

SSF Champs; Injury Sidelines Whitfield

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South San Francisco High School took its third outright track championships in the last five years, winning the North Peninsula League finals, but victory was tinged with sadness.

Premier hurdler Ashland Whitfield was unable to compete because of an injury suffered in the trials, and therefore technically failed to qualify for the sectional meets that lead to the California state finals.

However, SSF coach Marv Ashby already has requested that Whitfield be considered a "hardship case" as section rules provide and that he be allowed to challenge for entry in the sectional meet.

The plea will be considered at the regional track meet next Saturday. If approved, Whitfield then will run in a special challenge race against the fifth place finisher in the regional meet. If he wins that special match race, Whitfield would be allowed to compete in the sectional meet on Saturday, May 31.

Whitfield was hurt going over the last hurdle in the lows during the trials. The exact nature of the injury still is unknown but he is expected to be physically capable of running May 31. His leg is in a cast now but the pain apparently is diminishing.

SSF won championships in 1965 and 1967 plus this one which was led by Phil Andre. Andre was the only triple winner, taking the 440 in 50.8, the 220 in 23.2 and anchoring the mile relay which clocked a fast 3:26.6.

His 220 victory was anything but an easy one. Bill Summy of Oceana, fourth place finisher, was a mere seventh-tenths of a second back at the wire.

Mike Clabby of Westmoor was a double winner, taking both hurdles in the absence of Whitfield.

Steve Villalobos of Westmoor will never forget that the two mile race is eight laps, not six. Villalobos, dramatically began passing runner after runner in the backstretch of the sixth lap, and came to the finish with hands raised in victory.

Of course, there was no victory, and in the final 880 yards he lost all the ground he had gained and then some, failing to place. Don Best of Half Moon Bay won the race in 10:13.7.

The Warriors scored 87 points to beat out nearest-rival Westmoor by 17, and SSF's conquest was made even easier by the help of Oceana, which dropped many top trackers in the B division, thus allowing the deep SSF squad to pick up extra points.

VARSIITY

TEAM SCORES — SSF 87, Westmoor 70, El Camino 58½, Terra Nova 55;

Oceana 22½, Half Moon Bay 10, Jefferson no team.

440 Relay — Terra Nova 44.2; Oceana 44.6; SSF 45.4; Westmoor 46; HMB 47.3.

120 HH — Clabby (W) 15.2; Bryce (EC) 15.7; Brown (W) 15.8; Satos (SSF) 16.4; Hollenbeck (SSF) 16.6.

880 — Evans (TN) 1:59.6; Gerber (EC) 2:01.4; Blackfield (W) 2:02.2; Vasquez (W) 2:04.1; Motyliswshi (TN) 2:06.9.

100 — Risio (TN) 10.3; Shannon (EC) 10.4; Anderson (O) 10.4; Summy (O) 10.4; Satos (SF) 10.4.

440 — Andre (SSF) 50.8; Alexander (SSF) 51.1; Richardson (TN) 51.6; Phelps (W) 51.8; Messre (EC) 52.6.

Mile — Sotelo (TN) 4:40.5; Unsinn (EC) 4:43.3; Alvarado (EC) 4:46.4; Pomeroy (O) 4:50.1; Le Rock (W) 4:53.9.

180 LH — Clabby (W) 20.1; Messer (EC) 20.4; McKenzie (EC) 20.9; Hinds (O) 22.2; Batchner (HMB) 22.2.

220 — Andre (SSF) 23.2; Ficken (TN) 23.3; Alexander (SSF) 23.3; Summy (O) 23.9; Cooper (SSF) 24.3.

Mile Relay — SSF 3:25.6; Westmoor 3:29.8; Terra Nova 3:30; El Camino 3:53.

TJ — Brown (W) 43-5¼; Imorescia (EC) 41-10½; Starkey (EC) 39-10; Kress (SSF) 41-10½; Lewis (W) 38-11¾.

SP — Olmo (SSF) 55-5½; Cohen (SSF) 52-1; Bernal (SSF) 51-11½; Klevesahl (W) 49-8¼; Powell (W) 47-8¼.

Discus — Setoga (SSF) 141-1¾; Satos (SSF) 138-¾; Eaves (O) 136-1; Monteflongo (W) 130-5½; Tenerowicz (EC) 124-½.

LJ — Shannon (EC) 20-9¾; Brown (W) 20-6½; Blackfield (W) 20-3½; Ergas (SSF) 20-3½; Dutton (SSF) 20-2¼.

