

# Record-breaking day for Section 5



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rian Costello of East clearing 11 feet, 6 inches. John Arthur of Geneva won with meet record of 14-3¾.

## Geneva's Arthur vaults 14-3¾ in Aquinas Relays; top times for East, R-H

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Geneva pole vaulter John Arthur soared so high his nose bled and Rush-Henrietta's 1,600-meter relay team ran so fast it is two weeks ahead of schedule.

"It was a nice day, a nice track and good competition," said R-H Coach Jim Falanga, whose relay team was responsible for one of six Aquinas Relays records set yesterday in the 80-degree heat at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium.

"All the pieces were there."

The pieces fell into the right place for East's Darnell Dunbar, Terry Richards, Ken Burke and LaVonne Richards, who eclipsed the Section 5 record in the 400 relay by more than one second — winning in :41.8.

"We were hoping (for the record)," said Burke. "Everybody was talking. It was just talk, but we wanted to go :42."

Arthur, whose previous best vault was 13 feet, six inches, also had said something about breaking the meet record of 14-2.

"It just was time," said Arthur, who cleared 14-3¾ on his second attempt at that height. "Conditions were ideal and this was the right place. I've always had my personal best here."

Arthur came within 2¼ inches of Reggie Henderson's Section 5 record (14-6).

R-H's Martin Ellis, Rod Poole, Greg Ellis and Cornelius Southall equaled the Section 5 mark of 3:20.6 in the 1,600 relay.

"We were shooting for the Aquinas Relays record (3:22.5)," said Falanga. "This puts us two weeks ahead of schedule."

The R-H relay team had planned to make an assault on the Section 5 record (established by Monroe in 1980) at the sectional meet on May 24.

The Ellis brothers, Poole and Southall also combined to win the 440 shuttle hurdles (1:02.5), and the Ellis's and Southall teamed for a meet record in the long jump relay (62-9¾).

"We didn't come to win the meet," said Falanga. "We came to win three relays."

R-H placed third with 30 points in a field of 51 schools. Brooklyn Tech won the team championship with 34 points, while defending champion McQuaid finished second.

Brooklyn Tech edged McQuaid for the title at the 22nd annual meet by placing second in the final running event of the eight-hour competition — the 1,600 relay. McQuaid was third — four-tenths of a second behind Tech.

"What did we fall, about a foot short?" asked McQuaid Coach Bill Quinlisk.

"No," he said, "we lost three hours ago. Missed opportunities beat us. We didn't score any points in the field events. I was just surprised we still had a chance to win going into the last relay."

In all, 10 of the 14 events were won by Section 5 competitors. It is the best showing for area participants in several years.

In addition to R-H's three first places, East's victory in the 400 relay and Arthur's pole vault crown, Section 5's victories included:

- McQuaid's Steve Rapp, Matt Das, Dave Warth and Scott Paterson in the distance medley (10:35.6).

- Hilton's Al Mullan, Tim Wallace, Mike Clark and Jeff Merkel in the 3,200 relay (8:09.3).

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