

Mills, San Mateo take PAL cross country titles

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BELMONT — Jill Kurz led Mills High to its third straight Peninsula Athletic League cross country title at the Crystal Springs course Thursday.

In boys' competition, Paul Eley of Mills won the long-awaited confrontation between Andy Bupp and Derek Waxman, but San Mateo won the varsity race.

"I'm real pleased with the way the kids ran," San Mateo coach Don Dooley said. "Our main goal now is to get to the (Central Coast) Sections as a team."

Eley, a transfer student to Mills this year, led the race from start to finish.

"I finally got pushed hard in a race," he said. "I'm happy I won the race, but I'm positive I can do better. The pressure may be a little more next week (during the sub-CCS race), but I think I can handle it."

Viking coach Ed Parker agrees with that assessment.

"Paul doesn't know this course very well, but his time today was better than it was the last time he ran here. As he gets more familiar with the course, he'll get more confident and he'll run better," he said.

While Waxman finished

second, he feels he can do better next week.

"I ran with Andy for most of the race, but as we got into the final mile, I thought Paul was beginning to move up," Waxman said. "I picked up my pace and tried to catch him."

Waxman managed to close to within 10 yards with a quarter of a mile left in the race. Eley's 15:10 was the fastest on the course this year.

Mills may have its best girls varsity team ever, with six runners finishing in the top 10, and three of the top five runners.

"We want to win the section and then go to state as a team," Kurz said. "I wasn't surprised I won today instead of (favorite) Alva (Dancel). She wasn't feeling very well."

Kurz has made dramatic advances since last year, when she was struggling to make the varsity squad. With extensive training over the summer, Kurz has run several personal bests this year.

"During our first duel meet (vs. Burlingame) I ran two minutes faster than I had before. That told me I had gotten a lot better."

Susie Jones of Carlmont was second in the race and she wasn't

happy about it.

"I went out fast at the beginning because I knew Alva and Jill are strong on the hills. Jill caught me in the second mile, and I ran with Alva for the rest of the race," Jones said. "It was real hot today, and I didn't drink enough before the race. I had some trouble with cramping up towards the end of the race. I know I can do better on this course."

Wednesday, PAL teams will join more than 40 others in the Central Coast Section sub-section at Crystal Springs at 1:15 p.m.

Peninsula Athletic League At Crystal Springs, 2.9 miles

BOYS

Varsity

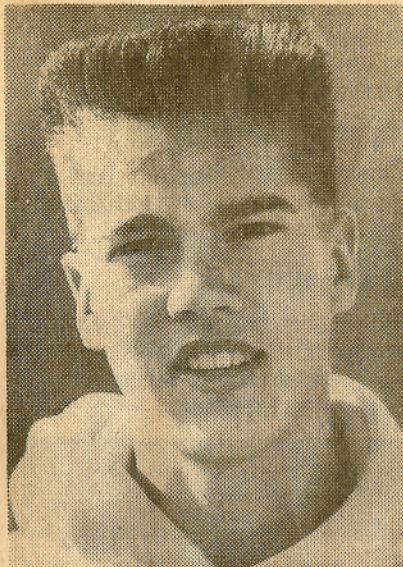
Team scores—San Mateo 63, Mills 88, Woodside 95, Aragon 52, Carlmont 127, Capuchino 138, Menlo-Atherton 147, Burlingame 166, Hillsdale 186.
Individual times—1. Eley (M) 15:10; 2. Waxman (SM) 15:12; 3. Bupp (W) 15:31; 4. Hannon (W) 16:11; 5. Kemist (A) 16:25; 6. Olden (C) 16:32; 7. Burgess (W) 16:41; 8. Crandall (SM) 16:52; 9. Silva (MA) 17:00; 10. Wind (Cap); 11. McGlashan (A) 17:15; 12. Wiprut (M) 17:18; 13. Yeager (B) 17:28; 14. Fitzman (H) 17:35; 15. Briceno (Cap) 17:37; 16. Arata (SM) 18:02; 17. Cheng (SM) 18:10; 18. Wollard (C) 18:11; 19. Franco (B) 18:12; 20. Yang (SM) 18:12; 21. Roy (H) 18:13; 22. Navach 18:15; 23. Wirong (M) 18:17; 24. Jacobsen (M) 18:26; 25. Weekes (SM) 18:28.

