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Cupertino, Sunnyvale: Robison is the fastest finisher at CCS finals

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For the fourth straight year Justin Robison left the Central Coast Section cross country championships with a medal, but last Saturday he went home with the one he really wanted.

After collecting hardware for finishing sixth, third and fourth in CCS Division II races in his first three seasons, the Lynbrook senior left no doubt who the first-place medal belonged to this year. Robison won the top prize by running 15:11.5, the fastest time of the day at the 2.95-mile Crystal Springs course in Belmont.

Robison, who scored a 24-second victory over runner-up Nolan Dozier of Sobrato, now will try to make the fourth time a charm at the CIF State Meet. After progressing from 133rd place as a freshman to 79th as a sophomore and 33rd last season, Robison wants to break into the top 10 and win a medal.

In the D-I boys race, won by Palo Alto junior Kent Slaney in 15:22, seniors Brent Mogensen (15:41) of Monta Vista and Zahid Anjum (16:00) of Wilcox earned state bids by placing fourth and 11th, respectively.

Homestead's boys were led by senior Chris Reed, who finished eighth in 15:52, junior Matt Bennett (17th place, 16:08) and league frosh-soph champion Ryan Ma, who finished 19th with a Homestead freshman record time of 16:15. Also helping the Homestead cause were senior Daniel Graves, 22nd in 16:21, junior Max Sawyer, 26th in 16:28, senior Adithya Somasundaram, 28th in 16:29, and junior C.J. Sloan, 45th in 17:04.