

Boys' track and field

REGION IV FINALS

At Hartnell College, Salinas

Teams — Monterey, 81; 2, Palma, 71; 3, Gilroy, 63; 4, Salinas, 47; 5 (tie), North Monterey, Live Oak, 32; 7, Hollister, 29.

400 relay — Gilroy 43.9; 2 (tie), Salinas, Soquel, 44.1; 4, North Salinas, 44.1.

100 — Mark Butler (Marelo), 11.0; 2, G. Jones (Seaside), 11.1; 3, S. Jones (Carmel), 11.1; 4, Thomas (Mon), 11.1.

200 — Floyd Barco (Mon), 21.8; 2, Houston (Sal), 22.0; 3, Thomas (Mon), 22.1; 4, Garibaldi (Sal), 22.3.

400 — Floyd Barco (Mon), 48.5; 2, Houston (Sal), 49.0; 3, Myles (NM), 50.1; 4, Olivarría (Pal), 51.3.

800 — Jim Reed (Gil), 1:58.1; 2, Weaver (Aptos), 2:00.0; 3, Dean (NMC), 2:00.3; 4, R. Ramirez (NS) 2:00.5.

1,600 — Gus Lopez (Sal), 4:23.1; 2, A. Ramirez (Watsonville), 4:24.5; 3, Byrne (Pal), 4:28.0; 4, Scattini (Pal) 4:28.0.

3,200 — Gus Lopez (Sal), 9:33.8; 2, Scattini (Pal), 9:53.3; 3, Small (Mon), 9:54.3; 4, King (Hol), 9:58.5.

110 HH — Victor Beckles (Mon), 15.2; 2, Sheppard (LO), 15.2; 3, Walters (Gil), 15.4; 4, Miller (Pal), 15.5.

330 IH — Pat Sheppard (LO), 39.7; 2, Walters (Gil), 40.3; 3 (tie), Miller (Pal), Beckles (Mon), 40.4.

1,600 relay — Monterey, 3:26.4; 2, North Monterey County, 3:28.8; 3, Palma, 3:29; 4, Seaside, 3:30.8.

Shot — Dominic Fortino (Pal), 58-5³/₄; 2, Nicolette (NS), 51-1¹/₂; 3, J. Miller (NS), 48-10; 4, C. Thomas (Fremont Christian), 47.8.

Discus — Dominic Fortino (Pal), 166-2; 2, Garcia (Pal), 152-3³/₄; 3, Short (Mon), 151-8¹/₂; 4, Borgstedt (Soquel) 147-11.

LJ — Eric Snyder (Hol) 21-8¹/₂; 2, Pateron (Gil), 21-2; 3, Starbird (Soq), 21-1¹/₂; 4, Dandridge (Mon), 21-3¹/₄.

HJ — Lierman (Carmel), 6-2; 2, Alford (LO), 6-0; 3, Shack (Gil), 6-0; 4, Burden (LO), 6-0.

TJ — Eric Snyder (Hol), 46-2³/₄; 2, Walters (Gil), 43-8; 3, Dandridge (Mon), 43-5¹/₂; 4, Molinari (Pal), 43-3.

Pole vault — David Homer (Aptos), 13-0; 2, Santos (Gonzalez), 12-0; 3 (tie), P. Walters (NMC), Kennedy (Gil), 11-6.

Girls' track and field

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Teams — Gilroy 57; 2, North Monterey County, 53½; 3, North Salinas, 49½; 4, King City, 45; 5, Notre Dame, 44; 6, Harbor 34; 7, Pacific Grove, 26.

400 relay — North Monterey County, 50.1; 2, Notre Dame, 51.5; 3, Harbor, 51.6; 4 (tie), San Lorenzo Valley, King City, 51.8.

100 — Nicole Caldwell (Redwood Christian), 12.1; 2, Wheeler (Seaside), 12.4; 3,

Carnero (NMC), 12.6; 4, Haro (Gil), 12.8.

200 — Jessica Johnson (Aptos), 24.7; 2, Caldwell (Red. Christ.), 24.9; 3, Wheeler (Seaside), 25.7; 4, M. Wilkinson (KC), 26.5.

400 — Mary Wilkinson (KC), 1:00.0; 2, Factor (Har), 1:00.4; 3, Campbell (NS), 1:00.4; 4, M. Martinez (Hollister), 1:00.7.