Junior Varsity

Team scores—Aragon 27, Carlmont 41, San Mateo 85, Mills 121, Hillsdale 122, Burlingame incomplete. Individual times—1. Jeff Lindquist (A) 18:43; 2. Hutkins (C) 18:46; 3. Wolowski (C) 19:19; 4. Chung (SM) 19:26; 5. Higgins (A) 19:32; 6. Kremers (A) 19:37; 7. Berk (A) 19:48; 8. Cleary (A) 19:51; 9. Lotze (H) 19:56; 10. Sweeney (MA) 19:58; 11. Chu (A) 20:07; 12. Gardner (C) 20:16; 13. Nannini (B) 20:19; 14. Brown (MA) 20:21; 15. Kitchen (MA) 20:25.

Fresh Soph

Team scores—San Mateo 22, Hillsdale 64, Aragon 81, Mills 109, Carlmont 110, Burlingame 117.



Paul Eley

Capuchino incomplete. Individual times—1. Brian Fong (SM) 17:50; 2. Waxman (SM) 17:55; 3. Barnes (H) 18:32; 4. King (A) 18:42; 5. Baker (SM) 18:49; 6. Liu (SM) 18:51; 7. Torres (H) 19:03; 8. Vallejo (SM) 19:20; 9. Lam (H) 19:24; 10. Rubinstein (SM) 19:32; 11. Hystad (A) 19:38; 12. Canu (Carl) 19:40; 13. Lo (M) 19:55; 14. McCoy (B) 20:00; 15. Jennings (A) 20:10.

Freshmen

Team scores—Mills 35, San Mateo 61, Capuchino 69, Menlo-Atherton 76, Aragon 114. Individual scores—1. Alonzo Stokes (Carl) 17:35; 2. Ramirez (Cap) 17:39; 3. Nash (SM) 17:49; 4. Phan-Quang (M) 17:56; 5. Harle (A) 18:19; 6. Chen (SM) 18:41; 7. Mahaffey (C) 19:03; 8. Graf (Cap) 19:07; 9. Harry (MA) 19:12; 10. Gilchrist (M) 19:13.

GIRLS

Varsity

Team scores—Mills 20, Aragon 75, Carlmont 89, Burlingame 117, Woodside 130, Menlo-Atherton 147, San Mateo 163, Hillsdale 185, St. Ignatius incomplete. Individual times—1. Kurz (M) 19:14; 2. Jones (C) 19:28; 3. Brightwell (M) 19:38; 4. Harlick (M) 19:49; 5. Dancel (M) 20:06; 6. Lanterman (B) 20:35; 7. Cunningham (M) 20:40; 8. Stein (B) 20:43; 9. Meade (C) 21:08; 10. Harlick (M) 21:15; 11. Muller (A) 21:18; 12. Taylor (M) 21:39; 13. Bolin (A) 21:46; 14. Chan (A) 22:23; 15. Kirk (MA) 22:33; 16. Rector (W) 22:35; 17. Rector (W) 22:40; 18. Kyle (A) 22:55; 19. Hinch (A) 23:15; 20. Holt (W) 23:20; 21. Sorenson (SM) 23:22; 22. Luscap (C) 23:28; 23. Descalzi (SM) 23:34; 24. Strause (A) 23:35; 25. Stanfill (SI) 23:48.

Junior Varsity

Team scores—Mills 18, Aragon 41, Individual times—1. Kathy Morse (M) 22:07; 2. Yee (M) 22:52; 3. Wesendunk (A) 23:12; 4. Battistoni (M) 23:18; 5. Chan (M) 23:33; 6. Dane (M) 23:37; 7. Carrera (M) 24:08; 8. Abshire (A) 24:12; 9. Portillo (A) 24:14; 10. Ozanne (A) 24:20; 11. Pucci (A) 24:23; 12. Van Ness (MA) 24:46; 13. Chiang (M) 24:48; 14. Dougherty (A) 25:03; 15. Silva (A) 25:45.