

Legacy Tribute

1959 Mont Pleasant Track & Field Team

Head Coach – Ray Vacca *

Ass't Coach – Larry Mulvaney

Team Members

Bruce Baluch, Jr.

Dick Batista

Paul Battaglino

Don Blaha

Al Bojarski *

John Bowe

Paul Brisson

Jim Bowers *

Larry Canell

Gary Carmichael *

Jim Crannell

Nathaniel Croxton *

Jack Edwards

John Farry

Tom Farry

Dick Fazzino

Sam Ferrucci

Steve Furbert *

Gary Gilbert

Ron Horan

Mike Keigher

Wayne Leece *

Bob Lewkowicz

Joe Mackey

Sal Madelone *

Pat Maney

Jonell Marion

Paul McDonald

Doug Meyer

Jeff Mirate

Tom Nicklaw *

Lou Paparella

Steve Pedersen

Ed Russell

Jim Scott

John Skibinski

Paul Surin

Jerry Symeon

Luciano Toffolo

Jerry Vinehout *

Gary Watrous

Dick Blanchard (mgr.)

*deceased

Vacca, Mulvaney & Blaha are Athletic HOF members

MP finished undefeated; won three dual meets; won the Rye Invitational (defeating a field that included Archbishop Stepinac, White Plains, Oceanside & New Rochelle) & the Utica Interscholastic Track & Field Meet; tied powerful Bishop Loughlin (NYC) for the Schenectady Interscholastic Sports Carnival title (defeating perennial powers Archbishop Molloy, Andrew Jackson, St. Francis Prep, Bayside, Boys High & many others); easily won the Class "A" Sectionals, winning eight of twelve events

Sectional Champions:

Don Blaha (high jump)

Jack Edwards (180-yd. low hurdles)

Ron Horan (880-yd. run – set Sectional record)

Wayne Leece (shot put)

Bob Lewkowicz (mile)

Lou Paparella (discus)

Jim Scott (440-yd. run – set Sectional record)

Jim Bowers, Paul Brisson, Larry Canell & Ed Russell (880-yd. relay)

State Champions:

Don Blaha (high jump)

Jim Scott (440-yd. run; 48.8 – new State record; previous record held by world record holder & U.S Olympic Gold Medalist, Lou Jones)

New MPHS records:

Don Blaha – high jump (6' 3/4")

Jack Edwards - 180-yd. low hurdles (20.3)

Ron Horan – 880 yd. run (1:58.8)

Lou Paparella – discus (150' 4")

Jim Scott – 440-yd. run (48.8)

-Horan was runner-up in the 880-yd. run at the State Meet

-Blaha (high jump) & Keigher (long jump) were Schenectady Interscholastic Sports Carnival champions

-Blaha finished the season unbeaten

-60th anniversary of this team's great season