

Prep track: Paly's Eli Givens sweeps sprints at CCS 'Top 8' Classic

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LOS GATOS -- Palo Alto senior Eli Givens needed to catch his breath Friday night at Los Gatos High after running the sprints at the 37th annual CCS "Top 8" Track & Field Classic. Certainly he did not allow let the rest of the field catch up.

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Paly junior Kent **Slaney** also made noise after winning the 1,600 meters by nearly a second. His time of 4:18.99 was within range of his PR set last year -- 4:18.55.

"I'm really happy at the pace we went out," **Slaney** said. "And that last lap I was just hoping to PR. I saw the time and I went for it."

Neck and neck for the first three laps, **Slaney** took off with 400 meters left and never looked back.

"We put him in the 800 and we run him in the 4 by 4 so he gets speed work in and he knows how strong he is," Feeley said. "And that he can handle kicking for a full 400 -- 500 if he needs to."

By the end of the season, **Slaney** hopes to break the school record, which sits at roughly 4:13.

"There's certainly a lot of work left to do," **Slaney** said. "But this is a great indication that it's going to be a great season, it's going to be great CCS race, and hopefully a great state race, too."

Slaney also finished fourth in the 3,200 meters, one spot and 0.12 behind St. Francis-Mountain View senior Xander Olivero, who clocked in at 9:19.51. Menlo School-Atherton sophomore Robert Miranda set a PR in the race at 9:29.01, good enough for sixth.