



2025 6th Annual Jackie Henderson Memorial Meet Preview by Coach Gustavo Ibarra

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We are pleased to host the **6th Annual Jackie Henderson Memorial Cross Country Invitational** on **Saturday, September 6th, 2025 at North Monterey County High School** in Castroville, CA. The meet started back in 2018 with a modest 13 teams and has now exploded in size to over 60 teams in 2025! The event continues to honor *Jackie Henderson* who was an assistant cross country and track coach at North Monterey County who was tragically hit by a car while out on a run in the summer of 2017. The course is 3 miles and features a start and loops on flat grass, a moderately hilly section on dirt trails, and intermediate loops with an exciting finish in a beautiful track and field stadium. It has a mix of everything with great viewing and seating in the stadium and race play-by-play announcing and an awards stand. Most of our teams are from the Central Coast Section with some top contenders making a longer trip! The meet kicks off with a free **3 mile open race** (8:00 am) to honor Jackie allowing everyone to lace them up. Then the **middle schoolers** (6th-8th grades) are invited to show up for a free/open 2 mile (8:30 am). Finally, the traditional Frosh/Soph (9:00 Girls, 9:30 Boys), Junior Varsity (10:00 Girls, 10:30 Boys), and Varsity (11:00 Girls, 11:30 Boys) 3 mile **high school** races for each gender will highlight the meet on the fast layout. **The 2024 meet delivered as expected with new team and individual course records for the boys with the girls team record almost going down! For 2025, we see the girls AND boys team course records in serious jeopardy once again with the deepest team fields ever!**

The varsity girls feature the top team in all of CCS along with some divisional top ranked teams making for a great early season meet! Heavy meet favorite **St. Francis (Mountain View)**, returns as the two-time defending champion, poised to take a shot at the **course record (90:04) set by Whitney** in 2023. To get the record they will need to AVERAGE 18:00 for their top 5 girls, a tall, but doable, task! Last year they blitzed a 90:31 just off their team record of 90:17 they set in 2023. The third time may be the charm for them here to break 90:00! They return the heart of a national-caliber squad chomping at the bit for a state title which may come sooner rather than later. Last year they stormed the season and ended up as the best overall CCS squad with yet another podium state finish (3rd in a row!) with a fine runner-up in D2 and 6th overall out of all CA squads. **Evergreen Valley** returns after a fine 3rd place finish at this meet last year and then a solid 2nd place finish at CCS D1. They look to improve upon their 97:46 team time which is #8 all time. They are ranked 2nd in CCS D1. **Scotts Valley** and **St. Ignatius** will be in the hunt to snag the coveted top 3 team medals and make the podium. Scotts Valley has the 3rd fastest team time ever on the course (95:10-2022), won CCS D4 last year, and is ranked 1st in CCS D4 while St. Ignatius is ranked 1st in CCS D3. **Los Gatos** returns after a great 2nd place last year blitzing a 96:10 team time good for #5 all time. That set them up well on their way to placing 3rd in CCS D2. They will be holding off an army of teams trying to show well including **Alisal, San Lorenzo Valley, Leland, Woodcreek, Atwater, Hollister, Pioneer, and Valley Christian**. Teams will need to run sub 99:58 team time to make our **top 10 all-time**. 3-4 teams have a shot to do that here.

Individually, **Sivani Kaliki (11-Evergreen Valley)** returns after a fantastic 3rd place overall finish last year flying to a 17:54 mark good for #7 all time and is our slight favorite. She added a nice 4:59 track mile to her resume in the spring. Our darkhorse for the upset will be **Ava Decleve (12-Scotts Valley)** who stormed late in the year last fall to a sparkling 18:10 5k at the state meet. If she's close late, she could win it with her 2:09 800 speed. Both of them will have their hands full with a trio of Lancers who placed top

10 last year plus a 4th star! **Lauren Draper (12-St. Francis)**, who was 5th last year in 18:02, will shine along with **Charlie Hofstetter (12-St Francis)**, **Brinley Pickett (10-St. Francis)**, who also broke 5:00 in the mile, and **Payton Wagner (12-St. Francis)**. Don't be surprised if one of these Lancers wins it all, setting the stage for a historic team run! Challenging for top 5 spots and maybe an upset win will be **Nora Carino (11-Evergreen Valley)**, **Isla Roake (10-Santa Cruz)**, who ran 11:05 for 2 miles in track, and **Maya Schiro (12-Aptos)**. Others hoping to medal cracking the top 10 include **Yaretzi Cornelio (11-Alisal)**, **Elise Greenstreet (11-Los Gatos)**, **Katie Mullane (12-St. Francis)**, **Prienna Chavez (11-Hollister)**, **Piper Pyle (11-Los Gatos)**, **Naomi Julian (10-Templeton)**, **Maddie Goss (10-Woodcreek)**, **Nimeesha Kolari (12-Cupertino)**, **Eliot Marsh (10-St. Ignatius)**, **Autumn Pacheco (12-Evergreen Valley)**, **Maile Shinmoto (12-Leland)**, and **Iris Paten (10-Pacific Collegiate)**. [Girls will need to run under 18:00 to crack our top 10 all-time.](#) We could see 5-6 girls under that mark with 3-4 from the same team!! This race is LOADED!

