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Next step for top track and field athletes is CCS finals

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Palo Alto junior Eli Givens will have the opportunity to defend his title in the boys' 100 meters and the Gunn girls will take a shot at defending their team title. For everyone else, they'll be competing for a top-three finish at the Central Coast Section Track and Field Championships on Friday.

Givens was one of nine local boys who qualified for the championships following Saturday's section semifinals at San Jose City College, site of the finals. He qualified in the 100 (10.97) and 200 (21.99) -- winning his heats in both races -- in addition to finishing fourth in the long jump (21-3 1/2 and running a leg on the Vikings' 1,600 relay team that clocked a season best of 3:24.69 while taking second.

Charlie Badger Dami Bolarinwa, Kent Slaney and Givens made up the 4x400 quartet that now ranks third in the section. Bolarinwa also advanced in the 400 with a personal best of 50.79 earning him sixth overall.



Palo Alto junior Eli Givens won his heat in the 100 meters in 10.79 and qualified for the CCS finals, where he is the defending champion.

