

Upsets and Records In New York Meet

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ITHACA, N.Y., March 11 — Nnenna Lynch of Hunter College High School and Brad Sumner of McQuade Jesuit in Rochester turned in stellar performances today at the New York State boys and girls indoor track and field championships at Cornell University.

Lynch upset Cheri Goddard of Saratoga Springs in the girls' 1,500-meter run in a meet record time of 4 minutes 29.55 seconds. Two hours earlier, Lynch had won the 3,000-meter run in 10:11.47.

Sumner, a senior, posted a national indoor record for the boys' 600-meter run with a time of 1:19.56. The previous record of 1:20.34 was set in this meet last year by Ian Jones of Nazareth, Brooklyn.

The Lynch-Goddard duel in the 1,500 was not decided until the final five meters. Goddard, who won the event in 1988, led from the start. Lynch pulled almost even on the backstretch of the last lap but Goddard maintained a slight lead going into the final turn.

They ran stride for stride down the stretch, with Lynch pulling slightly ahead in the final five meters to win by inches. Lynch's time and Goddard's time of 4:29.62 were both personal bests.

Sumner, who ran a 48.5 anchor leg in the 1,600-meter relay to help McQuade into the final, stayed off the early pace in the 600. He took the lead at the 400-meter mark (51.1) and won by four meters over Warren Nurse of Prospect Heights, Brooklyn.

HIGH SCHOOLS McQuaid relay defends title

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McQuaid became the first team to successfully defend the two-mile relay title at the Eastern States Indoor Track Championships and senior Brad Sumner scored a victory in the boys' 1,000-yard race last night at Princeton.

Mickey Stone, Jason Fahy and Scott Romanowski moved McQuaid to within five yards of the lead, and Sumner ran a 1:56.7 half-mile to give the Knights a time of 7 minutes, 59.43 seconds. Newark, N.J., Westside was second in 8:01.65.

McQuaid's time was the meet's fastest since 1977.

Sumner came back later in the night to hold off Andrew Butler of Pawtucket, R.I., in the 1,000 with a time of 2:14.71. Butler set the early pace and led through the half in 1:58.5. Sumner took over from there, and Butler held on for second in 2:15.59.

Brad Sumner runs for national record

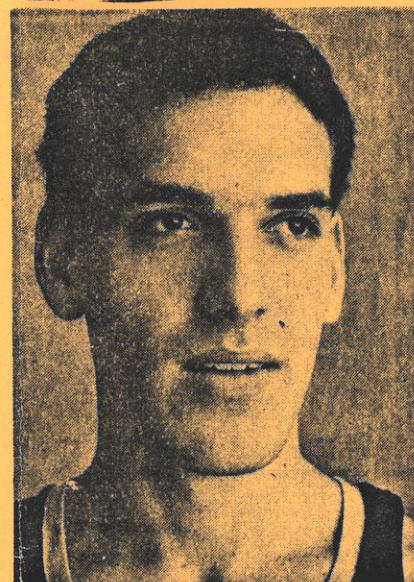
Two national championships, a national record, a state championship, a state record, three sectional records, and eight personal records. Those were the highlights of the achievements of four McQuaid Jesuit track men in the recent state meet at Cornell and the national championships at Annapolis.

Perhaps the gem of the races was senior Brad Sumner's run for the national record in the 600 meters at Cornell.

Sumner, top-seeded at 1:21.1, had trouble getting clear in the first 200 meters and chased the leaders for the next 200. Then he responded to the exhortations of the cheering crowd and powered his way to a 1:19.56 to break the record by almost a second. In doing so, he became the nation's first high school runner to break the 1:20 barrier for the event, a feat akin to breaking 1:50 for the 800 and 4:00 for the mile.

Close behind and running a personal best by more than two seconds was senior Scott Romanowski whose 1:21.08 for fourth also broke the old Section 5 record of 1:21.16 which was set by Franklin's Brain Studymine in winning the states two years ago.

