



## A look at records

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Time to officially close out the 1971-72 prep sports year with a final glance at the record book. And an interesting ledger it is. For instance:

Based on number of Central Coast Section championships won, Region II comprised of the South Peninsula and Santa Clara Valley Athletic Leagues emerged as the section's strongest for the year.

The SPAL-SCVAL combined to capture five of the 10 team titles in which CCS crowns were contested. That includes water polo, which is actually designated a Northern California title, but encompasses the best in the section nonetheless.

Football was the only major sport in which no title was determined. That will change next year, however, with the advent of the first CCS playoffs.

Here's a breakdown by region of 1971-72's CCS champions: Region I, two — baseball and soccer; Region II, five — tennis, wrestling, cross-country, swimming and water polo; Region III, two — baseball and track; Region IV, one — golf.

Broken down by leagues, the SCVAL ruled as the top loop with three CCS diadems — water polo and swimming, Santa Clara High; and wrestling, Cupertino.

The Santa Clara Valley was also third in two other sports — basketball, Lynbrook; and swimming, Cupertino.

The SPAL was a strong second among CCS leagues. It had two section titles — tennis, Gunn, and cross-country, Carlmont; two second places — baseball, Gunn, and golf, Woodside; and one third place — soccer, Sequoia.

Next came the West Catholic Athletic League with two firsts — basketball, Sacred Heart, and soccer, Mitty; and one runner-up spot — swimming, Serra.

There are 103 high schools and 12 leagues in the Central Coast Section.

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Menlo-Atherton High won the mythical all-varsity sports championship in the South Peninsula Athletic League.

The Bears edged Carlmont for the honor

based on point awards for round-robin finishes in varsity sports.

Gunn was only third, despite winning three outright team titles and tying for another. Carlmont also claimed three outright crowns, one in gymnastics in which only four schools participated. Menlo-Atherton had outright titles in two sports and tied for first in two others.

M-A's over-all strength, however, garnered the title. The Bears finished no worse than sixth in any of the 11 sports in which they fielded teams. They had one sixth, two fifths, two fourths and a pair of thirds to go with four outright or co-championships in round-robin play.

The order of finish: 1. M-A, 2. Carlmont, 3. Gunn, 4. Woodside, 5. Palo Alto, 6. San Carlos, 7. Cubberley, 8. Sequoia, 9. Ravenswood.

On the freshman level, Terman claimed top honors by winning championships in two sports and tying for first in another.

Frosh all-sports standings: 1. Terman, 2. Wilbur, 3. Carlmont, 4. Woodside, 5. San Carlos, 6. M-A, 7. Sequoia, 8. Jordan, 9. Ravenswood.

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Homestead beat Los Altos for the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League varsity all-sports title.

Except for basketball, ninth place, and golf, sixth; the Mustangs had no worse than a fourth in the 11 varsity sports.

They won titles in baseball and soccer, placed second in three sports, were third in three, and finished fourth in one.

Los Altos claimed four team championships in league or division play, more than any other school. They were in cross-country, track, tennis and baseball.

The standings: 1. Homestead, 2. Los Altos, 3. Cupertino, 4. Fremont, 5. Awalt, 6. Lynbrook, 7. Santa Clara, 8. Monta Vista and Buchser, 10. Sunnyvale, 11. Wilcox, 12. Mountain View, 13. Peterson.

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St. Francis won its third WCAL all-sports trophy in the award's four-year existence.

The Lancers, with the smallest student body in the WCAL, totaled 68 points to edge St. Ignatius by four points.

Bellarmine was tops last year.

## Groover Top Entry From CCS

SACRAMENTO — Scott Overton's decision to pass up today's Golden West Invitational track and field meet has placed the burden on Branham's Jim Groover to uphold the Central Coast Section's traditional prowess in the discus throw.

The 13th annual renewal of the GWI gets under way at 12:30 p.m. at Sacramento City College's Hughes Stadium, with the first running event scheduled to start one hour later.

Overton of Los Altos is the national prep record holder in the discus with a toss of 204-5 and recently won his specialty at the State and International Prep meets.

With Overton out of the picture, Whitney Paul of Ball High in Galveston, Texas, emerges as the discus favorite. The Lone State large school champ with a seasonal best of 195-11, Paul has been over 190 on five occasions and won the Texas State Meet at 194.

Groover has been over 183 this season, finishing second to Overton in the State Meet.

Another Branham performer, John Triplett, will also be representing the CCS in the talent-laden meet. Triplett holds the second best triple jump mark recorded by a prep this year with a leap of 48-10½.

The CCS contingent is rounded out by high jumper-triple jumper Dave Bush of Campbell and Los Gatos shot putter Bret Mannon.

Bush, the national leader in the high jump and a 46-foot plus triple jumper, has a best of 6-11 in the vertical leap.

Mannon, a fourth place finisher at the State Meet, has a 63-11 put best.