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SC's Kingery takes second in marathon

Santa Maria's Ron Zarata, running for the West Valley Track Club, and San Carlos High's Mitch Kingery, competing for the newly-formed Redwood City Flyers, shared the honors in yesterday's rain-plagued AAU Western Regional marathon run through San Mateo and Burlingame.

Zarata was the overall winner, covering the 26-mile, 385-yard course in 2 hours, 23 minutes and 15 seconds, while Kingery, only a sophomore at San Carlos was second overall and first in the 15-18 age division with a 2:23:47 clocking.

Olympic 10,000 meter runner Jon Anderson of the Oregon Track Club was third in 2:23:57.

The Flyers' Mary Cortez won the women's division in 3:35:32.

'Top finishers:

Ron Zarata, WVTC, 2:23:15; Mitch Kingery, RC Flyers, 2:23:47; Jon Anderson, Oregon TC, 2:23:57; Ron Daws, unat., 2:26:58; John Caldwell, WVTC, 2:28:40; Darrein George, Napa Valley TC, 2:30:47; Daryl Zarata, WVTC, 2:30:58; Geoff Pletsh, unat., 2:37:18; Don Gregory, High Sierra TC, 2:31:31; Robert Coyle, unat., 2:32:09.

Mitch Kingery of San Carlos High and the Redwood City Flyers, braving rain and wind, set a national high school marathon record yesterday in the San Mateo-Burlingame Marathon.

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Kingery, a 16-year-old sophomore, was clocked in 2:23:47, snapping the mark of 2:25:16 by Chuck Walker of Prescott, Ariz., set in San Diego two years ago.

As a freshman, Kingery had the nation's fastest prep marathon time of 2:29:11, plus the quickest 10,000 meters mark.

Kingery was second in the marathon — sponsored by the San Mateo City Recreation Department and the West Valley Track Club — to Ron Zarata of Santa Maria, who was timed in 2:23:15.