800 — Mary May (ND), 2:21.7; 2, Lyders (PG), 2:24.4; 3, Tyler (Seaside), 2:26.4; 4, L. Wilkinson (KC), 2:27.0.

1,600 — Shannon Skillman (Gil), 5:24.2; 2, Rantanen (Santa Cruz), 5:28.4; 3, Kelly (Live Oak), 5:30.9; 4, Vashel (Gil), 5:36.4.

3,200 — Kelly Illnicki (Har), 11:37.8; 2, Skillman (Gil), 11:40.22; 3, Vashel (Gil), 12:03.3; 4, Chidester (Salinas), 12:14.4.

100 LH — Barbara Smith (Soquel), 15.3; 2, Cunanan (NS), 15.7; 3, Wall (Har), 15.8; 4, Rondez (NMC), 15.8.

300 LH — Nancy Gerba (ND), 47.8; 2, Lyders (PG), 48.2; 3, L. Kelly (Mon), 48.3; 4, A. Diaz (Gil), 48.5.

1,600 relay — North Salinas, 4:05.2; 2, Notre Dame, 4:06.8; 3, Aptos, 4:07; 4, Seaside, 4:08.7.

Shot — Angie Kryzsiak (NMC), 37-0; 2, Madson (KC), 35-3¾; 3, R. Ramirez (Alisal), 34-11¾; 4, Mar (PG), 33-7¼.

Discus — Heather Madson (KC), 117-5; 2, Lewis (NS), 114-8½; 3, Lyman (NMC), 114-6¾; 4, Irwin (Carmel), 113-1.

HJ — Kim Becker (NS), 5-0; 2, Phillips (SLV), 5-0; 3, Prince (PG), 5-0; 4, Biggs (Seaside), 5-0.

LJ — Stacy Haro (Gil), 16-3¾; 2, Kryzsiak (NMC), 15-7; 3, Mc Carthy (ND), 15-7; 4, Gales (Mon), no distance listed.

TJ — Mary Wilkinson (KC), 36-3¾; 2, Haro (Gil), 35-8; 3, Segura (Watsonville), 35-¾; 4, Kryzsiak (NMC), 34-3½.

REGION IV CHAMPIONSHIPS
At Hartnell College, Salinas

BOYS' VARSITY
Team scores — 1. Monterey 81, 2. Palma 71, 3. Gilroy 63, 4. Salinas 47, 5. North Monterey County and Live Oak (tie) 32, 7. Hollister 29, 8. North Salinas 23, 9. Aptos 21, 10. Seaside 19.

SP — 1. Fortino (P) 58-54, 2. Nicolette (NS) 51-1/2, 3. Miller (NS) 48-10, 4. Thomas (FC) 47-8. **400M RELAY** — 1. Gilroy 43.9, 2. Salinas and Soquel (tie) 44.1, 4. North Salinas 44.1, LJ — 1. Snyder (Hol) 21-8/2, 2. Pater (G) 21-2, 3. Starbird (So) 21-1/2, 4. Dandridge (Mon) 21-3/4.

110M HH — 1. Beckles (Mon) 15.2, 2. Sheppard (LO) 15.2, 3. Walters (G) 15.4, 4. Miller (P) 15.5. **800M** — 1. Reed (G) 1:58.1, 2. Weaver (Ap) 2:00.0, 3. Dean (NC) 2:00.0, 4. Ramirez (NS) 2:00.5. **1000M** — 1. Butler (MP) 11.0, 2. Jones (Sea) 11.1, 3. Jones (C) 11.1, 4. Thomas (Mon) 11.1. **400M** — 1. Barco (Mon) 48.5, 2. Huston (S) 49.0, 3. Myles (NC) 50.1, 4. Olivaria (P) 51.3.

TJ — 1. Snyder (Hol) 46-2/4, 2. Walters (G) 43-8, 3. Dandridge (Mon) 43-5/2, 4. Molinari (P) 43-3. **3700M** — 1. Lopez (S) 9:33.8, 2. Scattini (P) 9:53.3, 3. Small (Mon) 9:54.3, 4. King (Hol) 9:58.5. **PV** — 1. Homer (Apt) 13-0, 2. Santos (Go) 12-0, 3. Wolters (NC) and Kennedy (G) 11-6.

