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Track & Field

The Moment Captured

Throughout this track season – so-called – we’ve been taking a look at the Breakers’ ancient history. Here, for a change of pace, are some moments captured from much more recent times; not necessarily moments of supreme athletic excellence – though certainly not excluding those – but rather images that capture the spirit and humanity of the sport. What was

that tag-line from a T.V. sports show many of us grew up watching? “The human drama of athletic competition.” Here are images that hopefully will have the reader laughing or crying or cheering, or saying to themselves “ahh,” or perhaps even “awww.” Ladies first.

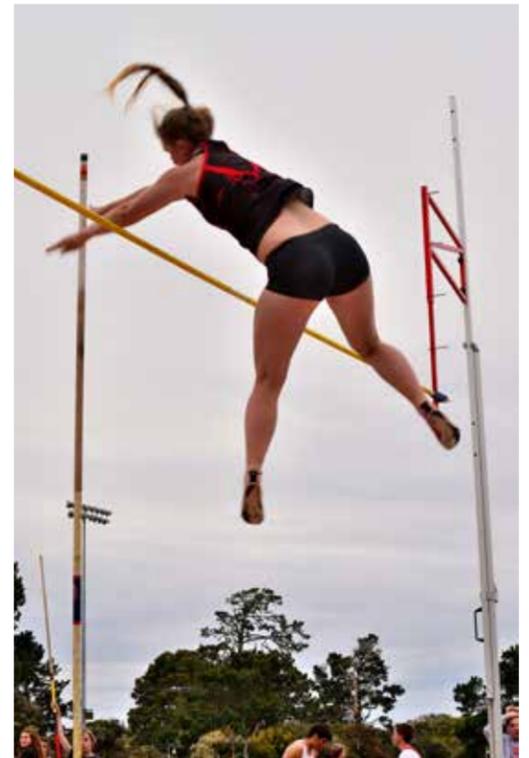
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Above, Left to right Rachel House – one of the more unique – and I mean that in a good way – members of the Cross Country and Track teams to be seen in recent years, was caught having an animated post-race conversation with teammate Selma Ballerini and another unidentified friend during an Oct. 26, 2017 home meet against Carmel.

At the MTAL Cross Country Championships held at Toro Park on Nov. 2, 2017, Mei Bailey had this reaction to the applause and cheering of her teammates after being awarded her all-league medal.

On April 5, 2018, during an MTAL Cluster Meet at Breaker Stadium, pole vaulter Mary Grebing, having won the event, chose to have the bar set to 9’-7”. On her second attempt at that height – seen here – she cleared easily, breaking Miranda Broz’s 2006 school record by one inch.



Left: At the 2018 Rotary Invitational, this young lady made the long jump pit her personal sand box, even as competition was under way. Fortunately, she seemed to be not in the least fazed by her sand creations constantly being raked flat to prepare for the next competitor’s attempt.

Right: During the 2019 Rotary Invitational, racing head to head with Notre Dame of Belmont in the Varsity Girls 4x400 Meter Relay, Olivia Pearman prepared to hand off to Taylor Biondi while the Breakers’ anchor Taylor Rainey gave spirited



The yin and yang of competing with and against your teammates: while lined up waiting for the start of the 800 Meters at the Peninsula Meet held at Carmel on April 26, 2018, Taylor Biondi beamed good



energy to Caroline Coen. Two laps and two and a half minutes later the two were engaged in a fierce battle for third, in which Taylor prevailed ahead of Rachel Suess of Carmel and Niamh Burke of Santa Catalina, while Caroline, doubling back from a strong 2nd in the 1600, was 6th.