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These runners 'eyeing' another NYC Marathon

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Last year at this time **Robert Caro** was in training for the Boston Marathon. His cohort **Julio Maldonado** wasn't that ambitious. He had set his sights further along in the year to the New York City race.

But both did their long-distance runs for a cause ... Tissue Banks International (TBI), which provides eye tissue for sight-restoring corneal transplantation (it provided more than 500 last year alone!) and research.

You see *Dr.* Robert is the chief of ophthalmology for Staten Island Medical Group/HIP and Julio is his ophthalmic technician over in Sunnyside. And since they're both runners anyway (actually Robert inspired Julio, who admits he wasn't an athlete of any kind as a Curtis HS student, to get out on the roads), they've decided that once again they'll do New York City as a run for sight.

Last year Robert and another TBI runner earned $10,000 for the eye bank with pledges from Boston and *then* Robert, former HIP midwife **Diana Juliano**, and Julio, who did the 1996 NYC with a stress fracture that didn't keep him out ("It took me eight hours," he admits, "but I had to run to collect the pledges.") picked up another $20,000 for TBI.

Not only that but Robert and Julio have even gotten some of their patients, relatives of patients and co-workers, people like **Pat Sediris**, **Andrew Steele**, and **Betsy Brown**, (hey, even Julio's 9-year-old daughter **Priscilla** is into track, so she's bound to be racing along for TBI one of these days too) out there running and even running for the cause when they can.

And it's a good cause, Robert stresses, since approximately 10-million people worldwide (the majority under the age of 30) suffer from corneal blindness. But financial aid isn't the only type accepted. Folks can also become organ donors, simply by signing the back of their driver's license.

Well, signing a name is a heckuva lot easier than running a marathon!

(PS: If you have any questions on TBI, donating corneas or pledging for the races, call 1-800-756-4824.)

Smart jocks need apply

Lynn Denesopolis, captain of the volleyball team when she was a student at Tottenville HS; **Keri Kilcommons**, a former Pirate tennis standout; **Chris Ruisi**, a track and cross country star out of St. Joseph by-the-Sea; and **Jennifer Hafey**, a four-time Advance All-Star swimmer when she was at Notre Dame Academy, may have participated in different sports and gone to a variety of high schools, but they have at least one thing in common — they all won Doctors' Hospital scholarships to help further their studies in any health care-related field.

Of course, being an athlete is not a necessity for winning the grants, which range from $1,000 to $2,500 (we just threw in the above four to show that jocks *aren't* dumb despite the common stereotype) but wanting to be a nurse or a doctor or a physical therapist or a pharmacist or a dietician or anything that's healthcare related is.

Also, one must apply and **Kathy Whitford**, who should know since she's in charge of the program, tells us that all a high school senior must do to be in the running is call her for an application at 390-4960. But anyone interested better get crackin' because the deadline is Friday!

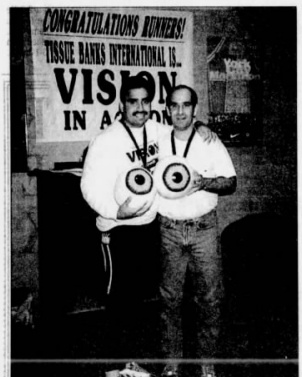
What a guy!

Never let it be said that **Joey McAdams** doesn't take his coaching seriously.

The girls' varsity basketball coach at Moore Catholic HS recently took over for **Mark Sweeney** (who reluctantly gave up the job because of work constraints — he's supervisor for the district attorney at Criminal Court) as boys' golf coach at the school and the first thing he did, very magnanimously, of course, was travel to Myrtle Beach, S.C., for some continuing education.

And, to demonstrate even *more* selflessness, Joey's father-in-law **Frank Tracy**, who also was still in the midst of his 70th birthday celebration (so what if his birthday was back in September? Hey, any excuse to go golfing!); brother-in-law **Tim Tracy**; and **John Tracy**, who's Frank's nephew, Tim's cousin and Joey's friend, went along to help.

We're not sure *exactly* how much Joey learned but, we guess we'll find out soon enough. The Mavs open their season tomorrow.



Dr. Robert Caro, right, and friend Julio Maldonado will be running the NYC Marathon for the benefit of Tissue Banks International.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

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St. Peter's catcher Ravin Mandato reaches for a throw as Karyn Kennedy of Sea slides safely across the plate.

Hill blanks Moore in opener

■ **Freshman Barone limits Mavs to six hits in 4-0 CHSAA win; Sea cruises by St. Peter's, 37-0**

By BOB WIETECHA JR.
ADVANCE STAFF WRITER

St. Joseph Hill made the most of its opportunities in a 4-0 season-opening CHSAA victory over host Moore Catholic yesterday in Graniteville.

