas Institute and Geneva De-

Sales both came up short in home games played Oct. 1. Aquinas was defeated by East, 20-13; and DeSales was rocked by Clyde-Savannah, 46-0.

AQ (2-3) got its scoring on two pass plays from Kyle Magee to Jay Wegman: an eight-yarder in the third quarter and a 14-yarder in the final period. Carl Huebbers' point-after kick following the first touchdown gave the Little Irish their only lead at 7-6.

DeSales (1-4) was coming off a 26-0 win over South Seneca the previous weekend. But the Saints surrendered 20 first-quarter points and 14 more in the second quarter to Clyde-Savannah.

## McQuaid

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Quaid Jesuit's cross-country coach as well as race director ever since the first McQuaid Invitational was held in 1965.

At that time, Bradley said, the meet's starting and finishing lines were at McQuaid, with 12 teams and 200 athletes running through the streets of Brighton. The invitational was moved to Rochester Institute of Technology in 1968 before coming to Genesee Valley in 1973.

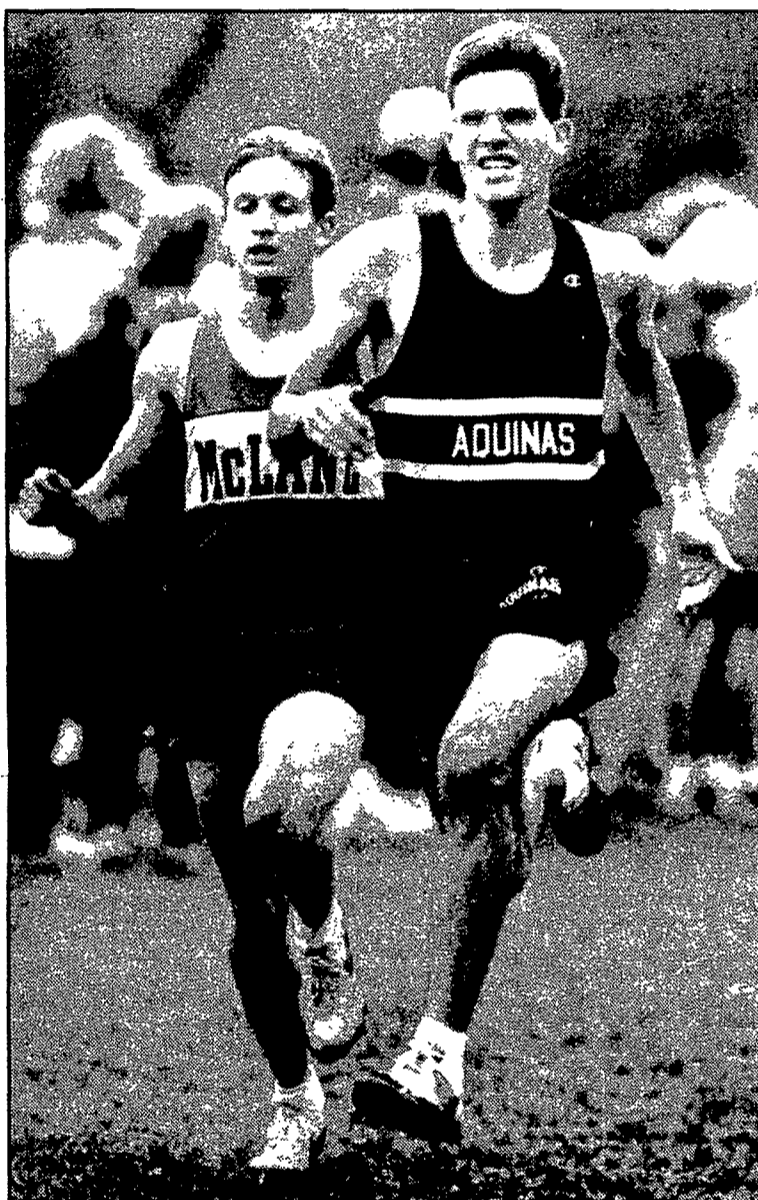
"One thing that's wonderful about Genesee Valley is its wide starting area, so you can put 30 teams or more on the starting line," Bradley noted.

That space came in handy last Saturday, when 23 races were run for nearly 200 schools hailing from locales as far away as New Hampshire, Ohio and Canada.

Of the 5,000 runners, about 40 percent were girls. That's an impressive statistic when taking into account that female participation in the McQuaid Invitational didn't even begin until the early 1970s, when one girls' race was held.

