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Cabell Midland freshman sets school record for 1600 meters

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LOUISVILLE -- Cabell Midland freshman Jacob Burcham faced a quality field in the Louisville Eastern Relays 1600 on Saturday and ran a personal best to take over the No. 1 spot nationally for fastest times by a freshman and move into the top 50 in overall high school rankings for the event.

Burcham and Greenwood's Ryan Eaton, a senior who's signed with Kentucky, stayed close to one another for the four laps on the University of Louisville track. Eaton made the last move with just over a lap to go and pulled away from everyone but Burcham. Eaton ran 58.17 for the final lap to win in 4:15.57. Burcham followed in 4:16.40 to set a school record.

With that time, Burcham passed Trevor Gilley of Texas (4:18.37) to take over as No. 1 freshman in the nation. Rankings are compiled on Milesplit.com and Dyestat.com. Overall, Burcham's time ranks No. 47 overall for runners in grades 9-12. Junior Craig Lutz of Marcus High in Flower Mound, Texas is the leader at 4:09.39.

Burcham's time is No. 1 in West Virginia as well.

Back in West Virginia, Huntington High's boys and Hurricane High's girls won team titles in the Hurricane High Sheetz Invitational on Saturday at Hurricane High School.

The Highlanders finished with 131 points to edge Cabell Midland by two. Hurricane's girls piled up 137 points to 110 for runner-up Oak Hill.

Huntington High's Daniel Brown swept the sprints. He won the 100 (11.17), 200 (23.08) and 400 (50.50). He ran anchor on the victorious 4x100 relay team to finish with 32.5 points. Tyler Hutchison, Josh Wright and Rashaun Page handled the first three legs.

This weekend, many area teams will compete in the Gazette Relays at Laidley Field in Charleston. Action starts Friday night and concludes Saturday.



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Courtesy photo Cabell Midland freshman Jacob Burcham, right, set a school record in the 1600 meters and is ranked in the nation's high school top 50.

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