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Eight for eight for Bupp

Woodside star earns
title in LG postal meet

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LOS GATOS — Make it eight for eight for Woodside High's Andy Bupp.

Bupp survived the wind and the chill at Los Gatos High on Thursday to win the Two-Mile Postal Meet with a time of 9:45.2. Bupp has won all eight of his races against Central Coast Section competition. His only "non-win" was an eighth-place finish in the Stanford Invitational's large-school division.

Bupp finished more than eight seconds ahead of Bellarmine's Mike Graves. Graves' finish helped the Bells to the team title with an overall time of 49:57. Leigh was second with a combined time of 51:35, while Santa Teresa (52:44) was third, and Fremont (53:12) and Los Altos (54:02) were fourth and fifth, respectively. Bellarmine's Ed Engler, Tim Coulter, Steve Mills and Dan Zoldak each finished in the top 10 for the Bells.

HIGH SCHOOL RUNNING

Woodside's John Hannon, rated No. 5 in the Peninsula cross country rankings, posted a fifth-place time of 9:57.4. Bupp is ranked No. 1 on the Peninsula.

Brian Huggins was Fremont's top finisher with a 9:59.7 clocking, good for eighth place.

In the girls race, Fremont's Beth Bartholomew pulled away from Santa Teresa's Eva Barry over the final 50 meters to win in 11:20.7. Santa Teresa, however, won the team title with a combined time of 59:59. Los Gatos was second in 64:05, followed by Fremont (64:17), Leigh (64:10) and Los Altos (70:59).

Bartholomew, the Peninsula's No. 1-ranked girls runner, has lost just once in her eight invitational, finishing second to Santa Catalina's Rachel Lewis at last Thursday's Center Meet. Bartholomew and Fre-



The boys varsity field departs the starting line Thursday during a cross-country center meet at the Crystal Springs course in Belmont.

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mont were assisted by an eighth-place finish by teammate Phuong Sites (12:25.1).

Jenny Lemes led Los Altos with a ninth-place time of 12:27.6.

Center Meet

Mountain View's Janet Roller, the No. 4-ranked girls runner on the Peninsula, posted a time of 19:34 while winning the third and final Center Meet at Crystal Springs.

Roller's time over the 2.9-mile course was 13 seconds ahead of Thea Roberts' time of 19:47. Roberts and her Mitty teammates, however, captured the team title with a score of 53 points. Tarsha Handy and LaTanya Johnson also finished

in the top 10 to edge second-place St. Francis by 12 points. Mountain View was a distant third with 101 points.

St. Francis was led by Michelle Ruiz's third-place time of 20:01. Carlmont's Cynthia Mahaffey was 10th in 20:25.

In the boys race, San Mateo's Derek Waxman, ranked second on the Peninsula, took advantage of Bupp's absence to win in 15:32. Bupp won the first two Center Meets.

Serra, led by Phil Kilbridge's fourth-place time of 16:05, won the team title with 54 points. San Mateo was second with 96.

Bupp and Waxman will go head-

to-head in Wednesday's PAL championships at Crystal Springs. The West Catholic Athletic League will hold its league finals on Tuesday at Crystal Springs. The Santa Clara Valley and De Anza athletic leagues will hold their league meets on Thursday at Crystal Springs.

City Championship

Wilcox's Richard Johnson set meet record with a winning time of 16:46 over the 3.1-mile course at Santa Clara's Central Park. Johnson finished 49 seconds ahead of Santa Clara's Bam Gobet. The Bruins beat Wilcox, 26-30.

Karen Smallwood's first-place time of 21:37 led Wilcox to victory in the girls race.