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## CCS boys track & field: Paly's Givens nearly makes history

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GILROY -- Eli Givens ran the fastest 100 meters of his life. History, though, won't champion the Palo Alto senior as the first-ever t

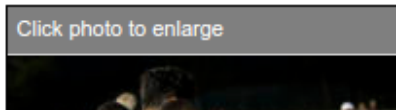
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Clovis' Veterans Memorial Stadium. He bounced back to repeat as the CCS champion in the 200 meters, though his winning time of 21.64 was a tenth of a second from his PR set last



Palo Alto junior Kent **Slaney** earned his first trip to the state championships by finishing third in the 1,600 meters. His time of 4:19.95 trailed Bellarmine junior Matthew Richardson (1st, 4:17.39) and runner-up Roman Munoz of King City (2nd, 4:17.81).

"Munoz took it out pretty quickly, which was something I wasn't quite expecting," **Slaney** said. "I stayed back a little bit, but I felt like I had to stay close enough that I could catch up to him, if it came to that. In the end, it probably hurt our times, so it wasn't a particularly fast race at the finish. But I'm pretty happy with how I ran."

Down the stretch, **Slaney** held off a second long-distance runner from Bellarmine.

"I knew I just had to go for it," **Slaney** said. "I was just absolutely running on empty, so I did what I could."