The varsity boys team race will feature tons of meet veterans plus a few new additions to make things as deep as they have ever been! **Willow Glen** comes in as our favorite with a shot at the course record! They were 3rd last year, blazing a solid 79:07 good for 4th fastest ever. They return everyone up-front and if they can drop 12-13 seconds average for their scoring 5, the [team time course record of 78:05](#) will be theirs! **St. Ignatius**, our defending champs, and 2nd fastest team ever on our course, pulled off a 1 point win last year and will not give up their title easily led by some solid seniors with big-time experience. They feature the best 1-5 pack when their top 5 are clicking. Their league rivals **St. Francis (Mountain View)** will be trying to upset and grab some team medals. **Evergreen Valley** will be in the hunt for top 5. **Los Gatos** returns as the fastest team ever on the course with their [78:05 course record](#) set last year! They lost their team leader to graduation but return a few guys hoping to show well here. Keep an eye on **Aptos**, who ran the 5th fastest team time ever last year. If they have developed a 5th man, they could podium here. Other teams looking for top showings include **Salinas**, **Hollister**, **Woodcreek**, and **Windsor**. Teams hoping to crack the top 10 in a very deep field include **Scotts Valley**, host **North Monterey County**, **Alisal**, **Santa Cruz**, and **Atwater**. Teams will need to run 80:58 or faster team time to make our [top 10 all time list](#). We see 5-6 teams capable of that.

Individually, [Aydon Stefanopoulos \(Los Gatos\) graduated with a mind-blowing course record of 14:29 last year!](#) We think his record is safe today and maybe for the foreseeable future unless something major changes here. **Hayden Kieslich (12-Willow Glen)** comes in as our slight favorite over teammates **Brady Bliesner (12-Aptos)** and **Sam Hansen (11-Aptos)**. Hayden roared to a very nice 15:39 state meet 5k and is ready for a great senior year. Brady and Sam return after placing 7th (15:17) and 8th (15:21) respectively here last year. They both ran 1:55 in the 800 and Sam went 4:12 for the mile so watch the kicks! **Aidan Dunosky (12-Willow Glen)** was 9th last year and hopes to break up the Aptos duo and turn the tables. **Niall McDermott (12-St. Ignatius)**, **Aaron Weiss (12-Scotts Valley)**, with 1:54 800 speed, **Anthony Avis (11-Woodcreek)** and **Corbin Post (11-Windsor)**, who sparkled with a recent 15:17 track 5k, will be looking for the upsets. Watch teamwork in action with **Duncan Lorang (11-Willow Glen)**, **Zane Stewart (10-Willow Glen)**, and **Noah Tally (11-Willow Glen)** sealing things for our team favorites. One of them might surprise up-front. Some sleepers are **Johann Coss (10-Evergreen Valley)** and **Kevin Chin (12-St. Ignatius)**. Others looking for top 10 medals include **Tyler Huo (12-St. Francis)**, **Fernando Herrera (12-Alisal)**, **Fabian Serrano (12-Greenfield)**, **Michael Ervin (10-Windsor)**, **Ted Koch (11-St. Francis)**, **Xavier Surgeon (12-Windsor)**, **Dylan Bullentini (11-El Camino)**, **Anthony Sandford (11-Aptos)**, **Aiden Gray (12-St. Ignatius)**, **Jasper Bolante (11-Carmel)**, **William Wallace (12-Templeton)**, **Kevin Sacco (10-Los Gatos)**, **Vincent Cheung (12-Silver Creek)**, **Tomas Rey-Avila (12-Salinas)**, **Leandro Montoya (12-NMC)**, **Ryan Sacco (12-Los Gatos)**, and **Michael Coulson (12-St. Francis)**. [Boys will need to go sub 15:12 to get into the all-time top 10.](#) We could see 4-5 guys doing that today!

Thank you to the schools who have joined us as we honor Jackie and we hope you enjoy the meet!

Visit the meet website at: <https://sites.google.com/view/hendersonmemorialcc/home?authuser=0>

[Click here](#) to see 2025 participating teams and scroll down for the meet records!

