

Weller jumps onto CCS list

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SAN MATEO — Todd Weller has always liked running the 400.

He works at it every day. Saturday, at the West Valley Relays, the 400 wasn't held. As a result, Weller concentrated on the high jump, which he doesn't particularly focus on.

That might change. Not only did he win the high jump, he moved himself up to third place in the Central Coast Section rankings, clearing 6-6.

For this effort, Weller is The Times' male Athlete of the Week.

Weller is capable of quality efforts both in and out of the athletic arena.

He has been nominated as the CCS Scholar Athlete of the Year. He is currently carrying a 3.89 grade-point

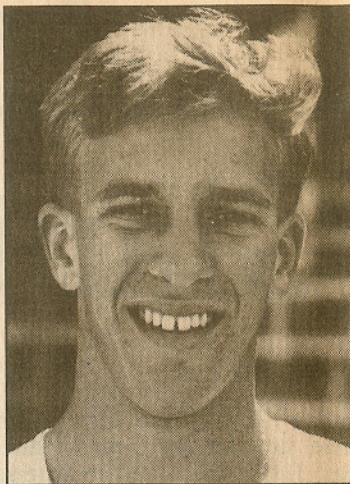
average, taking strictly college prep courses. He has a lifetime membership to the California Scholastic Federation, having maintained a minimum GPA of 3.50 his entire academic career at Aragon. He has been involved in various student body activities. He has also received an array of awards for his strong showing in the class room.

"I have enjoyed everything," said Weller, bound for Dartmouth in the fall.

Currently, there is high school to finish. He is the defending Peninsula Athletic League champion in the 400 and high jump.

Chances are good he will spend most of his time working on the 400, though he may pay attention to the high jump.

"Both are completely two different things," Weller said. "When I get tired of running



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in circles, I'll just jump onto a mat."

THE TIMES SALUTES
Steve Hoff, Mills baseball: Fired four-hitter, striking out 15 in 11-1 win over Aragon.
Ryan Gray, Aragon baseball: Fired no-hitter versus San Mateo.
Tim Beal, Capuchino baseball: Got eight hits in four games.
John Flores, Carlmont baseball: Got five hits in four games.
Jay Bortoli, Carlmont baseball: Pitched the Scots to two wins.
Mike Nielsen, Mills baseball: Collected eight hits and eight RBI in four games.
Justin Stern, Half Moon Bay track and field: Set two meet records at the Half Moon Bay Distance Carnival, shaving 20 seconds off his personal best in the 3,200 (9:29.4).
Jesse Robinette, El Camino track and field: Knocked 20 seconds off his personal best in the 3,200 (9:29.9) at the Distance Carnival.
Mike Haldezos, Mills track and field: Won pole vault at Top 8 meet at 15-4.
Marcel Hlousek, San Mateo tennis: Won three matches to help Bearcats win round-robin Peninsula Athletic League championship.
Greg Kim, Mills Golf: Fired a one-over par 36 to lead the Vikings to win over Menlo School.

Etuale records top shot mark

By SIMI LEE
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DALY CITY — Christina Etuale's record-shattering shot put tosses at the Top 8 Track Meet on Friday came as a surprise.

The Monday before the meet she went through her regular routine of weight lifting.

Tuesday, she threw for just a few minutes, then got sent home with the flu.

Wednesday, the Jefferson High senior was in bed.

Thursday, a cancelled dual meet idled her again.

Then on Friday, Etuale got off the finest series of tosses ever seen in the Central Coast Section.

Besides her record-breaking throw of 47-6½, she had another throw of 47-5, both of which bettered her own personal and CCS best mark of 46-6.

She had two other throws that bettered the meet record.

Her best throw was the second best throw by a high school girl in the nation.

For her fine series of throws and the record-breaking toss, Christina Etuale is The Times' girls' prep Athlete of the Week.

"The throws felt very good. My form was good," said Etuale. "The weather was nice, and everything was right."

"The only explanation for her series was that her arm was pretty rested," said Jefferson weight coach Pat Lewis. "Everything was right. The weather was perfect, and the competition brought out the best in her."

"She continues to improve her technique in the shot, but she still relies on her arm — a very strong arm — a lot. I think she's just scratching the



Christina Etuale

surface of her ability. Christina will get better."

The pursuit of the perfect throw with perfect technique has always been an elusive goal for Etuale, who came to Jefferson from Western Samoa just a scant four years ago.

THE TIMES SALUTES
Tonia Broden, Jefferson track—for winning the 100low hurdles (15.29) at the Top 8 Meet.
Ashley Holt, Menlo-Atherton track—for a 2:17.5 800 for second at the Top 8 Meet.
Monica Tobin, Mercy-Burlingame track—for a 5-4 high jump for second at the Top 8 Meet.
Shavonne Jennings, Woodside track—for winning the 400 (57.90) at the Top 8 Meet.
Tracy Victorino, Half Moon Bay softball—for pitching a 10-inning one-hitter and scoring the only run in a key North Peninsula League win over Terra Nova.
April Garry, Kyung Lee, Amy Wells, South San Francisco badminton—for winning key three-set matches to clinch a win over unbeaten El Camino.