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## Gunn girls, Paly boys run to SCVAL cross-country titles

After winning the three previous league meets, the Gunn girls and Palo Alto boys were pretty much shoe-ins to claim team titles at the SCVAL El Camino Division Cross Country Championships on Tuesday.

To absolutely no one's surprise, the Titans and Vikings did just that as both teams scored 36 points and won easily.

In the girls' race, Los Altos was second with 61 and Palo Alto third with 86. For the boys, Gunn ran a strong second with 60 points and Los Altos took third with 71.

Also as expected, Gunn senior Gillian Meeks won the girls' race as she clocked 17:27.2 over the rolling 2.95-mile layout at Crystal Springs in Belmont. She also had won three previous league races. Despite battling a cold, Meeks beat Lauren Jacob of Los Altos by more than 41 seconds.

Perhaps the only surprise of the day was Palo Alto junior Kent Slaney not winning the boys' title, as he had done in the previous three league meets.

Slaney, also battling a cold, finished second in 15:14.5 as senior Ben Zaeske of Los Altos ran off with individual honors while clocking 15:06.7.

Aside from that little bump, it was a great day for the Gunn and Paly teams as they qualified for the Central Coast Section Championships on Nov. 14, also at Crystal Springs.

"It was a really great day for our team, both boys and girls," said Gunn coach PattiSue Plumer. "Twenty girls and 33 boys had seasonal or career PR's . . . some of them massive. I was told that the girls' team time was the second-fastest in school history. And, our top three boys had a combined PR of almost four minutes. Crazy.



Gunn senior Gillian Meeks won her second straight title at the SCVAL El Camino Division Cross Country Championships.



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