"I remember telling them that the winner would automatically break the course record, because girls had never run before," Bradley said with a laugh.

His own Knights made their presence felt in boys' competition on Saturday, finishing fourth in the Class AAA-1 mixed division. Junior Jeff Clark was McQ's top individual finisher, placing third with a time of 16



S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer  
Aquinas Institute's Jason Hasert (right) kicks at the finish of the boys' varsity AA-1 race in which he placed 31st.

said Bradley. However, he also noted that the 1994 season "isn't really a rebuilding year. We'll be right in there at sectionals with Penfield and Fairport; it'll be a scramble among the three of us."

Aquinas Institute's Jason Hasert is hoping to be a factor in individual post-season competition. The senior placed 31st in the McQuaid Invitational's Class AA-1 race, finishing with a time of 17:18.

Other leading Little Irish runners are sophomores Brian Oster, Dave Sillick, Brian Quinn, Chris Hryvniak and Keith Eisenman; and junior Dennis Prevost.

Coach Matt Isaac noted that AQ's seventh-place finish at the H-A-C Invitational on Sept. 21 was an improvement over last year, when the Irish placed last.

"We're younger, but we definitely have more talent," said Isaac.

Geneva DeSales is currently fielding six runners: seniors Steve Mahoney, Dan Anderson and Chris Schaeffer; and sophomores Ryan Pike, Andy Silkiewicz and Brady Root.

Although the Saints did not fare among the leaders at the McQuaid Invitational, Coach Bob Wood is pleased by his runners' "character, perseverance and determination."

"They certainly give it everything they've got," Wood added.

EDITORS' NOTE: Next week's sports pages will include a profile the girls' cross-country teams at Our Lady of Mercy, Nazareth Academy, Aquinas Institute and DeSales.

## Soccer

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Shelly Fagan added a pair.

Also gaining girls' soccer victories were Nazareth, which triumphed 4-0 over East on Sept. 26 and 2-1 over Lima Christian the following day; and BK, which won 7-0 over Eastridge on Sept. 26 as Janet Lansing registered three goals.

In boys' soccer, Kearney gained a 2-1 win over Gananda on Sept. 26 behind goals from Pete Kinsella and Kevin Gibbs.

DeSales ran its golf record to 4-1 with a 259-272 win over Mynderse on Sept. 27. Sarah Walters, the Saints' only female golfer, led the Saints with a 43.

In girls' cross-country, Mercy earned a third-place team finish in the McQuaid Invitational's Class A race on Oct. 1. Also that day, Nazareth's Karen Scozafava placed second in the Class A-2 unseeded division.

In girls' volleyball, Mercy improved its record to 8-1 with three consecutive wins: 15-4, 13-15, 15-10, 15-7 over Wilson Magnet on Sept. 26; 15-4, 15-2, 15-8 over Palmyra-Macedon on Sept. 28; and 15-2, 15-5, 15-1 over Nazareth on Sept. 29.

Nazareth gained a volleyball win on Sept. 30, defeating C.G. Finney. AQ got two victories, outlasting BK in five games on Sept. 27 before sweeping Franklin on Sept. 29.

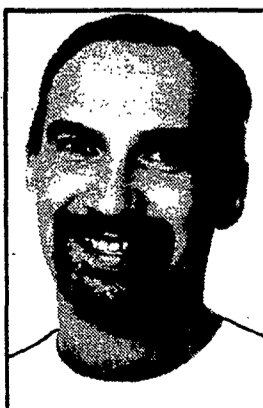
McQuaid's boys' volleyball won for the 10th time in 11 matches by downing Wilson, 15-10, 9-15, 15-12, 15-8, on Sept. 29. Earlier in the week, the Knights recorded wins over Midlakes on Sept. 26 and Edison Tech on Sept. 27.

## Nazareth College names new coaches for 1994-95

PITTSFORD — Tony Zostant (pictured) has been named the new head women's volleyball and lacrosse coach at Nazareth College.

Zostant, a native of Johnson City, N.Y., earned his undergraduate and master's degrees from the State University of New York College at Cortland. He comes to Nazareth from Cazenovia College, where he had served as the head women's volleyball coach for the past four years.

Zostant has also been active in wom-



en's lacrosse, both as a coach and an official. He began a women's lacrosse program at LeMoyne College in 1993.

In another coaching addition at Nazareth, Tom Parrotta is the new men's basketball assistant to head coach Mike Daley.

Parrotta is a former three-year starter at Fordham University. He also played professional ball in Portugal for three years before competing for the Westchester Stallions of the United States Basketball League this past summer.

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