

Lady Cougars 2nd, Raiders 3rd at UC Relays

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Cougars Burke with the meet's best leap of 16-8.5 (personal best), Rebecca Shimonov with the third-best leap of 16-3 and Megan Schetelich took top honors in the long jump with a distance of 47-6.75.

"I was happy with my 16-3, and Gillian, out of nowhere, jumped 16-8," Shimonov said. "We said, 'Whoa!' We were all so happy. We did not expect to do it at all. We were seeded third. Coming out with the win was like we did it. We did it!"

"Normally I don't do long jumps. I actually started long jumping about two or three weeks ago," Burke said.

Raiders Christine Charles (16-2.25 - fourth best), Christine Miklas and Leah Salituro placed second with a distance of 47-1.5. Blue Devils Sophia DeVita (15-9.75 - seventh), Natalie Marcotullio and Helfand placed fourth at 43-1.

On May 4, Schelelich, Shimonov, Hunter and Grant also broke the shuttle hurdles meet record of 1:02.7 set by Union in 2007 by finishing in 1:02.11.

"I felt that if I was behind one or two girls, I could catch up. Regine looked strong with her hurdles," Grant said.

"We are shaking. We are so excited. This is literally like one of our last meets together. We have East Coast and the Nationals coming up. We have been together since freshmen and sophomore years," Shimonov said.

Burke, Grant and Hunter broke the triple jump meet record of 104-5 set by Cranford last year with a distance of 111-0. Grant at 37-5.25, Burke at 36-5.5 and Hunter at 36-1.25 had the event's three best jumps.

"I got a PR today, so I was happy with that. I fouled on the last jump. I was hoping for a 37," Burke said.

Raiders Salituro (34-7 - fourth best), Miklas and Mailee Sciarra placed second with a distance of 99-3.5.

Blue Devils Meghan Reilly (112-1 - second best), Christina Mosco (95-4 - fourth) and Emily Mastrocola (95 - fifth) took top honors in the javelin with a distance of 302-5. Raiders Samantha Renfree (115-7 - first), Kelsey Maisch and Tara Palkoski took second at 273-7. Cougars Summer Kortaoi, Kristen VanBenschoten and Rebecca Haupt placed fifth at 236-5.

VanBenschoten (105-9 - first), Haupt and Kortaoi won the discus with a distance of 264-6. Renfree (103-10 - second), Lia Gordon and Briana Johnson took third at 245-9. Blue Devils Ashley Kattak, Gemma Antoniewicz and Reilly took fourth at 237-8. Renfree, Thabitha Dwumfour and Palkoski took second in the shot put with a distance of 93-1.75. VanBenschoten had the third-best shove in the event at 34-6.

Summit won the 4x1600 but Blue Devils Emily McBain, Elizabeth Neylan, Johanna Mermer and Kaitlyn Johnson crossed second at 22:50.52. Mermer moved the team from fourth to third when she handed off to Johnson, who caught the Governor Livingston (GL) girl towards the end of her third lap.

"That was my plan going into it. I was hoping that we would get second. Going into it, I told Johanna, 'You need to make a move, and I will make the other move.' I was looking at the GL girl. I was running for place

not for time, so I tried to stay right behind her for like the first two-and-a-half laps, and then I just let it all go," Johnson said.

Cougars Julie Byrne, Megan Byrnes, Katia Oltmann and Keara Reilly finished fifth in the event at 24:08.37. Byrnes, Jenna Ellenbacher, Reilly and Oltmann crossed second in the distance medley relay at 13:09.93, followed by Blue Devils McBain, Lily Burtress, Ellie Callinan and Mermer at 13:10.82. Blue Devils Amanda Marcotullio, Eileen Cook and Gabby Stravach took fourth in the 400 hurdles.

Blue Devils Johnson, Amanda Marcotullio, Callinan and Lauren Schmeider finished second in the 4x800 at 9:52.05, followed by Cougars Ellenbacher, Laura Van Horn, Byrnes and Oltmann at 10:04.28. McGuire, Van Horn, Ellenbacher and Melissa Ruppel placed fifth in the 4x400 at 4:06.9, followed by Raiders Isabel Crystal, Valdes, Najla Gilliam and Pierce at 4:10.47.

Raiders Amber Simmons, Ward, Charles and DeVore finished second in the 4x100 with a time of 50.08, followed by Vikings Jasmine Holder, Iris Pegeron, Taylor Campbell and Aliyah Singleton at 52.01. Simmons, Ward, Charles and DeVore also finished third in the 4x200 at 1:46.07.

