

Utter leads local runners

Bellarmino won the Central Coast Section boys varsity meet by a convincing 94-point margin. De Anza Athletic League teams that finished in the top places of the meet were Homestead (No. 5, 158 points), Lynbrook (No. 8, 201 points) and Monta Vista (No. 15, 325 points). Bellarmino won the meet with 29 points.

Steve Lopez, of Andrew Hill, and Peter O'Driscoll, of El Camino, were the top runners with times of 14:50.6 and 15:15.3, respectively. Lynbrook's Garth Utter, a junior, was the top DAAL finisher with a time of 15:54. He just broke into the CCS top 20, finishing in the No. 18 position.

Other top DAAL boys varsity runners at the CCS meet were Monta Vista's Jordan Carroll (No. 21, 15:58), Homestead's Mark Slocum (No. 24, 15:59),

John True (No. 26, 16:01) and Ted Barram (No. 37, 16:13), and Lynbrook's Joel Miller (No. 38, 16:14) and Steve Pietrowicz (No. 47, 16:24).

The other varsity boys teams to finish in the top 12 were Gunn (No. 2, 123 points), Serra (No. 3, 135 points), St. Francis (No. 4, 149 points), Los Gatos (No. 6, 167 points), Half Moon Bay (No. 7, 191 points), James Lick (No. 9, 229 points), Leigh (No. 10, 234 points), Live Oak (No. 11, 265 points) and Independence No. 12, 285 points).

The CCS finals were held at Crystal Springs in Belmont and the course was 2.97 miles.

In the girls varsity division, Fremont High school had a surprise finish, capturing third place and qualifying for a spot in the Northern California meet.

Fremont had 135 points,

compared to 73 for Leland and 88 for Los Gatos. Leland won the meet and Los Gatos finished in second place.

Other teams in the top 12 were Palo Alto (No. 4, 144 points), Santa Teresa (No. 5, 149 points), Mitty (No. 6, 155 points), Half Moon Bay (No. 7, 194 points), Mountain view (No. 8, 236 points), Westmoor (No. 9, 249 points), Gilroy (No. 10, 250 points), Gunn (No. 11, 260 points) and Westmont (No. 12, 276 points).

The top finisher in the girls division was Katy McCandless of Catilleja with a time of 17:12.5. Phuong Sites (No. 8, 18:40) and Beth Bartholomew (No. 17, 19:22) were the top runners for Fremont. Roslyn Mack of St. Francis (No. 19, 19:44) was the only other DAAL runner to finish in the top 20 of the CCS.