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A distance sweep helps Paly boys tame Wildcats on the track

Kent Slaney led a sweep of the distance races and Palo Alto turned it into a 74-53 victory over host Los Gatos in a Santa Clara Valley Athletic League De Anza Division boys track and field meet Thursday.

Titi Bolarinwa and Julia Doubson each turned in solid efforts on the girls side but Los Gatos edged the Vikings, 64-61.

Slaney raced a season best 9:41.99 in winning the 3,200. Naveen Pai followed him across the finish line in 10:07.98 and Sam Craig went 10:14.18. Spencer Morgenfeld ran a personal-best 10:37.33 to place fifth.

Slaney, Reed Foster and Craig all finished within six seconds of each in the 1,600 to earn all nine points. Slaney ran 4:32.84, Foster raced 4:35.52 and Craig came in at 4:38.47.

Kai Oda, who earlier ran a personal best to place fifth in the 1,600, ran a season-best 2:04.69 to finish second in the 800 behind Slaney's 2:02.27. Foster followed in 2:06.87.



Darby Felter won the 300 hurdles. Photo by Mark Foster.