The Hilltoppers (2-2 overall, 1-0 CHSAA) mixed five hits, five stolen bases and three Moore miscues in putting together two-run rallies in the third and sixth innings. Hill also got a steady pitching performance from freshman Pam Barone, who scattered six hits and walked one for the complete-game victory.

"This was a good way to start," said Hill coach Patty Baroz. "We put together some timely hits with aggressive baserunning. We did what we had to do to win."

It wasn't that simple in the early going as Moore starter Amy Kosinski kept the Hilltoppers' bats off-balance with an assortment of fastballs and change-ups. The sophomore windmiller struck out four and held Hill hitless through the first two frames.

Lead-off batter Lauren Bosco got things started in the top of the third inning when she stroked a single to left, stole second and moved to third on a single by Barone. After Barone swiped second, both runners came around when Lori Young reached base on an error.

Barone Scully

The Hilltoppers tacked on two more runs in the top of the sixth as Lauren Sklenar (fielder's choice) scored from third base on a double steal and her sister Maureen knocked a run with a single.

In between rallies, Barone, a modified righty, used good location and a sharp breaking pitch to keep the Mavericks from scoring.

"Pam has only given up one walk in the last 24 innings," said Baroz. "She has kept us in games by putting the ball in play and not walking anyone."

Barone also got a stellar effort from her defense, including Young, a senior first basemen, who made a nice pickup on a throw in the dirt in the fifth inning and made a fine running catch in foul territory in the final stanza.

Kosinski, who was charged with two earned runs, struck out five and walked three in seven innings. Pat Hourican added two hits for the Mavs (0-5, 0-1).

St. Joseph by-the-Sea 37, St. Peter's 0

Senior right-hander Leah Parisio blanked the Eagles on two hits while striking out 10 in the season opener for both teams at the Vikings' Huguenot field.

The three-time defending CHSAA champions capitalized on 27 walks, six errors and 15 hits in a game limited to five inings by the 10-run mercy rule.

Junior Karyn Kennedy sparked Sea's attack as she stroked four hits, including a two-run homer, a double and two singles, drove in seven runs and scored five. Lead-off batter Amy Vadala and Parisio chipped in with three hits each, while Parisio and Diana Consolmagno and Parisio each finished with four RBI.

Port Richmond 5, New Dorp 4

The Centrals' Mary Colello allowed only four hits — all in the last two innings — and only one earned run but her defense sabotaged her and the Red Raiders (3-0 in PSAL) took advantage to remain undefeated.

In the contest at the ASA complex, Travis, Michelle Miraglia drove in two runs and Jessica Dima one as Sabrina Cohen picked up the win.

Marion Wall went 2 for 4 for New Dorp.

Curtis 13, Tottenville 0

Manuella Tavares allowed just two hits and struck out six in leading the host Warriors to their first league victory.

Renee Taliento rapped a two-run homer and Alexis Kramer slugged a three-run HR and collected five RBI.

MSIT 8, Susan Wagner 7

Kerry Scully's seventh-inning home run vaulted the Sea Gulls to their second win in three outings at the ASA. Scully finished with three hits and four RBI.

Winning pitcher Becky Pietromonaco collected seven strikouts and went 3 for 5.

"Things got a little close at the end but Becky hung in and we played well behind her," said MSIT coach Janice Moschetta, whose Gulls banged out a dozen hits.

The standings

PSAL

	W	L	Pct
Port Richmond	3	0	1.000
McKee/S.I. Tech	2	1	.667
Curtis	1	2	.333
New Dorp	1	2	.333
Susan Wagner	1	2	.333
Tottenville	1	2	.333

Junior varsity

Moore 12, Hill 8

Amy Loeffler allowed four hits and fanned nine as the Mavericks won their first CHSAA contest at South Beach Park.

Lisa Murino and Allison McCarthy each had two hits and an RBI.

Curtis 12, Tottenville 4

Catherine Signoriello belted a lead-off homer in powering the Warriors to an opening-day win in Huguenot.

Tara Goins went 2 for 3. Amy Clark and Desiree Braitwaithe added doubles for winning pitcher Kim Jakubowski.

Port Richmond 18, New Dorp 8

Amanda Henry (three RBI) and Andrea Lisi (one RBI) each ripped three hits while Katrina Livingston stroked a double and a triple as the Red Raiders won their PSAL opener at New Dorp.

BOWLING

Donnantuono hits 706 series

ADVANCE STAFF REPORT

It's been a big year already for Lucy Donnantuono, the recent winner of the SIWBA tourney, and last night the star righty added to her laurels with a 706 series at Bowling on the Green.

Donnantuono

Donnantuono, playing in the Ladies Classic, shot a 279 game and added a 232 to reach her total.

Kay hits 757

Lee Kay led the men with a 757 series at Showplace Bowling Center. Kay hit games of 290 and 258.

