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OROVILLE — Chico High School's cross country teams finished second in every category in Eastern Athletic League competition, and did as well at the league finals Thursday in Oroville.

Chico (eight points) was second to Oroville (14) in varsity boys' action; with 17 points, second to Lassen (18) in varsity girls; and with 18, second to Lassen (19) in JV boys' races.

The junior varsity boys' division was decided only by the sixth-place runner from Lassen, who finished higher than Chico's Kevin Price by just 10 seconds.

Phil Rochleau of Paradise won the varsity boys' race with a time of 15 minutes, 47.1 seconds. Chico's top runner, Brooks Von Bargen, was not able to finish the race. John Noyes was Chico's top finisher, crossing the line 19th at 17:24.1.

Tina Gorbet of Lassen (Susanville) proved again that she has

no equal in this area, finishing first at 12:53. Her closest challenger was Orland's Trixie Robbins, 13:16.07. Alicia Mercer of Pleasant Valley was third (13:31.1), and Julie Van Dyke of Chico was fifth (14:13.6). Van Dyke and Stephanie Moran were named to the all-EAL list.

Robbins was a non-award winner as Durham and Orland competed for schedule only this year.

Joel Kruger (Paradise) was the top JV boys' finisher, at 12:08.23; Gary Ford of Pleasant Valley finished second at 12:12.62. Joah Randall and Josh Hubbard, both of Chico, were fourth and fifth with times of 12:21.47 and 12:26.40.

Irene Cardenas of Bidwell Junior High won the JV girls' race, posting a time of 13:49.2. Kerry Houchin of Chico Junior was second, 14:19.8. Lassen won the team competition with 63 points, followed by Chico (30) and Bidwell (28).

Following are the results

Varsity Boys

1. Phil Rochleau, P, 15:47.1; 2. Mike Robertson, LP, 16:04.6; 3. Shawn Gomez, LP, 16:12.0; 4. Shawn Stevens, O, 16:17.3; 5. Kevin Meranda, O, 16:22.5; 6. Gary Sanders, L, 16:25.7; 7. Dan Teeter, L, 16:31.6; 8. Scott Warden, LP, 16:53.3; 9. Karel Kohlik, O, 16:55.1; 10. Josh Liss, O, 16:59.4; 11. Allen Robertson, P, 16:59.8; 12. Dan Muravez, P, 17:00.6; 13. John Mackey, L, 17:00.9; 14. Rob Pickering, PV, 17:01.5; 15. Rich Briggs, L, 17:02.8.

Varsity Girls

1. Tina Gorbet, L, 12:53.0; 2. Trixie Robbins, Orland, 13:16.07; 3. Alicia Mercer, PV, 13:31.1; 4. T.C. Stanhope, LP, 14:02.3; 5. Julie Van Dyke, C, 14:13.6; 6. Molly Long, P, 14:20.0; 7. Dustyn Allshouse, L, 14:22.1; 8. Stephanie Moran, C, 14:51.4; 9. Rebecca Quinn, PV, 14:59.5; 10. Rae Ann Hafer, C, 15:05.8; 11. Michelle Rochleau, P, 15:11.5; 12. Sheila Pearas, P, 15:14.1; 13. Mandy Selberg, P, 15:15.1; 14. Stephi Giuntini, L, 15:20.3; 15. Nicole Luke, L, 15:25.8.

JV Boys

1. Joel Kruger, P, 12:08.23; 2. Gary Ford, PV, 12:12.62; 3. William Bohatch, P, 12:14.20; 4. Joah Randall, C, 12:21.47; 5. Josh Hubbard, C, 12:26.40; 6. Ernie Gorbet, L, 12:31.94; 7. Chris King, L, 12:38.03; 8. Kevin Price, C, 12:41.66; 9. Terry Cullen, CJ, 12:41.89; 10. Steve Gray, PV, 12:42.16.

JV Girls

1. Irene Cardenas, B, 13:49.2; 2. Kerry Houchin, CJ, 14:19.8; 3. Dina Vollenorff, LP, 15:11.5; 4. Becky Howard, CJ, 15:26.1; 5. Lisa Mendon, B, 15:39.3; 6. Annie Abramson, CJ, 15:44.6; 7. Angel Kershaw, B, 16:12.8; 8. Michelle McNally, B, 16:47.7; 9. Shaloma Pina, P, 17:24.4; 10. Meg Muckley, LP, 17:31.8. ■

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