HJ — Hollenbeck (SSF) 5-10; Lewis (W) 5-10; tie between Strohmeier (EC) and Ermabon (O) 5-8; Guisti (W) 5-6.

2M — Best (HMB) 10:13.7; Halligan (SSF) 10:19.6; Ridgeway (TN) 10:26.5; Dille (EC) 10:29.5; Battaglia (TN) 10:30.

PV — Getchel (W) 12-6; MacFerran (TN) 12-0; Pagano (EC) 12-0; Willoughby (TN) 11-0; Hinds (O) 10-0.

B DIVISION

TEAM SCORES — Oceana 70, Jefferson 49, Westmoor 49, SSF 34, Serramonte 7, HMB 2.

440 Relay — Oceana 46.3; Westmoor, Jefferson, Serramonte.

70 HH — Arnaldo (W) 9.8; Howard (EC); Vasquez (W); Oiazar (W); Neary (J).

880 — McCollum (J), 2:04.1; Martin (O), Dellamaggiara (EC), Elwart (HMB), Willard (TN).

100 — Williams (O), 10.4; Cortez (Alta Loma), Tatum (W), Alconcher (O), Sanguinetti (J).

440 — McCollum (J), 53.5; Michon (J), McLennon (W), Murray (EC), Udetta (TN).

Mile — Ribera (O), 4:41.4; DeVita (J), Martinelli (W), Della Rocca (TN), Munoz (Parkway).

180 LH — Clark (W), 21.1; Newcomb (SSF), Neary (J), McDongel (SM), Alcalá (SSF).

220 — Gava (SSF), 23.7; Summy (O), Cortez (Alta Loma), Williams (O), Tatum (W).

Mile Rel — Oceana, 3:41.1; Jefferson, El Camino, SSF, Terra Nova.

TJ — Williams (O), 38-5¾; McLennon (W), Anderson (W), Cuanang (EC), Willard (TN).

SP — Ghilardi (SSF), 4-7¾; Wright (EC), Kaufman (EC); Mark (SM), Capuz (J).

Disc — Capuz (J), 124-8; Senica (J), Haskin (SSF), Haston (J), Pinlac (J).

LJ — Neary (J), 20-2¾; Root (O), Alconcher (O), Sanguinetti (J), Revel (SM).

HJ — Wagner (J), 5-8; Newcomb (SSF), Navarro (EC), Splvey (Alta Loma), Arnaldo (W).

2M — Brunicardi (EC), 10:26.6; Schlegle (O), Lynch (O), Tracy (W), Ruark (SSF).

PV — Sambraillo (TN), 11-6; Lynn (EC), Nadler (EC), Kaus (W), Newcomb (SSF).

C DIVISION

TEAM SCORES — Serramonte 62, SSF 56, Oceana 52, Westmoor 25, El Camino 23, Terra Nova 23, HMB 8.

440 Rel — Serramonte, 47.2; SSF, Jefferson, HMB, Westmoor.

880 — Rattaro (EC), 2:06.4; Bravos (W), Whittler (SM), John (SSF), Krestori (J).

100 Martin (SM) 10.5; Akinoff (TN), Saiz (J), DeMattei (W), Arista (SSF).

440 — Falkowski (SSF), 54.5; Sprouse (EC), John (SSF), Rattaro (EC), Gingras (HMB).

Mile — Goerke (TN), 4:52.9; Maldonado (SSF), Macias (EC), Van Dine (Alta Loma), Randazzo (SSF).

180 LH — Martin (SM), 21.4; DeMattei (W), Clements (HMB), Sprouse (EC), Lynch (SSF).

220 — Saiz (J), 24.5; Franz (SM), LeBhertz (SM), Gingras (HMB), Akinoff (TN).

Mile Rel — Serramonte (3:42.0); SSF, El Camino, Jefferson, Westmoor.

Shot — Arista (SSF), 50-1¾; Morrison (AL), Goldman (W), Church (W), Swartzell (Parkway).

LJ — LeBhertz (SM), 18-11¾; Falkowski (SSF), Newton (W), Long (W), Akinoff (TN).

HJ — Weschler (SM), 5-0; Reardon (TN), Pagani (SM), Maldonado (SSF), Talentino (SSF).

PV — Sosa (J), 10-6; Talentino (SSF), Reardon (N), Romero (AL), Johnston (W).