Blue Devils Mai Devin at 9-0 and Alex Kapadia took second in the pole vault with a height of 16-0. Cougars Grant (9-6) and Ashley McGuire placed third at 15-6, and Raiders Alex Peluso (8-6) and Ebony Hill tied New Providence for fourth with a height of 15-0. Grant, Hunter and Schetelich took third in the high jump at 14-0, followed by Callinan, Emily Hutchinson and DeVita at 13-10.

TOP 10 TEAM TOTALS:

1. Union 91, 2. Cranford 72, 3. Scotch Plains-Fanwood 65, 4. Summit 59.5, 5. Westfield 58, 6. Governor Livingston 31, 7. Kent Place 22, 8. Roselle 20, 9. New Providence 14.5, 10. Rahway 14

Raider Laxers Reject Lady Vikings, 15-9

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High school girls lacrosse team improved to 7-6 with a 15-9 victory over Union Catholic in the first round of the Union County Tournament in Scotch Plains on May 2. Andrea McNeeley flicked in five goals while adding a pair of assists for the Raiders. Haley Regan netted four goals and two assists. Liz Schiller and Meghan McGrath each scored two goals.

Union Catholic	5	4	9
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	8	7	15



EXTREMELY CLOSE FINISH... Blue Devil Kevin Ingram, right, just noses out New Providence Pioneer Everett Price to finish second in the sprint medley relay during the Union County Relays in Westfield on May 3.

Viking Boys 1st, Blue Devils 2nd at UC Relays

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was a little disappointed that I didn't get a first. We are trying to take the county title and we got DQed [disqualified] out of the 4x1. It's giving more points to UC [Union Catholic]," Leahy said.

"I felt pretty good. My first lap was a 58. That's about what I wanted. I got us into third, but I wish I had more at the end. It was a little humid, but I thought I could have finished a little better, at least into second to give Jack a better chance," Luppino said.

Cranford Cougars George El-Khoury, Reggie Green, Carl Lieberman and Eli Howard crossed third in the DMR at 10:48.16.

"It went out a little slow for my liking. I was hoping we were going to go out around 62.63. I like the entire field going fast. It turned into more of a gutsy race than anything else. After the first lap, I tried breaking the field and the kid caught up to me," said El-Khoury, who added, "Our mile leg had a PR. I really couldn't ask for any more. We ran a seasons-best time."

On May 4, Blue Devils Evan Tarlow, Patrick Terry, Leahy and Kirna crossed first in the 4x1,600 at 18:06.99, followed by Cougars Tom Feeny, Mike Zanfardino, Howard and Connor McMahon at 18:54.29.

Vikings Andrew Ghizzzone,

DeAngelis, Evelyn and Eke established a meet record in the 4x800 with a time of 7:49.16, surpassing the former record of 7:52.57 set by the Vikings in 2010. Dan Luzzi, Luppino, Jason Isbit and Ingram finished second in 7:55.1. El-Khoury, Paul Cassero, Lieberman and Mike Zanfardino finished fourth at 8:13.79.

"Andrew was at 1:58 and change. That was a strategic run, because we wanted to take the lead. Mike ran a 1:58, which was a PR, Kenny went 1:59.9, which is about his best. We knew that if Allen got ahead or a little behind, we could win the race. They ran fast, and Westfield did a really nice job too," said Coach McCabe, who added, "This is when we start to run faster. It's coming together, and we are blessed that everybody is healthy. The kids want to win."

Blue Devils Chris Jimenez (21-1.5), Declan Fitzmaurice and Mike DePaolo took second in the long jump with a combined distance of 61-5.75. Although his team did not place in the top-six, Cougar Adham McGuire had a personal-record (PR) leap of 21-1.25.

"We have been working on keeping our heads up on our jumps. I made sure I kept my head up, made sure my chest wouldn't come down and it helped me PR today," McGuire said.

DePaolo, Fitzmaurice and Jimenez did win the triple jump with a distance of 124-11.75, followed by Cou-

gars McGuire, Green and Rob Mullen at 123-6.25. Raiders Rob Mrozek, James Masback and Billy Schauer placed sixth at 114-3.5.

McGuire had the best leap of 43-9, which was not only his personal best and a Cranford school record, but it also finally catapulted him ahead of Green's outdoor record.

"Yesterday I jumped a PR in the long jump, and I just knew today was the day. It had to be done today, and I took care of it. He's [Green] got something to go after now. He's got a goal. I know Reggie! He will go get it. I hope so," McGuire said.