Vignola raps 751

Mike Vignola hit a 279-751 in the Campo Insurance League at the Green.

Daluise Jr. shoots 746

Mike Daluise Jr. burned up Victory Lanes in Mike Marotte Memorial League action with a 746 series and high games of 277 and 254.

Gubitosi rolls 718

Tony Gubitosi of the S.I. Subaru Men's League hit a 718 at Rab's Country Lanes. He shot a 288 singleton.

Naz Laursen hits 648

Nazareth Laursen fired a 648 series with a high game of 223 in Manfredi Cadillac Ladies Classic action at Rab's Country Lanes while Adrienne Paccione followed with a 631.

Egan wins Challenge

Marty Egan outscored Joe Thompson 220-206 to take the weekly Singles Classic at Bowling on the Green.

Last night's noteworthy scores:

Rab's Country Lanes
B.I. Subaru: Vito Fagliol 254-685; Bob Nicita 248; Glen Viggio 248; Mike Magnotti 245; Tony Gubitosi 288-718; Felix Dominguez 242; John Grasso 246; Ray Laursen 248; Joe Bruno 268; John Sala 267; Tom Collins 246; Dave Large 247; Greg Roccanova 252; Ted Russo 247-678; Anthony Maresca 246.
Manfredi Cadillac Ladies Classic: Anna Passaro 210; Marie DeFendis 246; Louise Connolly 210; Donna Albanese 229, 213-611; Donna Cosolito 211; Lynda Prestosa 230; Nazareth Laursen 223, 212, 213-648; Vangie Romano 224-634; Carol Stefanski 222; Maureen Fizzi 221; Patty Harrigan 223; Adrienne Paccione 226, 227-631.

Victory Lanes
Mike Marotte Memorial: Mike Daluise Jr. 277, 254-746; Tom Demeschuk 258-692; Paul Quattrocchi 245; Rah Wilkinson 243-679; Charlie Sprague 268-661; Ben McIlwain 257-671; Ed Wilkinson Sr. 661; Rick Neuer 248-681; Mario Gonzalez 278-682; Bob Garzone 248; Joe Gonzalez 242-687; Ed Wilkinson Jr. 245; John Esdiscizo 266-691; Carmine Prosetti 250; Mike King 256, 269-691; Bob May 675.

Colonial Lanes
Monday Vacation Mixed: Tracy Murray 228-502; Jose Cepeda 246; Terrance Regan 245; Jorge Torres 244; Ralph Chandolias 240; Deborah Sabella 227; Erica Sepulveda 224.

Showplace
Manic Monday: Rosann Metcalf 215.
One Life To Live: Diane Mendez 215; Bonnie Epstein 222.
Monday Nite Out: Vicki Thompson 231; Barbara Visone 231.
Guys With: Lee Kay 290, 258-757; Joe Vasty 232.
Our Time: Annemarie Ribilotta 215; Pam Trainor 217; Lorraine Frangia 216.
Monday Annex: Ron Anderson 245; Lou Conklin 242; Richard Ochman 248.
Moonlight Ladies: Lisa Cordero 214; Mary Ann Deciniotta 210; Debbie Deluca 218.
Bowling on the Green
Monday Night Mixed: Maura Fields 225, 267-687.
Monday Ladies: Linda Miller 224.
Campo Insurance: Frank Bisogno 269-692; Mike Vignola 279-751; Ron Russo 246; Joe Gutthiad 245; Leo Kryger 242; Matty Alavarez 243-660; Hal Solomon jr. 668; Paul Alamo Sr. 266-685.
Ladies Classic: Lisa Modica 212, 220; Maria Dunn 211; Lucy Donnantuono 279, 232-706; Joanne Enea 218; Denise Arena 227-603; Theresa Taubler 214, 214-614; Roe Quattrocchi 212; Alice Enriquez 223; Donna Gemellaro 211; Colleen Clancy 235, 235-674; Nikki Sisana 236.

D'Ambrosio III, Stein qualify for PBA event

■ **Finish in top 23 of Bud Light Championships**

ADVANCE STAFF REPORT

Staten Island PBA cardholders Vinny D'Ambrosio III and Steve Stein made the grade yesterday in qualifying for the PBA Bud Light Championships at Sports Plus Lanes in Lake Grove, N.Y.

D'Ambrosio, a 27-year-old Eltingville resident and a former Advance All Star out of Tottenville HS, was the 11th highest qualifier. The left-hander had a 10-game pinfall of 2,112.

Stein, 44, a right-hander and a New Springville resident, was the 17th highest qualifer with a total of 2,055 pins.

The top 23 bowlers yesterday qualified for the tournament, which concludes Saturday afternoon at 3 with the top-five step-ladder finals on ABC-TV.

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