

Steve McChesney Newton South, MA



Steve at the 1980 Olympic Trials.

Track aficionados versed in the history of our sport in this country over the past 40 years are no doubt well acquainted with the name "McChesney." Mention of the family, especially to fans in Tracktown, USA, (a.k.a. Eugene, Oregon), evokes memories of legendary prep 4x 1 Mile relays, and then brothers wearing the Ducks' green and gold in the era following Prefontaine and bridging into the days of Salazar, Centrowitz and Chapa.

The McChesney influence on American running, however, is not limited to Oregon. Almost 20 years ago, Steve McChesney came to New England, having already been a successful coach at two Oregon schools, including his alma mater (South Eugene). You could say Steve traded one running hotbed for another. His school, Newton South, is a few miles south of Heartbreak Hill on the Boston Marathon course. He has built a program here that has won consistently with 92 All Americans and four relay wins at Nationals, with the most recent one coming this June in the girls 1600m sprint medley relay.
