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Good times don't reflect track finishes at Arcadia Invitational

From the perspective of times, it was a good day for Palo Alto and Gunn athletes at the 49th annual Arcadia Invitational track and field meet on Saturday in Southern California.

Those times, however, weren't necessarily reflected in where those athletes finished, however, as rainy weather and outstanding competition ruled the day.

Palo Alto junior Kent Slaney, for example, had the best local finish by taking fourth in the Boys Seeded Mile in 4:20.36. When converted to the 1,600 meters, Slaney's time of 4:18.85 is second only to his lifetime best of 4:18.55 from last year.

Slaney was anywhere from second to ninth during the race in the pretty tight pack. His knees, bloodied by spike marks, reflected just how tight. He turned in laps of 68, 67, 63 and 60 seconds while turning in one of his best efforts ever.

Slaney was the fastest Central Coast Section runner, finishing one spot ahead of Lynbrook senior Justin Robison's 4:20.84. However, there also was a Boys Invitational, which featured some of the best in the nation. That race was won by Connor Dunne of San Clemente in 4:09.45.

Thus, combining both races, Slaney was a respectable 12th overall.


Also running a mile was Menlo School sophomore Robert Miranda. He competed in the Boys Rising Star Mile and finished fifth in 4:23.25.



Palo Alto junior Kent Slaney (2377) finished fourth in the Boys Seeded Mile at the Arcadia Invitational on Saturday. Photo by Malcolm Slaney.



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