

Mtn. View runners win races

Blockhus, Clark show fine form in victories

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A wrong turn by Homestead High School runner Herb Pepper and a characteristic surge by Mountain View junior Craig Blockhus gave Blockhus the victory in the Mountain View Invitational cross country meet Monday.

Blockhus said he was about to make his move entering the final mile of the 2.8-mile race at Rancho San Antonio Park when Pepper, who had a slight lead, made a wrong turn. Blockhus simultaneously put on a surge resulting in a 21-second victory in 16:30.

"I was in front, but cramped up a bit and let (Pepper) lead on the downhill. He was in front, but I was riding him."

A couple of small hills in the latter portions of the course favored Blockhus, he said.

"Uphills don't bother me," Blockhus said. "I put on a surge at the crest and then stride out the

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downhills, which usually psyches them out."

Homestead, however, won the team title in the four-team meet with 45 points to Gunn's 50. Mountain View was third with 58 and Palo Alto fourth with 67.

Homestead was without Chris Richards, one of the top runners in the Central Coast Section. Richards was only slightly ill, but did not run as a precautionary measure. He said he will run in Monday's Stanford Invitational.

Blockhus is a favorite to win the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League.

"I think I have a real good shot at the league and maybe the CCS," Blockhus said. "I gained a lot of confidence at Clovis (Sept. 22) when I got a cramp and still knocked 30 seconds off my best time."

"Craig definitely is the runner to watch in the Valley," Mountain View coach Mike Sesich said. "He's a real serious runner. He likes to work hard and is really competitive. I think that showed when he



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Homestead High School's Herb Pepper leads Mountain View's Craig Blockhus at the two-mile mark, but Blockhus came back to win the Mountain View Invitational.

ran a 31:31 in the 10 kilometers to qualify for the junior national championships."

In the girls' race, two-time CCS champion Shannon Clark, a Mountain View junior, improved by 21 seconds over her victory in last year's meet, winning in 18:28.

One minute and 38 seconds behind Clark was Palo Alto freshman JoAnn Arnold, second in her first varsity race in 20:06. Teresa Clark of St. Francis was third in 20:51.

Palo Alto (52) won the girls' title over Mountain View (58) and St. Francis (65). Gunn and Homestead were incomplete.

In a center meet on Menlo-Atherton's 2.2-mile course, M-A freshman Laurie Andeen remained unbeaten in her three high school races with a time of 12:20.4. She nearly broke the girls' course record of 12:19.0.

M-A scored 22 points to beat Lyn-

brook by 47 points.

Woodside's Stan Carroll won the boys' race in 10:51, but Lynbrook won with 46 points to Los Altos' 49.

In the Bay Area Conference, Yen Fu Chow's second-place finish paced Woodside Priory to a 27-29 victory over visiting College Prep of Berkeley.

In a nonleague dual meet on Burlingame High's three-mile course, Rob Crandle's 15:54 led San Mateo's boys to a 19-37 triumph over the host school.

Toni Hartlaub's excellent 19:33 led San Mateo's girls' to a 22-35 victory.

Cross country

BAY AREA CONFERENCE

At Woodside Priory (3.1 miles)

Woodside Priory 27, College Prep 29

Individual leaders — 1, Higginbotham (CP) 18:37; 2, Chow (WP) 19:37; 3, Haight (CP) 19:48; 4, Glasow (WP) 19:54; 5, Sun (WP) 20:45; 6, Wong (CP) 20:45; 7, Ryu (WP) 21:51.

MOUNTAIN VIEW INVITATIONAL

At Rancho San Antonio Park

(2.8 miles)

BOYS

Team scores — Homestead 45, Gunn 50, Mountain View 58, Palo Alto 67.

Individual leaders — 1, Blockhus (MV) 16:30; 2, Pepper (H) 16:51; 3, B.-Arnoff (G) 17:09; 4, True (H) 17:18; 5, Levens (H) 17:23; 6, Kuhne (G) 17:23; 7, Smith (MV) 17:31; 8, Sheehan (G) 17:38; 9, Takayama (H) 17:41.

GIRLS

Team scores — Palo Alto 52, Mountain View 58, St. Francis 65, Gunn inc., Homestead inc.

Individual leaders — 1, Clark (MV) 18:28; 2, Arnold (PA) 20:26; 3, Clark (SF) 20:51; 4, Collmare (G) 21:11; 5, Pentz (H) 21:22; 6, Harr (H) 21:38; 7, Bratton (SF) 21:49; 8, McKinley (PA) 22:02; 9, Jones (MV) 22:09; 10, Anderson (G) 22:12.

CENTER MEET

At Menlo-Atherton (2.2 miles)

BOYS

Varsity

Team scores — 1, Lynbrook 46; 2, Los Altos 49; 3, Menlo-Atherton 64; 4, Woodside 68; 5, Wilcox 143; 6, Sequoia inc.

Individual leaders — 1, Carroll (V) 10:51; 2, Mansfield (L) 10:57; 3, Ost (S) 10:57; 4, Bullock (MA) 10:59; 5, Wade (MA) 11:16; 6, Cazellet (LA) 11:19; 7, Lowe (LA) 11:22; 8, Adams (W) 11:22.5; 9, Moore (LA) 11:26; 10, Cox (W) 11:26.

Prep scoreboard

Junior varsity

Team scores — 1, Lynbrook 32; 2, Los Altos 73; 3, Woodside 83; 4, M-A 117; 5, Santa Clara inc.

Individual winner — Frank Martin (L) 11:40.

Freshman

Team scores — 1, M-A 49; 2, Sequoia 59; 3, Woodside 72; 4, Lynbrook and Los Altos inc.

GIRLS

Varsity

Team scores — 1, M-A 22; 2, Lynbrook 69; 3, Wilcox 102; 4, Woodside 111; 5, Sequoia and Los Altos inc.

Individual leaders — 1, Andeen (MA) 12:20.4; 2, DeMarval (MA) 12:45; 3, Danning (L) 12:52; 4, Holmes (MA) 13:09; 4, Moran (S) 13:19; 5, Lohar (LA) 13:46; 7, Horstmeyer (MA) 13:46; 8, Clazie (MA) 13:47; 9, Brew (LA) 13:50; Wolfe (W) 14:06.

Junior varsity

Team scores — 1, M-A 15; 2, Lynbrook inc.

Individual winner — Angus (MA) 14:40.8.

At Burlingame High (3 miles)

BOYS

Varsity

San Mateo 19, Burlingame 37
Individual leaders — 1, Crandle (SM) 15:54; 2, Larson (SM) 15:58; 3, Lipscomb (SM) 16:58; 4, Huizer (B) 17:07; 5, Scapazzi (B) 17:53; 6, Musey (SM) 17:55; 7, Schmidt (SM) 18:13; 8, Aliaga (B) 18:38; 9, Harrington (SM) 18:45.

GIRLS

Varsity

San Mateo 22, Burlingame 35
Individual leaders — 1, Hartlaub (B) 19:33; 2, Carlson (SM) 20:36; 3, Villa Vicencio (SM) 20:59; 4, Franco (SM) 21:00; 5, Mason (SM) 21:35; 6,

Green (B) 21:39; 7, Tripp (B) 21:48; 8, Sawamura (SM) 21:57; 9, Ortner (B) 22:23; 10, Miller (S) 22:47.

JV winner — Liau (B) 19:57

Sophomore winner — Teller (SM) 17:34

Freshmen winner — Tova (B) 18:27