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Dozens of area athletes qualify for finals during CIF-SS Track and Field Prelims

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Quincie Richards reached one major milestone.

Is another awaiting the Royal High senior?

She led all girls triple jumpers at the CIF-Southern Section Division 2 Track and Field Prelims on Saturday with an all-time Ventura County best mark of 39 feet, 10 inches.

If wind legal, she betters the 12-year-old record of 39-5 set by Pacifica's Jazzelena Black.

Richards also qualified in the long jump (17-9.50). No county girls athlete has won the triple and long jumps in the same section championship. The only other county girls triple jump section champion was Sharon Manship of Thousand Oaks in 1987.

Richards was one of dozens of area athletes punching their tickets to the section finals next Saturday at Moorpark High.

Division 1

At Trabuco Hills High

Advancing to the section boys finals were Rio Mesa's Jackson Knowles, high jump, 6-2; J.R. Leshner, Hueneme, 3,200, 9:09.43; and Luis Aguilera, shot put, 52-4.

Camarillo's Trinity Tipton qualified in the girls shot put (39-8) and had the best qualifying mark in the discus (137-5).

Also qualifying were the Oxnard 4x100 relay (48.01) and Mikayla Oliver in the girls long jump (17-3.25).

Division 2

At Ontario High

Ventura positioned itself for a run at the boys team title.

Luke Carnaghe qualified in the 110 hurdles (15.07), long jump (21-3.50) and 300 hurdles (40.06) for the Cougars.

Among other Ventura finalists include: Micah Grossman, 1,600 and 3,200 (9:14.13); Anthony Fast Horse, 800 (1:54.87) and 1,600 (4:18.07); Erik MuroMurillo, discus (146-9) and shot put (48-0); and Antonio Di Silvestri, pole vault (13-3).

Four area sprinters advanced to the 200 final: Kingston Celifie, Calabasaas, 22.06; Ylian Ostojic (22.24) and Ifeoluwaleyi Orekoya (24.38) of Westlake; and Preston Binns, Royal, 22.49.

Celifie, a freshman, led division qualifiers in the 100 (10.84).

Ostojic, who had the fastest qualifying time in the 400 (48.39), will play a key role for Westlake. The Warriors could score well with Cade Sommers, who qualified in the pole vault (13-3) and long jump (21-6.5); sprinter Orekoya; high jumper Dante Deshautelle (6-1); the 4x100 (42.31) and 4x400 (3:23.65) relays; and Lawson Grace, shot put (49-7).

Sprint depth makes Calabasas one of the division teams to beat for the girls title. Marley Scoggins (11.91) and Malia Rainey (12.15) qualified in the 100. The Coyotes had the fastest qualifying time in the 4x100 (46.37). Lahela Ray (56.08) and Zoe Ray (56.12) qualified in the 400. Arielle McKenzie (2:13.52) and Arden Keeton (2:14.19) also qualified for the 800. Calabasas qualified in the 4x400 relay (3:54.93).

Ventura made its case at the prelims. The Cougars are among state leaders for the 4x100 and 4x400 relays.

National record-holder Sadie Engelhardt won her heat of the 1,600 (4:54.20). Tiffany Sax qualified in the 1,600 (4:55.74) and 3,200 (10:47.88). Aelo Curtis qualified for the 3,200 (11:02.16). Valentina Fakogha advanced in the high jump (5-1) and 400 (56.41).

Olivia Kirk of Royal qualified in the 100 (12.00) and 200 (24.70). Newbury Park's Abigail Pace qualified in the 100 hurdles (15.49) and 300 hurdles (45.75) and Caitlyn Dougherty of

Moorpark advanced in the 100 hurdles (15.93) and 300 hurdles (46.13).

Qualifying in the pole vault were: Ava Hermanson (Royal), Claudia Turner (Westlake), Isabella Di Silvestri (Ventura), and Kaia Duben (Newbury Park).

Avery Estelle of Simi Valley qualified for the discus (126-0). Olivia Healy of Newbury Park qualified for the high jump (4-11).

