

Sports Briefs



Webster Elementary School student Zachary Bornstein races past the competition at a recent event.

Local youth honored for track and field

Zachary Bornstein, a student at Webster Elementary School, was honored at the USA Track and Field Southern California Association's 14th annual awards banquet on Jan. 15. The banquet is held each year to honor national champions who live in Southern California's USATF Region 15.

The USATF is a national governing body for long distance running, race walking and track and field, and is also involved in developmental programs for young athletes.

Zachary was honored for winning the national championship in the 800-meter run and the triathlon (shot put, high jump and 400-meter run) at the USATF Nationals in Knoxville, Tenn.

Past recipients to receive this award in the Southern California Association have included Olympic medalists Marion Jones, Alyson Felix and Steve Lewis.

Zachary was also honored by his club, the Valley United Striders, as the Male Athlete of the Year. He is currently training for the 2006 Outdoor Track season, which begins in April. This year Zachary will compete in the 800-meter and 1,500-meter runs and the pentathlon, which includes the 80-meter low hurdles, shot put, high jump, long jump and 1,500-meter run.

The Junior Olympics will take place in Virginia Beach from July 26 to Aug. 5.