

# Costello keeps promise as East vaults past surprised McQuaid

Nobody gave **Brian Costello** much of a chance.

The East High pole vaulter had never cleared more than 11 feet. How could he possibly place in the top six at the Section 5 Class A track championships?

"From what the other kids have been clearing, I never expected it," East Coach **Jeff Slack** said.

Costello, the eighth seed, shocked his coach, teammates and most of all, McQuaid High, when he cleared 12 feet yesterday at Gates Chili to capture third place. The six points he earned gave East a surprising 67-65 victory over McQuaid for the team title.

It was an unusual conclusion.

Because of equipment problems at Brockport State, the pole vault was postponed from last Friday until yesterday. The team standings were frozen with McQuaid leading East 65-61.

Penfield's **Sam Reynolds**, as expected, won the event with a vault of 12-3 followed by Brighton's **Mike Powers** (12-0 on fewer misses). Costello slipped in for third using a borrowed pole that ironically belongs to McQuaid's **Andy Kushnir**. Kushnir, the fifth seed, bowed out at 11 feet.

"I didn't want to put the pressure on him," Slack said. "But he came to me this morning and said, 'Coach, don't worry. I'm going to do it.' He sure did."

Two-time defending team champ Rush-Henrietta also didn't place a pole vaulter and remained third with 48 points. Brighton was fourth at 39.

The Class B meet concluded on a similar note with Hornell (76 points) holding off Geneva (71) for the title. Hornell had a 70-61 lead going into yesterday's pole vault. Geneva's **John Arthur** (13-0) won the event, but Hornell's **Nelson Williams** (11-6) placed third to preserve the lead.

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#### McQuaid runners 10th in medley at Penn Relays

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McQuaid finished 10th in the high school distance medley relay final at the 91st Penn Relays yesterday in Philadelphia.

The Knights' time was 10 minutes, 27.8 seconds. **Rob Smillie** ran an anchor leg of 4:28.8 for 1,600 meters. **Dave Warth** led off by running 1,200 meters, **Chris McGuire** ran 400 and **Steve Rapp** ran 800.

Ridgewood, N.J., won in 10:07.

**Tim Heinle** of Brighton finished 18th out of 30 runners in the 3,000 final. His time was a personal-best 8:53.5. **John Trautman** of Monroe-Woodbury won the race in 8:21.8.

McQuaid's 400 team of **Mike Scott**, **Mike Cain**, **Mike Wilmot** and **McGuire** failed to make the finals, finishing fourth in the trials in :44.8.