

PALO ALTO WEEKLY



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The Gunn and Paly boys tied for second place with 89 points apiece, with the Titans earning a tiebreaker to get that spot. First-place Los Altos placed an astonishing six runners in the top 10 and won easily with 26 points.

Paly junior runner Lucas Matison led the way in the boys' race, taking first with a 15:30 time.

For the Paly boys, Matison's first-place effort was the main propeller of the team, with a 16th-place finish from Aaron Chandler and a 20th-place finish from freshman Kent Slaney, who ran despite battling a painful hip flexor injury.

Plumer, who coaches both the boys and girls at Gunn, was very happy with the overall performance of both of her teams in the meet, and placed some of the success of both squads on the tenacity of her girls.

"It's great to have good girls, because the guys start to get competitive," Plumer said with a laugh. "Guys don't like to be beaten by the girls. They get mad, and then they start to train better and run better."