

fourth. Junior Tiffany Choy (Salinas) held off fellow junior Paula Foanini (Carlmont) for fifth place.

Carlmont, coached by Loren Lansberry, won the girls title with 84 points followed by Gunn 111, Los Gatos 116, Leigh 138, and St. Francis 154.

Boys Individuals: 1. Fernando Balderas (SJ) 14:45.8; 2. Kevin O'Connor (Car) 14:46; 3. Jesse Torres (Ind) 14:59; 4. Jim Kaspari (SF) 15:01; 5. John Hoch (MA) 15:02; 6. Felix Soto (MP) 15:03; 7. Dan Gonzales (MV) 15:07; 8. Nelson Bernal (Wes) 15:10; 9. Mike McCollum (PA) 15:10; 10. Jesse Colvin (Lyn) 15:11.

Boys Teams: 1. Leigh 72; 2. Watsonville 132; 3. St. Francis 136; 4. Los Gatos 137; 5. Hollister 163; 6. Santa Teresa 201; 7. Saratoga 223; 8. Westmont 227; 9. Willow Glen 241; 10. Fremont 248.

Girls Individuals: 1. Kerry Brogan (LA) 17:43.3; 2. Amy Harper (Pro) 17:59; 3. Ruth Day (WG) 18:31; 4. Esther Berndt (Gun) 18:33; 5. Tiffany Choy (Sal) 18:40; 6. Paula Foanini (Car) 18:46; 7. Betty Wilson (Wat) 18:48; 8. Jessica Van Leeuwen (Car) 19:00; 9. Lisa Pelzsynski (LA) 19:03; 10. Jennie Glockner (SH) 19:10.

Girls Teams: 1. Carlmont 84; 2. Gunn 111; 3. Los Gatos 116; 4. Leigh 138; 5. St. Francis 154; 6. Soquel 167; 7. Homestead 259; 8. Aragon 261; 9. Watsonville 268; 10. Palo Alto 292.

placed third. Corcoran's 44 points was a landslide as they bested the next best team, Hoover, by almost 100 points. Madera actually finished second to Corcoran with 113 points, but was disqualified because some of its runners wore gymnastic-like slippers, which were ruled illegal. The footwear was not disallowed before the race.

As the boys race was tight individually and a runaway teamwise; so, also with the girls. Clovis West's Karen VanWagenen was rated a slight favorite over Cynthia Rogers of Mt. Whitney who had been sick and injured earlier in the season. This time it was VanWagenen's turn to be sick, but she gave it a good fight, following coach Darrel Cox's orders to a tee -- "Hang loose with her the first mile, blast the next half mile, and then hang on." She took off during the first part of the second mile and built up a 40 yard lead, only to see it dwindle out of sight in the final quarter mile. Sophomore, Rogers didn't give up when she was behind and pulled off the big one. Clovis High coach Mike DeCarli also earned a team championship to go with the individual title of Gary Gonzales as the Cougars were convincing winners in the team scoring - the next team, Bakersfield North, had nearly twice as many points in runner-up spot.

Boys Individuals: 1. Gary Gonzales (Clovis) 14:38; Sergio Perez (Corcoran) 14:40; 3. Shawn Smallwood (Corcoran)

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DIANE GONG

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AMY HARPER

CENTRAL SECTION

by Bill Cockerham

November 16, Woodward Park, Fresno:

A perfect season! How many high school cross country runners can claim to be undefeated all season? Clovis High School junior Gary Gonzales can. He capped his perfect record by winning the C.I.F. Central Section "Valley" Championship, setting a Woodward Park 3 mile course record of 14:38 in the process. Gonzales pulled away after the first mile and settled in for a relaxing run, but was almost caught napping just before the tape when Corcoran's Sergio Perez overcame a wide margin to almost stage the upset.

Perez wasn't without a first place medal, however, as his Panther team won the title for the second year in a row. Corcoran was also aided by defending champion Shawn Smallwood who

14:44; 4. Jesse Cordova (Tranquility) 14:44; 5. Julian Vinton (Sanger) 14:54; 6. Nacho Salinas (Sanger) 15:02; 7. Bob Lohse (Hanford) 15:08; 8. Pete Escobedo (Corcoran) 15:13; 9. Jose Mascorro (Corcoran) 15:16; 10. Alex Gallegos (Tulare Western) 15:18; 11. Manuel Renteria (Madera) 15:20; 12. Ray Gomez (Redwood) 15:21; 13. Nick Scatina (East Bakersfield) 15:21; 14. Ernie Velarde (Madera) 15:23; 15. Vincent Montoya (Clovis) 15:23; 16. Dan Rodriguez (Arvin) 15:24; 17. Luis Frausto (Madera) 15:25; 18. Dave Lehrman (Immanuel) 15:26; 19. Chuck Shoshone (Fresno) 15:27; 20. Dean Walker (Hoover) 15:28.

Boys Teams: 1. Corcoran 44; 2. Hoover 132; 3. Clovis 138; 4. Sanger 142; 5. Redwood 151; 6. Hanford 208; 7. East Bakersfield 221; 8. Foothill 250; 9. Arvin 255; 10. Fresno 263; 11. McLane 315; 12.

Girls Individuals: 1. Cynthia Rogers (Mt. Whitney) 11:35; 2. Karen Van Wagenen (Clovis West) 11:50; 3. Crystal Berst (North Bakersfield) 11:59; 4.

Jenny Lloyd (Clovis) 12:01; 5. Gail Moffitt (Exeter) 12:11; 6. Tracy Choe-field (Foothill) 12:15; 7. Heidi Becker (Fresno) 12:19; 8. Diane Arredonde (Corcoran) 12:20; 9. Shirley Rojas (Redwood) 12:21; 10. Kathy Adame (Madera) 12:24; 11. Keri Palmer (North Bakersfield) 12:28; 12. Barbara Barnes (Hoover) 12:33; 13. Katie Meyers (Lemoore) 12:35; 14. Teri Nelson (West Bakersfield) 12:35; 15. Judy Penniger (Clovis) 12:39; 16. Erika Neilson (Clovis) 12:40; 17. Karyn Ward (Mt. Whitney) 12:42; 18. Linda Gonzales (Exeter) 12:43; 19. Wendy Vasquez (Redwood) 12:45; 20. Brenda Wilcox (Clovis) 12:45.

Girls Teams: 1. Clovis 64; 2. North Bakersfield 123; 3. Mt. Whitney 130; 4. West Bakersfield 136; 5. Exeter 139; 6. Redwood 146; 7. Lemoore 187; 8. South Bakersfield 224; 9. Tulare 243; 10. Sanger 245; 11. Fresno 266; 12. Foothill 288.