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Anthony raises bar again

Castilleja grad breaks her national mark with 14-1 1/4 clearance

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Castilleja graduate Tori Anthony has raised the bar once again in the girls' pole vault, breaking her own national record during the annual Golden West Invitational on Sunday at Folsom High near Sacramento.

Anthony's winning vault of 14-1 1/4 eclipsed her own national federation mark of 14-1 set at the CIF State Track and Field Championships a week earlier at Sacramento City College.

Anthony took 10 vaults in the competition, which annually attracts the top high school athletes from around the nation. She passed the first two heights before missing her opener at 12-5 1/2.

After clearing that height on her second attempt, Anthony passed at 12-9 1/2 and cleared 13-1 1/2 on her first attempt to win the competition. She passed at 13-5 1/4 and made 13-9 1/4 on her first attempt.

After missing twice at 14-1 1/4, Anthony made a successful clearance for the national mark. She then took three attempts at 14-3 1/4, coming close on all three.

Anthony now has the top six performances in the nation this outdoor season. Interestingly enough, she vaulted higher on Sunday than the NCAA winner (13-11 1/4) on Saturday.

Anthony next will compete at the USA Junior National Championships (June 21-14) and the U.S. National Championships (June 22-25), both in Indianapolis, Ind.

Anthony is the defending junior national champ but doesn't (yet) rank among the top 10 elite American pole vaulters this season. Jenn Stuczynski is the new American recordholder at 16-0, the first U.S. woman ever to reach 16 feet. Rounding out the top 10 are Mary Sauer and Jillian Schwartz at 14-6 3/4. ■

Don Gosney

Recent Castilleja grad Tori Anthony broke her own outdoor national record with a clearance of 14-1 1/4 to win the girls' pole vault at the Golden West Invitational on Sunday at Folsom High near Sacramento.