WAYNE WINS 30 KILOMETER ROAD RACE by Don Belisle

March 12, New Bedford, Mass. ---- Ron Wayne, a 22 year old Brockton, Mass. runner, easily outdistanced the field of 164 starters in the 11th annual N.E.A.A.U. Road Race, sponsered by the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Wayne representing the B.A.A., toured the rain soaked course in the time of 1:35:10, to forge a 1 minute 52 second lead over second placer Terry Galagher, who ran a 1:37:02. Third place went to Tommy Smith of Providence College in the time of 1:37:19. Wayne, who stands 5'8" and weighs 136 pounds. took the lead at the 5 mile point and was unchallenged throughout the rest of the route. Ron plans to run in the famous Boston Marathon and hopes to qualify for the Olympic Trials in Eugene, Oregon. The only woman to finish was petite Ginny Collins. who ran unofficialy in the time of 2:33:38 and represented Liberty A.C. of Wellesly, Mass. The first high school boy to finish was Jeff Singleton who finished 46th in the time of 1:54:34. Pre-race favorite, Irishman Pat McMahon was sidlined with a leg injury.

TOP TWENTY FINISHERS

1.Ron Wayne, BAA, 1:35:10

2. Terry Galagher, unat., 1:37:02

3. Tommy Smith, P.C., 1:37:19

4. Ken Mueller, BAA, 1:37:51

5.Rick Bayko, N.M., 1;38:01

6. Tom Dederian, N. M., 1:38:53

7. Wayne Tandello, BAA, 1:39:07

8. Walt Renaude, Maine, 1:39:37

9. Paul Thompson, N.M., 1:39:50

10.Phil Ryan, BAA, 1:40:35

11.Peter Stipe, BAA, 1:41:35

12. Will Derring, Maine, 1:41:50

13.Jim Green, BAA, 1:42:47

14. Pete Crisci, unat., 1:42;57

15. Chris Chambers, unat., 1:43:34

16.Peter Kuchinski, SMU, 1:43:36

17. Charles Riley, CSU, 1:44:33

18. Jim Cappezuto, BAA, 1:44:41

19. George Confrey, N.M., 1:44:51

20 Gene Quinn, P.C., 1:43:45

Picturel#-Mr. Roland Vannasse, road race chairman, congratulates Picture2# winner Ron Wayne, after his 30 kilometer victory.

Picture3#-Ron Wayne crosses the finish line

Picture4#-Start of the 30 Kilometer Road Race.

DEAR MR. DRAKE,

HOPE YOU CAN USE THE STORY AND THE PICTURES.

THANKS.

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