

READERS' OPINION

Community Should Appreciate Dedication of McLaughlin, Athletes

Dear Editor:

The Buffalo News and the *Advertiser* have each chronicled the recent successes of the East Aurora High School boys and girls cross country teams. Both the quality and depth of the performances have been spectacular, and the community should appreciate the dedication of the athletes as well as the coaching of Mr. McLaughlin.

It was very interesting to read of the high regard in which the coach is held by his former runners. It is obvious that his non-confrontational motivation methods have yielded superb results, and that he also clearly has developed training regimens which allow his athletes to optimize their potential. The fact that he and his wife have sought to maximize participation also represents

admirable attributes.

We wish the teams continued successes, and hope that the athletes will recognize that running (whether or not competitive) represents an activity that can be pursued for many decades.

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