

# CCS Spike Team Led By Florant

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Carl Florant of Palo Alto and Dave Hickson of Leland headline the Mercury-News first All-Central Coast Section Track & Field selections which also features the presence of Santa Clara County athletes in all but two events.

Florant was named the Outstanding Track Performer off his 13.6 in the 120-yard high hurdles, an all-time CCS best and the effort also equals the best-ever by a Californian. He is the only CCS athlete in history to dip under the 14.0 barrier and he did it on four occasions.

The Palo Alto timber topper was beaten but twice all year, in the State Meet trials at Woodland where he ran his 13.6 and in the finals when he clocked 13.7 behind winner Mike Johnson of Pasadena who did 13.6.

Top field honors went to Hickson, who like Florant was undefeated until the state meet where he had the third best mark in qualifying and then finished fourth in the finals. The husky lefthander had a season best of 194-2 which is the fifth best on the all-time CCS list.

Coach-of-the-Year laurels go to Norm Eliason of Cupertino whose Pioneers won the Santa Clara Valley League and Central Coast Section crowns.

He helped develop Kevin McCarthy and Mark Thorp into two of the finest long and triple jumpers in Section annals — McCarthy having bests of 23-6 and 49-4 and Thorp 23-7 and 48-3½ as well as a 9.9 century

Eliason also had a hand in developing three 6-6 high jumpers (Bob Lema, Mark Insley and Jim Roberts), a 1:55.4 half-miler (Dave Nolte), a 13-9 vaulter (Mike Jordan), and a 14.7 and 19.8 hurdler (Mark Mildbrandt) among others.

ALL-CENTRAL COAST SECTION TRACK & FIELD SQUAD  
OUTSTANDING TRACK PERFORMER — CARL FLORANT (Palo Alto)  
OUTSTANDING FIELD PERFORMER — DAVE HICKSON (Leland)  
COACH-OF-THE-YEAR — NORM ELIASON (Cupertino)

Event	Athlete	School	Cfss	Best Mark
100	Millard Hampton	Silver Creek	Jr.	9.6
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440	John Siirila	Buchser	Sr.	48.8
	Ed Villareal	Mountain View	Sr.	48.9h
880	Malcolm Cleary	Stevenson	Sr.	1:53.2
		Pebble Beach		
Mile	Steve Crowley	Gunn	Sr.	4:11.9h
2-Mile	Gordon MacMitchell	Gunn	Sr.	9:01.6
120-HH	Carl Florant	Palo Alto	Sr.	13.6
180-LH	Bill Napier	Lynbrook	Jr.	19.0
440 Relay	Vester Robinson, Russell Harris, Frank Paul, Millard Hampton	Silver Creek		42.5
Mile Relay	Steve Marcki, Larry Hintz, Brad Young, John Siirila	Buchser		3:20.2h
Shot Put	Lonnie Sisemore	Lincoln	Sr.	56-6½
Discus	Dave Hickson	Leland	Sr.	194-2
High Jump	Kirk Collins	Monterey	Scph.	6-6
Pole Vault	Scott Turner	Del Mar	Sr.	15-0½
	Larry Hintz	Buchser	Sr.	15-6½
Long Jump	Mark Thorp	Cupertino	Sr.	23-7
	John LeGrande	Westmont	Sr.	23-2½
Triple Jump	Mark Thorp	Cupertino	Sr.	48-3½
	Kevin McCarthy	Cupertino	Sr.	49-4

CCS Championship Team — Cupertino  
Top CCS Dual Meet Team — Los Altos