Royal qualified for the girls 4x100 (48.49) and 4x400 (4:01.23) relays. Westlake qualified for the girls 4x100 relay (49.19).

Royal's Sean Sandwick qualified for the boys discus (48-5) and Graham LaBass qualified for the pole vault (13-3). Thenuk Chandrasekera qualified in the 100 (11.04) and 300 hurdles (40.45). Royal had the fastest qualifying time in the boys 4x400 relay (41.90).

Micah Dickran (1:54.83) of Newbury Park and Asher Lee (1:55.33) of Royal qualified for the 800 final. Arnav Shetty of Newbury Park qualified for the 3,200 (9:18.20). Davis Benson of Moorpark qualified in the high jump (6-1).

Division 3

At Yorba Linda High

Qualifiers for the Thousand Oaks boys team included Liam Papavasiliou, 1,600, 4:16.17; Andrew Simon-Lacombe, long jump, 21-6.75; and the 4x400 relay (3:24.64).

Grant Molina of Buena qualified for the high jump (5-11). Darrick Jacob of Agoura qualified for the 800 (1:56.40).

Fillmore's Anthony Tafoya qualified in the discus (139-2).

Greyson Westmore and Pierce Brittain of Oaks Christian cleared 12-6 to qualify for the pole vault final. Christian Yoder (9:17.94) and Cooper McNee (9:19.59) qualified for the 3,200.

For area schools, Division 3 is a sprinting paradise.

Defending state champion Niya Clayton (11.80) of Oaks Christian is one of five area girls sprinters in the nine-person 100 final. Accompanying Clayton in final will be Oaks

Christian's Kyra Terry (12.17) and Imani Clayton (12.33), plus Buena's Maddie Easter (11.89) and Taylor Murphy (12.41).

Easter (24.35), Terry (24.67), Rayah Rodriguez (24.67) of Oaks Christian and Agoura's Sarah Naibi (25.09) made the 200 final.

Morgan Quinn (57.15) of Thousand Oaks, Rodriguez (57.43) and Santa Paula's Lissett Magana (59.46) qualified in the 400.

Delaney Napierala (5:00.36) and Grace Geyer (5:00.62) of Oaks Christian advanced in the 1,600. Geyer (10:57.40) reached the 3,200 final with Thousand Oaks' Cassidy Kajita (11:05.94) and Maggie De La Rionda (11:06.31).

Sophia Colebrooke of Oaks Christian qualified in the 100 hurdles (15.60). Oaks Christian qualified for the girls 4x400 relay (3:59.63).

Buena (47.76) and Oaks Christian (48.13) won their girls 4x100 relay heats to qualify for the finals.

Madison Thai of Thousand Oaks qualified in the high jump (5-2) and Jordyn Brown qualified in the long jump (17-2). Taya Frodis and Taylor Dominguez qualified in the pole vault (11-0).

Abigail Degnan of Simi Valley qualified for the shot put (33-7).

Division 4

At Carpinteria High

Christian Diaz (10.95) of St. Bonaventure, Makaio Thompson (11.01) of Santa Clara and Arinze Okogbo of Thacher (11.18) qualified for the boys 100 final.

Thompson also advanced in the 200 with Corbyn Mitany (22.44) of Nordhoff and Arinze Okigbo (22.69) of Thacher.

For Foothill Tech, Braeden Elliott (2:01.30) and Viggo Bortolin (2:01.85) qualified for the 800 final. Conor White qualified for the 1,600 final (4:24.99). Chance Leandro qualified for the 3,200 (9:32.49). Cody Bondy qualified for the discus (132-5). Elijah Spencer advanced in the shot put (43-11.75). The Dragons qualified for boys 4x400 relay (3:30.72).

Andrew Driver of St. Bonaventure qualified for boys high jump (5-8).

Among the girls qualifiers were Nordhoff's Crystal Ramirez, 800, 2:25.32; Eva Sobenes, Nordhoff, pole vault, 9-6; Sadie Harbour, La Reina, high jump, 4-10; and Taylor Gudebski, Thacher, 1,600, 5:17.77.