300M IH — 1. Sheppard (LO) 39.7, 2. Walters (G) 40.3, 3. Miller (P) and Beckles (Mon) (tie) 40.4. **200M** — 1. Barco (Mon) 21.8, 2. Huston (S) 22.0, 3. Thomas (Mon) 21.8, 4. Garibaldi (S) 22.3. **1600M** — 1. Lopez (S) 4:23.1, 2. Ramirez (W) 4:24.5, 3. Byrne (P) 4:28.0, 4. Scattini (P) 4:28.0.

1600M RELAY — 1. Monterey 3:26.4, 2. North County 3:28.8, 3. Palma 3:29.0, 4. Seaside 3:30.8. **DISCUS** — 1. Fortino (P) 166-2, 2. Garcia (P) 152-3/4, 3. Short (Mon) 151-8/2, 4. Borgstedt (So) 147-11. **HJ** — 1. Lierman (C) 6-2, 2. Alford (LO) 6-0, 3. Shack (Gill) 6-0, 4. Burden (LO) 6-0.

GIRLS' VARSITY
Team scores — 1. Gilroy 57, 2. North Monterey County 53 1/2, 3. North Salinas 49 1/2, 4. King City 45, 5. Notre Dame 44, 6. Harbor 34, 7. Seaside 30, 8. Pacific Grove 26, 9. Redwood Christian 22, 10. Aptos 16.

TJ — 1. Wilkinson (KC) 36-3/4, 2. Haro (Gill) 35-8, 3. Segura (W) 35-1/4, 4. Krzyziak (NC) 34-3/4. **400M RELAY** — 1. North County (Rondez, Rule, Klos, Carnero) 50.1, 2. Notre Dame 51.5, 3. Harbor (Knight, Morse, Sereano, Factor) 51.4, 4. San Lorenzo Valley (Cannell, Phillips, Trask, Bentley) and King City (tie) 51.8. **DISCUS** — 1. Madson (KC) 117-5, 2. Lewis (NS) 114-8 1/2, 3. Lyman (KC) 114-4 1/4, 4. Irwin (C) 113-1.

100M LH — 1. Schmidt (So) 15.3, 2. Cunanan (NS) 15.7, 3. Woll (H) 15.8, 4. Rondez (NC) 15.8. **HJ** — 1. Becker (NS) 5-0, 2. Phillips (SLV) 5-0, 3. Prince (PG) 5-0, 4. Biggs (Sea) 5-0. **100M** — 1. Caldwell (RC) 12.1, 2. Wheeler (Sea) 12.4, 3. Carnero (NC) 12.6, 4. Haro (Gill) 12.8.

800M — 1. May (ND) 2:21.7, 2. Lyders (PG) 2:24.4, 3. Tyler (Sea) 2:26.4, 4. Wilkinson (KC) 2:27.0. **SP** — 1. Krzyziak (NC) 37-0, 2. Madson (KC) 35-3/4, 3. Ramirez (AI) 34-11 1/4, 4. Mar (PG) 33-7/4. **400M** — 1. Wilkinson (KC) 1:00.0, 2. Factor (Har) 1:00.4, 3. Campbell (NS) 1:00.4, 4. Martinez (Hol) 1:00.7.

300M LH — 1. Gerba (ND) 47.8, 2. Lyders (PG) 48.2, 3. Kelly (Mon) 48.3, 4. Diet (Gill) 48.5. **2700M** — 1. Inicki (Har) 11:37.8, 2. Skillman (Gill) 11:42.2, 3. Vashel (Gill) 12:03.3, 4. Chidester (S) 12:14.4. **200M** — 1. Johnson (Apt) 24.7, 2. Caldwell (RC) 24.9, 3. Wheeler (Sea) 25.7, 4. Wilkinson (KC) 26.5. **1600M** — 1. Skillman (Gill) 5:24.2, 2. Rantanen (SC) 5:28.4, 3. Kelly (LO) 5:30.8, 4. Vashel (GH) 5:36.4. **LJ** — 1. Haro (Gill) 16-3/4, 2. Krzyziak (NC) 15-7, 3. McCarthy (ND) 15-7, 4. Gales (Mon) 15-3. **1600M RELAY** — 1. North Salinas 4:05.02, 2. Notre Dame 4:06.8, 3. Aptos (Kamian, Welch, Godley, Johnson) 4:07.0, 4. Seaside 4:08.7.

No sure thing Fate deals cruel blow to Johnson, Pifferini

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SALINAS — If there was a lesson to be learned at the Region IV Track and Field Championships Saturday at Hartnell College, it was that there is no such thing as a sure thing.

