

Togetherness drives Falcons to title

Saratoga runs to girls' crown at Lynbrook

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There's something to the togetherness approach in cross country.

And the Monta Vista and Saratoga squads are proof positive.

The Monta Vista boys and Saratoga girls each ran as packs at the Lynbrook Invitational on Oct. 26, and the result was a team championship for each one.

Monta Vista put five boys in the top nine to easily romp to a team title, and Saratoga packed five girls from sixth to 17th to win the girls' championship the same day.

Monta Vista's James Van Zorren was first overall, covering the 2.1-mile distance in 11:18, to lead the Matadors to the crown. Mike Marcinkowski was third in 11:37 with Derek Decicco fifth in 11:40.

Monta Vista ran up a low 25 points to 49 for Saratoga, 72 for host Lynbrook and 76 for Westmont.

Saratoga finished the girls' race with 46 points to finish first with Lynbrook second at 69, Westmont third at 74, Monta Vista fourth at 78 and Prospect fifth at 83.

Vanzoeren set the pace in the boys' division with Saratoga's Hank

Nothhaft a close second in 11:34.

Trevor Guina led the Westmont effort by finishing fourth in 11:38 and Aman Sirohi starred for Lynbrook with a sixth-place finish in 11:52. Henry Shu was eighth for the Vikings in 12:10.

Alex Shoor supported Nothhaft by finishing 11th in 12:17 for Saratoga with teammates Brian Chin 12th in 12:18, Drew Copeland 13th in 12:19, Brett Pahler 15th in 12:25, David Chiang 16th in 12:26 and Erik Peterson 24th in 13:03.

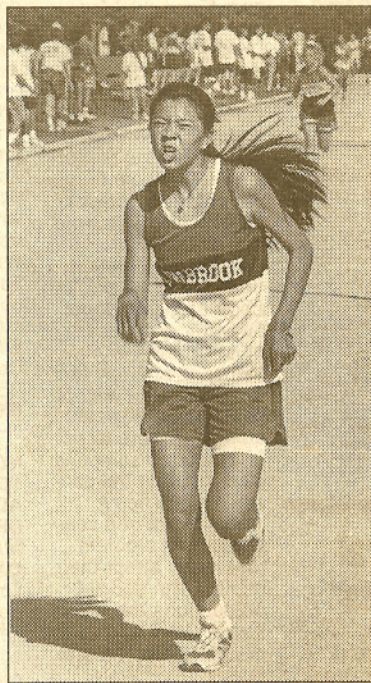
Freshman Alex Daniels ended up second overall in the boys' junior varsity division to lead the Falcons to a team second. "He ran the race of his life," Saratoga coach Marshall Clark said of Daniels, who stopped the watch at 12:34.

Luke Anderson was ninth in 13:05 with Nicholas Lin 10th in 13:10, Kevin Sheu 12th in 13:25, Wes Tanner 13th in 13:27 and David Wilson 14th in 13:27.

In the girls' varsity division, Westmont's Lisa Renteria continued her torrid pace this season by running to an individual victory in 13:08. Teammate Jennifer Malott was seventh in 14:14.

Amie Wu of Lynbrook found the familiarity of her home course to her liking and romped to an individual second in 13:34. Victoria Quevedo finished 10th for the Vikings in 14:26.

Monta Vista's Amy Nguyen was third in 13:48 with Nicole Sebek of



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Lynbrook's Amie Wu ran second in the Lynbrook Invitational.

Prospect fourth in 13:57, then the Falcons took over.

Mackenzie Williams was sixth in 14:13 to lead Saratoga to the team title.

"A tight 6-8-9 finish led the varsity girls to the team victory," Clark said.

Kathy Aanenson was eighth in 14:17 with Stephanie Sun ninth in 14:19. Stephanie Hall came through

with a 13th in 14:49 and Susan Song was 17th in 15:19 to round out the Saratoga top five. Meghan Miyamoto was 18th in 15:29 with Louise Tero 19th in 15:34.

Saratoga backed up the varsity championship with a win in the girls' junior varsity class.

Mandy Kemp was first in 15:38 to lead the Falcons (15) past the second-place Vikings (49). Dora Cheng was second in 15:40 with Laura Prolo third in 15:42, Joan Cheng fourth in 15:45 and Sarah Ku fifth in 15:52 for the Falcons.

Earlier in the week, Westmont and Prospect collided in a dual meet in the Santa Teresa Division of the Blossom Valley Athletic League, and they split in girls' and boys' action.

Renteria was first in 19:43 to lead the Westmont girls to a tight 28-29 win over the Panthers. Malott was third in 21:28 with Sue Doyle fourth in 21:43 for the Warriors.

Sebek finished second in 20:40 for the Panthers with teammate Rosa Dong fifth in 22:00.

Both teams are 3-3 in the division.

Greg Ortiz was first in 17:17 to spark the Prospect boys to a 24-31 win over Westmont. Steve Hoffmaster was second in 17:26 as the Panthers improved to 4-2 in league competition.

Steve Renteria was third in 17:30 to lead the Warriors. Guina was fourth in 17:32 with Tim Hofman fifth in 17:33.

Westmont slipped to 2-4.