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Runners open season at Laguna Hills Invitational

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The sun was out and the weather heated up as the morning went on, but there were still fast times turned in by high school runners in the city at the first cross country meet of the season Saturday.

Beckman, Crean Lutheran, Irvine, Northwood, University and Woodbridge competed in the Laguna Hills Invitational in and around Laguna Hills High.

Woodbridge's boys team, despite missing a couple of its top runners, finished with the eighth best team time overall.

Northwood's girls team came in 10th overall in 98 minutes, 30 seconds.

The Warriors boys squad ended in 82:30, which was fifth best among Orange County schools.

"We were missing some people, but we had a lot of kids run really well," Woodbridge Coach Bryan Pacheco said. "I thought Ryuya (Souther) looked good. It was a good enough start. Our top three boys are going to make us a solid team, and we have some other kids that are just going to have to continue to step up."

Souther, a senior, had the 13th best time overall, finishing in 15:56 over the 3-mile course. He was third in his Division 2 senior race.

Woodbridge's Sean McConville was 37th overall in 16:14, and Brett Knutson came in 46th in 16:21. McConville was 11th in the Division 2 senior race, and Knutson finished fourth in the Division 2 sophomore race.

Woodbridge's Carson Albin came in 16th in the Division 2 junior race in 16:43, and Omar Ahmed was 26th in 17:22.

Woodbridge freshman John Pantigoso was sixth in the Division 2 freshman race in 17:18.

Woodbridge's Lora Gonzalez had the fastest individual time among girls from the city. She was third in the Division 2 senior race in 18:42. Gonzalez had the 14th-fastest time of the day.

Woodbridge's Mariam Masud was 25th overall in 19:01. She finished sixth in her Division 2 sophomore race.

Erika Adler of Northwood was 19th overall in 18:51. She finished fifth in the girls Division 2 senior race.

Hailey Villaflor took 15th in 20:44 for the Timberwolves.

Northwood had three of the top eight in the Division 2 girls freshman race. Aleks Crampton was sixth in 19:42, Mary King came in seventh in 20:02, and Autumn Clark was eighth in 20:11.

Chloe Muller was ninth in the Division 2 junior girls race in 19:44 for Northwood.

For University, sophomore Cedia Langlois came in seventh in 19:17 in her Division 2 race.

Beckman sophomore Amy Lambert was 12th in 19:41.

Beckman's Kenton Bosh finished 18th in the Division 2 senior race in 16:37. Bailey Ipcizade was 12th in the Division 2 sophomore boys race in 16:46.

Beckman's Rahul Aggarwal came in fourth in the Division 2 freshman boys race in 17:16

Irvine's Rebecca Rea was sixth in the Division 3 sophomore girls race in 19:59.

For Crean Lutheran, Dylan Kochan was sixth in the Division 3 sophomore race in 16:47. Anthony Fitzgerald was second in the Division 3 freshman boys race in 17:43.

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