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Warrior boys shine at OC Championships

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A week made a big difference for the Woodbridge High's boys cross country team at Irvine Regional Park.

The Warriors finished fourth in the Sea View League cluster meet on Oct. 8. It was a race that Woodbridge coach George Varvas wasn't real pleased with.

He was a happy coach last Saturday at the 42nd Annual Orange County Championships at Irvine Regional.

Woodbridge finished seventh in the 17-team field featured boys sweepstakes race.

Woodbridge had 234 points and a team time of 79:26, which Varvas said was the school's fastest team time ever at the championships.

"It was one of our highest finishes ever," Varvas said. "We were 10th the last two years. Finishing seventh was great and we still aren't 100 percent. We accomplished a whole lot."

Woodbridge was led by senior Shane Berglas, who finished 13th in a time of 15:15.

"Shane looked real good," Varvas said. "It was a lot better than his previous couple of races."

Sophomore Dillon Scott came in 26th in 15:33 and was the fourth best sophomore in the county.

"He had another solid race," Varvas said. "It is nice to see how much he has matured in his running."

Junior Derrick Fleming finished 55th in 16:04, junior Cameron Mahon was 56th in 16:04 and sophomore Andrew Burde placed 85th in 16:30.

"Derrick as consistent again for us, Cameron looked good and Andrew fought hard for us," Varvas said.

University won the Division III title, edging Pacific Coast League rival Beckman. Senior Daniel Ryan paced the Trojans, finishing second in his race in 15:38.

"The boys did really well and Daniel had a really good time," Uni coach Dan Wroblicky said. "If the boys won a race here, it was a long time ago. It is something to be very excited about."

University had four runners in the top 18 to help it finish with 83 points. Junior Alex Kiperman was 12th in 16:16, Junior James Bachelor came in 13th in 16:17, Junior Shy Matsuoka was 18th in 16:24 and freshman Jake Brower finished 38th in 16:47.

Beckman, which was without Elijah Wells, finished second with 96 points. The Patriots were led by junior Aaron Perry, who was sixth in 16:02. Sophomore Brandon Perry was 14th in 16:18, sophomore Jared Allison placed 20th in 16:27, freshman Kevin Dewey was 21st in 16:28 and senior Jimmy Shiba placed 35th in 16:45.

Irvine came in fifth with 174 points in Division III.

Ryan Torres was fifth in 15:52 for the Vaqueros.
Sophomore Roni Palm finished 30th in 16:40,
senior Emmanuel Chang came in 37th in 16:47
and sophomore Andy Palm was 39th in 16:47.

The Northwood boys finished 16th in the Division II race. Senior Stefan Howard placed 21st in 16:04 to pace the Timberwolves.

"Stefan had another strong performance," Northwood coach Charles Gates said. "He is someone who leads by example."

Senior Ian Howard came in 75th in 16:49 and sophomore Ryan Purcell was 83rd in 16:56.