

STAFF

Despite finishes in the top 10 by junior Tyson Thomas, senior Willie Clark and sophomore Jason Yingling, St. Francis High's cross-country team just missed overtaking second-place Bellarmine by one point in the West Catholic Athletic League finals Wednesday.

St. Ignatius won the team title over the 2.9-mile layout at the Crystal Springs course in Belmont with a final score of 44 — four points better than the Bells (48) and five better than St. Francis (49).

This time, "just missing" Bellarmine was better than what happened to the Lancers in a WCAL league meet two weeks ago. St. Francis "just missed" the meet by going to the wrong site.

This time, Thomas was the top Lancer runner, battling the course and chilly winds. Thomas finished in 15:55 — 17 seconds behind winner Mark McManus of St. Ignatius. McManus is the No. 4-ranked runner in the Central Coast Section coaches poll. Bellarmine's Kyle Dando, the No. 5-ranked runner, finished fourth in 16:05.

Meanwhile, Clark was fifth in 16:09 and Yingling, continuing to make strong showings, was seventh in 16:20.

Serra's Jason Branch finished eighth in 16:27, three seconds ahead of teammate Dan Boehle.

St. Francis, Bellarmine, St. Ignatius and Serra will return to Crystal Springs next week for the four divisions of the CCS meet.

SI wins, by one St. Fran

CROSS COUNTRY

WEST CATHOLIC LEAGUE

League finals
at Crystal Springs
2.9 miles

Teams — 1, St. Ignatius 44; 2, Bellarmine 48; 3, St. Francis 49; 4, Serra 92; 5, Mitty 145.

Individuals — 1, McManus (SI) 15:38; 2, Glosser (SI) 15:44; 3, Thomas (SF) 15:55; 4, Dando (B) 16:05; 5, Clark (SF) 16:09; 6, Kelly (B) 16:14; 7, Yingling (SF) 16:20; 8, Branch (S) 16:27; 9, Boehle (S) 16:30; 10, Cosentino (SI) 16:34.

Junior varsity

Teams — 1, Bellarmine 28; 2, St. Ignatius 41; 3, St. Francis 76; 4, Serra 89.

Individuals — 1, Folan (B) 17:17; 2, Darcy (SI) 17:24; 3, Krpata (B) 17:27.

Sophomores

Teams — 1, Bellarmine 17; 2, Sacred Heart 61; 3, St. Francis 107; 4, Riordan 120.

Individuals — 1, Lavelle (B) 17:14; 2, Boulland (B) 17:20; 3, Billeter (B) 17:40.

Fresh

Teams — 1, Bellarmine 24; 2, St. Ignatius 51; 3, St. Francis 80; 4, Riordan 102; Mitty 115.

Individuals — 1, Pearman (B) 17:18; 2, Dando (B) 17:40; 3, Washington (S) 17:55.