VanDraska nipped by Pollard in Ames

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AMES - Tysen VanDraska of Cedar Rapids Prairie and Thomas Pollard of Gilbert staged a fierce battle in the 1,600-meter run at the Iowa State Classic in Ames Tuesday.

Gilbert, a multiple state champion, nipped VanDraska by 18-hundredths of a second. Pollard was clocked in 4:25.42 and VanDraska was timed in 4:25.60.

Trevor Northrup of Prairie finished third in the 60 in 7.20 seconds. Nick Stark of Xavier placed fifth in the 60 in 7.29 seconds in a strong field.

Ryan Murphy of Linn-Mar placed sixth in the 3,200 in 9:52.10.