Sure things like Aptos High's Jessica Johnson and Soquel's Rae Ann Pifferini, who were more than overwhelming favorites to win the girls' 100 and 300-meter low hurdles, respectively, in addition to a handful of other events of their choosing.

As it turned out, Johnson and Pifferini might have made more news by not even running in their specialty events than they would have if they had won them.

Pifferini, who also plays shortstop for the Soquel softball team, ended her track season Friday night in the Knights' 64 opening-round Central Coast Section playoff victory over Carmel when she slid awkwardly into third base and sprained her right ankle.

Besides the 300 lows, Pifferini was expected to place in the 100 lows and would also run in the 100-meter dash and on the mile relay team.

Johnson, who was not only favored in the Region to win the 100 lows, but in the CCS meet as well followed by an appearance in the state meet, false-started in the trials Saturday morning and never even made to the finals later that afternoon.

"As soon as my hands came up off the track I knew what I had done," said Johnson, a junior who all but missed her entire season last year due to injury and illness. "It was in slow motion, like a dream."

A very bad dream.

According to Bill Johnson, Jessica's father and track coach at Aptos, his daughter stepped out of the blocks after a lengthy set and an apparent jump by a runner in the next lane that was not spotted by the starter. He appealed the call to the grievance committee, which upheld the starter's original call.

"She's absolutely devastated," Johnson said. "There's nothing that can be done now."

About 10 minutes after her false start — the first of her three-year high school career — Johnson regained her composure in time to win her heat in the trials of the 200 meters.

Taking out her frustration in the 200, Johnson held off defending Region champ Nicole Caldwell of Redwood Christian in a tight, head-to-head duel over the final 50 meters to win at the wire in a season-best 24.7 seconds. Caldwell, who earlier had won the 100 meters, was so devastated by not winning that she immediately fell to the ground in tears.

Also finishing second were Watsonville's Armando Ramirez in the 1600



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meters with a time of 4:24.5, and the North County 1600-meter relay team in 3:28.9.

With Johnson, who had run a 14.5 in the girls' 100 lows this season, out of the competition, Schmidt cruised to her victory in 15.3.

"I was hoping she'd (Johnson) be in there to push me," said Schmidt, who competed in the race for the third straight year at Region, but in her first finals. "I felt bad Jessie wasn't there. She deserved it, but it's been hard running in her shadow."

For Inicki, it's been more of ease of running in her own shadow. After scratching from the 800 and 1600 meters, Inicki was concentrating on the 3200 and wanted to run a 11:20 in preparation of the CCS meet. She won her race at Region, but Inicki was not happy by missing out on her pre-race goal by 17 seconds.

"I was running so comfortable," Inicki said afterward. "I just took it too easy for too long. I ran too slow."

Harbor's Shama Factor didn't, setting a personal best time of 1:00.4 to finish second in the 400 meters. The effort was especially satisfying for Factor, who has suffered two hamstring pulls this season.

"It hasn't been a great year," said Factor, who lowered her personal best

time by 1.4 seconds, "but it got good once it got better."

Also setting personal bests were Lori Phillips of San Lorenzo Valley with a second-place effort of 5-0 in the high jump, and Codi Rantanen of Santa Cruz with a second-place time of 5:28.4 in the 800.

Krzyziak, who besides qualifying for the CCS meet with her victory in the shot put with a personal best — by nearly a foot and a half — also qualified with a second in the long jump (15-7) and a fourth in the triple jump (34-3/4).

The North County 400-meter relay team of Gina Rontey, Colleen Rule, Julie Klos and Mona Carnero sliced 2.3 seconds off their county-best time to win in 50.1 seconds.

Other girls qualifying for the CCS meet were Watsonville's Laura Segura with a third in the triple jump (32-0 1/4), North County's Kara Lyman with a third in the discus (114-4 1/4), Harbor's Carmela Woll with a third in the 100 (12.6) and Rondez with a fourth in the 100 lows (15.8).

The Aptos 3200-meter relay team of Danielle Kamian, Domine Welch, Sarah Godley and Johnson finished third to qualify in a school and county-best time of 4:07.3. The previous school record was 4:18.3.



Aptos' Jessica Johnson, who false-started in the 100-meter hurdles and was disqualified, won the 200 meters in a Santa Cruz County season best time of 24.7, above. Johnson defeated defending Region IV champion Nicole Caldwell, left, who fell to the ground in tears after losing the race.