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McQuaid's Miracle Miler

Eric Kendrick of McQuaid breaks the tape as he pushes past Don Rowe of Lincroft, N.J., to win the High School Invitation One-Mile

Championship yesterday in Penn Relays in Philadelphia. Kendrick's winning time was 4:20.3, winning margin was a yard.

Kendrick Pours It On To Win Mile by Yard

Philadelphia (AP) — Eric Kendrick of McQuaid Jesuit High of Rochester, sprinted in the stretch to edge Don Rowe of Lincroft, N.J., by a yard in winning the high school invitation one-mile run championship of the Penn Relays yesterday at Franklin Field.

He ran a smart race in beating a field of eight in the premier section of the two-heat event in the excellent time of 4:20.3 over a cinder track made sodden by two days of rain. The meet record of 4:15.4 was set in 1964 by Dave Patrick who starred earlier yesterday by reeling off a 4:04.6 anchor mile leg in pacing Villanova to a come from behind triumph in the college distance medley

relay. Kendrick was fifth at the quarter, only five yards behind pace-setter Done Morgan of Mullica Hill, N.J. At the half, Kendrick was fourth by three yards. At the three-quarters mark, Rowe shot into a 10 yard lead with Kendrick in hot pursuit. The Rochester lad burst into the lead with 300 yards to go but seemed to tire as they made the final turn. Rowe started his challenge and almost pulled level. But Kendrick still had something left. He met the spurt with one of his own and held on to nip Rowe in a tingling finish, cheered by the crowd of about 5,000 in the late afternoon.

ERIC WARMED UP for his Penn Relays appearance by

setting a school and track record of 1:58.4 for the 880-yard run at McQuaid last week. The figure equaled the mark set by Bill Lehman of Pittsford in the 1960 Section 5 track meet, the last time a high schooler ran the distance under two minutes. Kendrick is 5-8, weighs 150 pounds, and according to his coach, R. J. Bradley, dons a sweat suit and works the excess off the minute he gets a pound or two over 150.

Last week he ran the first half of the 880 in an unusual 56 seconds. Bradley points out that Kendrick can run at great speeds "and still be relaxed." Eric is expected to compete in the Eastern State Championships on Randall's Island, June 11.

