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They call him "Tuff."

Tony Tufariello of Hewlett High, L.I., wasn't bothered by the wind or the fact he ran in a new event.

When "Tuff" runs, he wins.

Tufariello lowered his own record in the 440, took first in the 220 and ran a sizzling 47-second anchor leg in the mile relay Saturday to highlight the Sixth Annual Hartford Public High School Invitational Track Meet sponsored by CBT.

The 27-event program drew 82 schools from four states including 21 New York schools. New Yorkers took 12 firsts.

Three records were established.

Tufariello, 5-9 145 senior bound for Villanova, ran 47.3 for the 440 record. He ran 48.6 last year.

Fitch of Groton senior lefty Bill Borden won the hammer with a 193-foot heave. He beat the old mark by five-feet.

Chris Flanagan, also of Hewlett, won the mile walk in 7:17.1, beating the old record by five seconds.

Tufariello was the meet's lone double winner. His 47.3 in a blustery wind was his career best. Less than an hour later he came back to win the 220 in 21.3. It was the only time this year he has run the 220. "Coming down from the four-forty is nothing," said the long-legged speedster who is unbeaten this year.

After he ran the sparkling anchor leg he was asked to sign his autograph. It was his first. "It feels weird," he

said. He was voted the best all-around.

Borden, voted best in field events, also placed second in the shot put with a 58-foot throw behind New Jersey's Bob Vorhies' 60-3 toss. "I tried to jack one out there . . ." said Borden who was off in his form.

Vorhies, 6-1 235, has accepted a football scholarship to Virginia Tech. On Friday he won the shot put in a White Plains, N.Y. meet with a 59-1 throw.

But his winning throw Saturday was his best ever outdoors. "I was getting fired up for him," said Vorhies of his meeting with Borden, who has thrown 62-foot outdoors.

Bernard Nesby of Jefferson High in N.Y. had two chances in the 100 dash final and he made the second one count.

In the first final his starting blocks slipped out and he fell to the tartan track as the rest of the field ran through the finish line. When it was discovered that Nesby had fallen and the race had not been called back, it was run over again. He won easily in 10.3 against a 4.5 mile-an-hour headwind.

"I didn't think I could win," said the 5-7 158 sprinter. "But I got another chance. I had to do something."

Frank Ralston of New Rochelle High in N.Y. made a rare sixth-to-first comeback in the hotly contested triple jump, perhaps the best event of the meet.

Ralston, 6-2½, 162, just barely qualified for the three

playoff jumps with a 44-7.

But on his last jump he sailed 47-10, his best ever, to beat Brian Klock of Nanuet High, N.Y. by two inches. Four different jumpers had the lead.

"I lost my mark," said Ralston of his poor showing in the early jumps. But when he found his starting point he passed the field.

Glastonbury senior Bernie Vogel won the long jump with a solid 22-10½, three inches off his best. He also tied for fourth in the 440 and ran an anchor leg in the mile relay. Vogel will attend UConn in the fall.

Harvard-bound Noel Scidmore of Glen Falls, N.Y. won the mile in 4:18.4, his first time under 4:20 this year. His career best is 4:14.

Fitch of Groton's girls mile relay team offered the meet's best finish. Donna Dunn, anchor leg, made up a 20-yard deficit with a 58-second quarter to rally Fitch to a one-stride win over Darien in 4:11.4.

Bulkeley's Rod Desrosiers won the pole vault at 13-3. It was the fourth straight meet he has cleared 13.



First at the Wire

Hartford Public's Jennifer Marshall was the first to hit the wire after she outdistanced the field in the anchor leg of the 4-by-110-yd. relay Saturday at the Hartford Public Invitational (Courant Photo by Michael McAndrews).

Up But Not Over

East Hartford High's Raymond Beaulieu soared high, but not high enough to clear the bar in the pole vault competition Saturday at the sixth annual Hartford Public Invitational (Courant photo by Michael McAndrews).