DePaolo with the second-best clearance of 6-2, Fitzmaurice and Joe Obajulu took second in the high jump with a height of 17-6. Dugan, Ciardullo, Kyle Star and Vergara finished fifth in the 4x200 at 1:30.52. Vergara, Ciardullo, Alex Hay and Ingram finished fifth in the 4x400 at 3:23.62.

Blue Devils Peter Fagan and John Stelmach grabbed first in the pole vault with a height of 26 feet. Raiders Mike Carlos and Joe Desiato took fifth at 20 feet.

Vikings Femi Animashaun, Taylor McLaughlin and Zach Ghizzzone broke the meet record of 2:48.4 in the intermediate hurdles set by Linden in 2000 by crossing first in 2:47.95. Blue Devils Jimenez, John Stelmach and Frank Pinney finished sixth at 3:06.67.

Vikings Rembert, Darryl Costello, DeAngelis and Jimerson took top honors in the 4x100 with a time of 43.13. Cougars McGuire, Green, Pat Lynch and Jake Walseki finished fifth at 44.87. Cougars Rob Kessler (143-7 - fourth best), McGuire (142) and Chris Witwick took third in the javelin with a distance of 413-5, followed by Blue Devils Joe Rinaldi (141-5), Max Bohall and Sean Brennan at 379-5. Kessler (123 - third best), Greg Miller (122-5 - tied for fourth) and Rob O'Shaughnessy took second in the discus with a distance of 345-8, followed by Raiders James Kaiser, Casey Dugan and Chris Burke at 328.

Kaiser, Billy Castore and Burke took third in the shot put with a distance of 128-9.25. Cougars TJ Nichols, JD Foye and Miller placed fifth at 123-11.75, followed by Blue Devils Luke Gibbons, Joe Scaglione and Ryan Elliott at 121-7.5. Raiders Schauer, Quincy Sanchez, Zach Brencons and Antonio Casterlow finished fifth in the shuttle hurdles at 1:10.24.

TOP 10 TEAM TOTALS:

1. Union Catholic 108, 2. Westfield 80, 3. Rahway 64, 4. Governor Livingston 49, 5. Cranford 44, 6. Union 33, 7. Linden 24, 8. Elizabeth 19, 9. New Providence 18.5, 10. Scotch Plains-Fanwood 17.

Farmers Stun Raiders in UCT Semis, 10-8

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Degnan punched a two-out RBI single to center and managed to swipe a pair of bases, but Farmer second baseman Jon Zimmerman made a running grab in shallow right field for the third out.

The Raiders threatened again with two outs in the third when Krajcsik walked and sped to third after D'Angelo slashed a double down the first baseline, but a strikeout squashed the threat.

The first Raider error came in the fourth after Farmer Nazir Barnett led off with a single. A throwing error on a grounder to short put Farmers on second and third then Barnett scored on Devin Zimmerman's groundout to first.

The pitchers' duel ended abruptly in the top of the sixth. Two singles, two stolen bases, a wild pitch and two errors gave the Farmers a 5-2 lead. But the Raiders came alive in the bottom of the inning.

D'Angelo led off with a walk. Kevin Maxwell singled, and Dylan Sands walked. After a strikeout, Raider Christian Zazzali, with a full count, was hit on the wrist and trotted to first, but after an appeals play, the first base ump ruled him out, causing Coach Baylock to question the call.

"That was a big part of the game right there. The guy called a strikeout instead of a hit-by-pitch. Like I said before, he was checking his swing, and he couldn't get out of the way of a pitch, and they called strike three. That hurts! That was the tough part of the game," Coach Baylock said.

Next, Kevin Raszka punched an RBI single and Alleman walked with the bases loaded. Sands scored on a wild pitch, and Henkels walked. Krajcsik drew the fifth walk of the inning to add another run then D'Angelo, who finished 2-for-2 with

two runs scored, looped a two-run single over first to give the Raiders an 8-5 lead entering the seventh.

The Farmers showed their spunk, put together two singles, a double and a walk and took advantage of another Raider error to knot the score, 8-8. In the bottom of the inning, Zazzali singled, stole second and third but the Raiders failed to bring him home with the game winner.

In the eighth, two more Raider errors put Farmer runners in scoring position, and Doug Carter delivered with a two-run single to center. The Raiders went down quietly in the bottom of the inning.

"For the most part, we did a decent job, especially in that sixth inning. We had good at-bats. We worked the counts a little bit, and we got some big hits when we needed them. Unfortunately, we were not able to hold it in the seventh," Coach Baylock said.

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