

Sports

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Lynbrook cross-country team wins championship

The Lynbrook Viking boys cross country team won the De Anza League championship at Crystal Springs last week by beating last year's champions, the Homestead Mustangs, by a score of 35 to 48.

Monte Vista was third, Saratoga fourth, Fremont fifth, and Cupertino sixth.

Although it has been a team effort all season, the Vikings were led by junior Garth Utter. In his first year of cross country, the Saratoga resident finished individually second, and hopes to lead the Vikings into the CCS Finals in two weeks.

As a freshman, Utter's favorite sport was football. However, his small size was the determining factor which led him to start running through the streets of Saratoga to train for cross country. He doesn't run alone. One of his neighbors, junior Eric Hiatt, is right behind him, along with his team mates. Seniors Steve

Pietrowicz, Joel Miller, Lee Gunby, and juniors Mark Yuen and San Park have been seen running the hills above Saratoga right with him.

Although Lynbrook has been very competitive in the DAL over the past decade, this is its first championship team since another Saratoga resident, Chris Hulbird, led the Vikes to victory.

"Because so many of Lynbrook's good young runners live in Utter's neighborhoods, perhaps that wait for another Saratoga area runner to lead the

Vikings to another championship won't be far away," said Coach Verne Thornburg who is in his 21st year at the helm of cross country.

He noted that Sophomore Shawn Kessel finished second in the frosh/soph race and freshman Matt Wyatt placed 15th in the same race, so Lynbrook may have a Saratoga lineup next year.

"I won't be unhappy at all," Thornburg said. "But the team must concentrate on getting into this year's CCS finals before thinking about next year."

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Volleyball

The varsity volleyball team ended their disappointing season with a 1-11 record in last place in DAL. Freshman Lori Grabyan was voted Most Valuable Player, senior Renee

Gellatly was voted Captain, and junior Joan Largent was voted Most Improved. Junior varsity completed a 5-7 season in fourth place. Sophomore Heather Gumm was MVP, sophomore Laura Cobb was Captain, and freshman Minh Phem was Most Improved.

