

M-A boys are hoping to make a run at title

Menlo-Atherton High School cross-country coach Plato Yanicks thought this season would be just an average year for his boys' team. But after three triumphs in as many weeks in invitationals hosted by M-A — including triumphs over Woodside and El Camino Monday — Yanicks has changed his thinking.

"The boys' team is a surprise," Yanicks said. "I thought we would be among the top two or three in the (Peninsula Athletic) league, but the way we are developing, I think we can make a run at the title."

M-A's Aaron Lopez, a sophomore, remained undefeated and for the third consecutive week improved his time. Lopez covered the 2.2-mile course in 10:42.7, an improvement of more than five seconds over last week's time.

Lopez, M-A's Ben Valpey and Woodside's Stan Carroll and John Oakes ran shoulder-to-shoulder until the final 220 yards, when Lopez broke loose. Valpey took second.

Yanicks said he wouldn't be surprised if all four runners (Lopez,

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Valpey, Carroll and Oakes) are among the top 10 at the PAL finals.

In the girls' race, another M-A sophomore, Sandrine DeMarval, virtually ran alone and captured that race. DeMarval, who finished fifth in the Central Coast Section Region I finals last year, came in almost one minute ahead of the second-place finisher.

Carla Holmes and Susan Horstmeyer finished second and third, respectively, for M-A. Doris and Sarah Whiteside were the top finishers for Castilleja. The sisters came in fourth and seventh.

M-A scored 17 points against an incomplete Castilleja team.

Correction

The correct name of the scorer of Fremont High School's lone touchdown in the Indians' 7-6 non-league football loss to Branham Friday night was Steve Done.

The Times Tribune regrets an error that appeared in Saturday's paper.

Cross country

NONLEAGUE

Menlo-Atherton Invitational
Boys' varsity, 2.2 miles

M-A 21, Woodside 40, El Camino 67
1, Lopez (MA) 10:42.7; 2, Valpey (MA) 10:43.5; 3, Carroll (W) 10:45.5; 4, Oakes (W) 10:52; 5, Barto (MA) 11:08; 6, Herrera (MA) 11:38.5; 7, Bullock (MA) 11:44.5; 8, Beckwith (MA) 12:00; 9, Dos Santos (EC) 12:04; 10, Jacobowsky (W) 12:07.

Girls' varsity

M-A 17, Castilleja incomplete
1, DeMarval (MA) 13:17.5; 2, Holmes (MA) 14:13; 3, Horstmeyer (MA) 14:25.5; 4, D. Whiteside (C) 14:37; 5, Homan (MA) 15:08; 6, Masterson (MA) 15:17; 7, S. Whiteside (C) 15:34; 8, Croft (MA) 15:49.5; 9, Grandie (C) 17:12.

Boys JV — M-A 29, Sequoia 48, Woodside 52. 1, Schulz (S) 11:51.

Boys freshman — Woodside 38, M-A and Sequoia incomplete. 1, Martin (MA) 12:48.

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