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Local Teen Sets New North American Rubik's Cube Speedsolving Record

(Riverdale, NY) When most people think of solving a Rubik's Cube, they immediately think of hours of frustration with little to no success in getting a solid block of color to appear on each of the six sides. Not so for Quinn Lewis, a junior at Central Bucks West High School in Doylestown, PA. Quinn recently established a new "time to beat" American record for Rubik's Cube enthusiasts across the country. At a recent national competition, Quinn took just 13.41 seconds to solve the popular 3x3x3 Rubik's Cube, beating the prior record of 15.42 seconds set back in March of this year.

The competition, held Saturday, May 28th, 2005 at the Horace Mann School in Riverdale, NY hosted about 45 hopeful "cubers" from all across the country each vying for the North American and World titles for best solve-times for such events as the 4x4x4 Rubik's Cube, the one-handed solve and the extremely difficult blind-folded solve.

"This was my first competition, so I wasn't really sure what to expect." says Lewis. "I got to meet a lot of interesting and talented people ranging from other high school students to math teachers to astrophysicists. I hope to do well at the World Championships in Orlando this November."

Quinn's 13.41 record has also earned him the second fastest official solving time in the world, directly behind Shotaro "Macky" Makisumi of Japan with a record of 12.11 seconds. The two went head-to-head during the final round on Saturday resulting in a new American record and a defended World record. Rousing applause could be heard as the clock stopped and a new record-breaking American time had been established.

For more information on speedcubing and the full results from this and other competitions, visit <http://www.speedcubing.com>. To view the video of Quinn's record-breaking solve, visit <http://www.lewislink.com/cuberecord/>.

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