North Monterey County HS Course Records* (*3 miles on new course made in 2018)

Girls' Top 10 Team Times



1) 90:04 Whitney 2023

- 2) 90:17 St. Francis 2023
- 3) 95:10 Scotts Valley 2022
- 4) 95:57 Clovis West 2019
- 5) 96:10 Los Gatos 2024**
- 6) 96:16 Lynbrook 2019
- 7) 97:38 Carmel 2022
- 8) 97:46 Evergreen Valley 2024**
- 9) 99:16 Hollister 2023
- 10) 99:58 Skyline 2019

Girls' Top 25 Individuals



1) 16:48 Ashlyn Boothby 12 Scotts Valley 2023

- 2) 17:16 Karissa Chamberlain 12 Whitney 2023
- 3) 17:28 Eleanor Wikstrom 12 Skyline 2019
- 4) 17:32 Shea Elmore 12 Los Gatos 2024**
- 5) 17:39 Kylie Hoornaert 10 Prospect 2022
- 6) 17:50 Ava Decleve 10 Scotts Valley 2023
- 7) 17:54 Sivani Kaliki 10 Evergreen Valley 2024**
- 8) 17:56 Caitlin Cilley 11 St. Francis 2023
- 9) 17:58 Julia Salamacha 9 St. Francis 2023
- 10) 18:00 Sabrina Zanetto 12 St. Francis 2024**
- 11) 18:02 Lauren Draper 11 St. Francis 2024**
- 12) 18:03 Katie Mullane 10 St. Francis 2023
- 12) 18:03 Ava Kopec 12 Whitney 2023
- 14) 18:05 Kylie Brunelli 12 Monte Vista Christian 2024**
- 15) 18:06 Addison Ewers 10 Whitney 2023
- 16) 18:07 Charlie Hofstetter 10 St. Francis 2023
- 17) 18:08 Anna Weirich 11 Harker 2019
- 18) 18:09 Amber Boothby 12 Scotts Valley 2022
- 18) 18:09 Caitlin Cilley 12 St. Francis 2024**
- 20) 18:10 Brinley Pickett 9 St. Francis 2024**
- 20) 18:10 Heidi Green 12 Santa Cruz 2024**
- 20) 18:10 Charlie Hofstetter 11 St. Francis 2024**
- 23) 18:11 Sophie Hutchinson 10 Whitney 2023
- 24) 18:12 Isla Roak 9 Santa Cruz 2024**
- 25) 18:13 Ava Ghio 10 Carmel 2022

Boys' Top 10 Team Times



1) 78:05 Los Gatos 2024

2) 78:36 St. Ignatius 2024

3) 79:06 Whitney 2023

4) 79:07 Willow Glen 2024

5) 79:32 Aptos 2024

6) 79:33 Woodcreek 2024

7) 79:39 St. Francis 2023

8) 79:51 Scotts Valley 2019

9) 80:21 Clovis West 2019

10) 80:58 Santa Cruz 2022

2) 14:46 Eli Fitchen-Young 10 Santa Cruz 2023

3) 14:56 Mack Aldi 12 Carmel 2024

3) 14:56 Trey Wright 12 St. Ignatius 2024

5) 15:01 Joshua Guzman 12 Gilroy 2024

6) 15:04 David Winston 12 Woodcreek 2024

7) 15:06 Carson Smith 12 Santa Teresa 2019

8) 15:06 Trent Nosky 12 Aptos 2022

9) 15:12 Noah Lopez 12 Whitney 2023

10) 15:12 Kees Van Der Meer 12 Santa Cruz 2023

11) 15:13 Dominic McMahon 12 Santa Clara 2024

12) 15:14 Matthew Mullane 12 St. Francis 2023

13) 15:17 Brady Bliesner 11 Aptos 2024

14) 15:21 David Hurren 12 Whitney 2023

14) 15:21 Sam Hansen 10 Aptos 2024

14) 15:21 Aidan Dunosky 11 Willow Glen 2024

17) 15:23 Ben Klarich 12 Los Gatos 2024

18) 15:24 Wells Lilly 12 Palma 2024

19) 15:25 Jeremy Kain 10 Scotts Valley 2019

19) 15:25 Mitchell Ross 12 Scotts Valley 2019

21) 15:26 Vincent Sandford 12 Aptos 2024

22) 15:28 Ethan Dodge 12 Whitney 2019

22) 15:28 Aiden Boothby 12 Scotts Valley 2022

24) 15:30 Pierson Lamborn 12 Clovis West 2019

25) 15:31 Hayden Kieslich 11 Willow Glen 2024

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