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Meet Records Get Shattered at Blue Devil Classic Relays

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Top teams from North and Central New Jersey converged on Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield and proceeded to break 15 meet records at the Blue Devil Classic Relays on April 21. The Union Catholic Viking boys broke three meet records and the Cranford Cougar girls broke one meet record.

Vikings Andrew Ghizzone (1200 meters), Mike DeAngelis (400), Kenny Evely (800) and Allen Eke (1600) broke Westfield's 1996 meet record of 10:26.8 in the distance medley relay (DMR) with a time of 10:18.16. Blue Devils Matt Luppino, Alex Hay, Kevin Ingram and Jack Leahy finished second at 10:32.86.

Eke had a substantial lead when he got the baton from Evely, so Leahy's chances to catch him were slim. Eke ran his leg in 4:17.3

"My coach told me to try to close it on the first lap. I went out in at 61. I like taking out the mile fast but not that fast. I like to feel the pain, but I didn't do that well," Leahy said.

"We were happy he was out front. He wanted to run like 4:12 or 4:13, but he was way out there. He doesn't run that many miles, so for him to be in front and not chasing guys was a little different. Overall, our leadoff was first. He ran 3:09. Our 400 leg

ran 48.8, and we had a 2:01 in our 8[00 leg]. We had the meet record by about nine seconds, so we are happy with it," Viking Head Coach Mike McCabe said.

DeAngelis, Darryl Costello, Oba Animashaun and Eke broke the meet record in the 4x400 at 3:20.03. The former record of

3:20.9 was set by Rahway in 2009. Blue Devils Jake Vergara, Hay, Rob Ciardullo and Jason Isbit crossed fourth at 3:27.82.

Animashaun, Taylor McLaughlin and Zach Ghizzone at 2:51.34 in the intermediate hurdles broke the meet record of 2:57.94 set by Union last year. Blue Devils

Budries crossed sixth at 3:04.15, followed by Raiders Quincy Sanchez, Zach Brencons and Antonio Casterlow, who had a fine time of 57.49.

"He wanted to get down to running close to 58. He said, 'Coach I can go faster than that, and he dropped down to 57. He has been

get my time down. I hope I can get 55," Casterlow said.

DePaolo with a height of 6-2 (tied for best height) and DeClan Fitzmaurice placed third in the high jump with a total height of 11-10. Jimenez with a leap of 20-10.25 and Fitzmaurice placed fifth in the long jump with a distance of 40-3. On April 10, Jimenez had a personal-best (PB) leap of 22 feet in the event, nearly nine inches better than his previous PB.

"I had a good tailwind and I had a good pop. Everything felt perfect. Last night I was dreaming I was looking at videos until 11:30 of just long jumps to prepare my self," Jimenez said.

Cougars Adham McGuire with a leap of 42-8.5 and Reggie Green at 40-8 placed third in the triple jump with a distance of 83.45, followed by Fitzmaurice (41-4.5) and DePaolo (40-7) at 81-11.5. Although he has the school indoor record, McGuire's leap was just a half an inch less than Green's Cranford High School outdoor record leap of 42-9.

"Last year, Reggie jumped 42-9. At the group meet, Adham went 42-8.5 and was disappointed. Although he qualified

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SHATTERING ANOTHER RECORD... Cougar Bryanna Grant, pictured, and teammate Regine Hunter broke the meet record in the triple jump at the Blue Devil Classic Relays at Kehler Stadium in Westfield on April 19.

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Chris Jimenez, Mike DePaolo and John Stelmach crossed fourth at 3:01.89. Cougars Chris Witwick, Dan VanOstenbridge and James

working really hard all year. I'm happy. He's happy," Raider Head Coach Rich McGriff said.

"I remember last year, the person who won states ran a 56, so I took a lot off in a space of three weeks, so I have a lot of time to



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