Romanowski, who was icing a sore foot while Sumner smoked a personal



Brad Sumner

record :48.6 anchor leg to save his team from elimination in the morning 1600 relay trials, had another PR in him in the finals. His :50.2 lead-off got the Knights started on a 3:24.45, good enough for second placed behind Prospect Heights of Brooklyn and more

than four seconds under the Section 5 standard of 3:29.75 set by Rush-Henrietta four years ago. Sumner's anchor in the finals was a :49.4.

Contributing vital stints in both 1600 races were senior Mickey Stone (:52.9 PR) and junior Jason Fahy (:52.8 PR) who handled the middle legs that kept the Knights in contention.

Having done their maximum at Cornell, the four Knights headed south to Annapolis for Sunday's nationals where Sumner and the 3200 relay both scored victories.

Sumner's 800 win seemed almost routine after his high-powered 600 a day earlier. He followed the early race of two top-seeded Florida runners through a slow :58 in the first 400 meters, then came back with a :57.2 to win going away in a nation-leading 1:55.29, another sectional record.

While Sumner was accepting congratulations from a television interviewer on the infield, his victory came close to being snatched away in the event's second section. Rick Jordan of Baldwin High, Long Island, mis-seeded out of the fast section, went after Sumner's winning time and barely missed clocking 1:55.40.

In the 3200 relay, Sumner had to withstand a head-on challenge by Ernesto Peres of Newark (N.J.) West Side before completing his stellar weekend. Romanowski had led off with a 1:58.4 to put the Knights out in front by 10 yards against a 10-team field. Stone (2:01.9) and Fahy (2:02.1) had battled through their legs to keep Sumner close, and he was only 14 yards behind Fork Union Academy of Virginia beginning his anchor.

As Sumner closed on the lead, Perez was bringing Newark into contention with a 1:53.5 effort. He was at Sumner's shoulder as the race headed into the last 200 meters, but McQuaid's ironman refused to yield, striding out for a 27-second lap that produced a 1:54.1 split and a 7:56.60 victory. Last year the Knights won the nationals at Yale in 7:54.66.

Speaking of the hectic but memorable two days, Coach Bob Bradley said, "We knew we were shooting for a lot, and I'm awfully proud of our guys for pulling it off. I have to marvel at how they can reach down and find something when I'm tired just watching them. It has been quite a season. We'll have to go a long way to top it."

H.S. UPDATE

National-best time by McQuaid's Sumner at Yale Invitational

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Brad Sumner of McQuaid ran the fastest listed high school time indoors in the country this year, 2 minutes, 28.94 seconds in the 1,000 meters, setting a Section 5 record in the process at the Yale Invitational indoor track meet in New Haven, Conn., yesterday.

Sumner edged Andrew Butler of St. Raphael's, R.I., who finished in 2:28.97. The McQuaid senior was in fifth place after the first of five laps, moved to third at the half-mile mark and kicked at the finish to nip Butler. Sumner's time for the final 200 meters was :28.7.

INDOOR TRACK STATE FINALS

McQuaid runner sets a national 600-meter mark

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McQuaid's Brad Sumner set a national record of 1 minute, 19.56 seconds in the 600-meter race and helped McQuaid's 1,600 relay team set a Section 5 record yesterday at Cornell University.

Sumner's 600 time bettered the previous record of 1:20.34 by Ian Jones of Nazareth (Catholic High School Athletic Association) in last year's state finals.

Warren Nurse of Prospect Heights in

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New York City finished second (1:20.8). McQuaid's Scott Romanowski was fourth in 1:21.08.

McQuaid's 1,600 relay, consisting of Mickey Stone, Jason Fahy, Romanowski (leading off) and Sumner finished second in 3:25.75. The time surpassed the previous sectional record by Rush-Henrietta in 1975 by four seconds. Sumner anchored the team and ran a :49.40 split.