

CALIFORNIA STATE INVITATIONAL  
CROSS-COUNTRY MEET

TIME: 11:00 A.M., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1957  
DISTANCE: 1.8 MILES AND 35 YARDS  
PLACE: MERCED GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB, MERCED, CALIFORNIA  
TERRAIN: 1/4 HILLY, 3/4 FLAT. GRASS AND DIRT SURFACE.  
250 YARD STRAIGHT-AWAY START-ON LEVEL. 300 YARD  
STRAIGHT-AWAY FINISH - ON LEVEL. HEAVY  
WEATHER: HEAVY OVERCAST (FOG). TEMPERATURE - 45° - COLD  
AND DAMP. SURFACE WET.  
RECORD: FIRST TIME COURSE WAS RUN - A NEW RECORD ESTAB-  
LISHED - 8:53.1  
NUMBER OF RUNNERS: 104 TEAM RUNNERS, 11 INDIVIDUAL RUNNERS, 29  
SCHOOLS WERE REPRESENTED.

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RESULTS

WINNING RUNNER - JACK HUDSON, EL CAJON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL. TIME:  
8 MINUTES 53.1 SECONDS.

WINNING TEAM - EL CAJON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL. SCORE - 41 POINTS.  
RUNNERS: J. HUDSON, B. HUDSON, A. POLLOCK,  
F. NORTHCUTT, W. MAIZE, W. THARP, AND J. FLIPPEN.

2ND WINNING TEAM - GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, LOS ANGELES. SCORE - 90  
POINTS. RUNNERS: L. AGUILAR, A. GUERRERO,  
A. NAVA, B. DELGADO, A. SANCHEZ, T. LEON, AND  
H. ALMANZA.

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TEAM SCORES

1. EL CAJON VALLEY, EL CAJON	1, 7, 10, 11, 12	TOTAL - 41
COACH- JOE BROOKS		
2. GARFIELD, LOS ANGELES	8, 14, 19, 23, 26	TOTAL - 90
COACH- EDDIE KUNTZ		
3. EXCELSIOR, ARTESIA	2, 4, 22, 25, 49	TOTAL - 102
COACH- JACK NEWMAN		
4. FRESNO, FRESNO	16, 17, 32, 36, 42	TOTAL - 143
COACH- BOB FRIES		
5. ROOSEVELT, LOS ANGELES	15, 18, 30, 44, 67	TOTAL - 174
COACH- PETE CLENTZOS		
6. McCLATCHY, SACRAMENTO	5, 33, 40, 46, 53	TOTAL - 177
COACH- R.M. BINGHAM, C.W. WILSON		
7. OROVILLE, OROVILLE	20, 24, 35, 39, 60	TOTAL - 178
COACH- HACK MCINTURF		
8. COMPTON, COMPTON	3, 6, 43, 59, 69	TOTAL - 180
COACH- ED HARTMANN		
9. NARDONNE, LOS ANGELES	27, 28, 29, 38, 70	TOTAL - 192
COACH- BOB DOSSEY		

10.	PALO ALTO, PALO ALTO COACH- FORREST JAMIESON	9,21,57,72,78	TOTAL - 237
11.	CARLMONT, BELMONT COACH- LOREN LANSBERRY	45,54,58,64,66	TOTAL - 287
12.	BERKELEY, BERKELEY COACH- RICH HACKER	34,52,61,73,76	TOTAL - 296
13.	LINCOLN, SAN FRANCISCO COACH- ROSS PRESLEY	37,47,50,82,87	TOTAL - 303
14.	MERCED, MERCED COACH- ROGER DAISLEY	31,65,71,74,75	TOTAL - 316
15.	DELANO, DELANO COACH- DON TAVOLACCI	48,51,63,77,99	TOTAL - 338

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#### DESCRIPTION OF THE MEET

114 OF THE BEST CROSS-COUNTY RUNNERS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA LINED UP ON A FANSHAPED STARTING LINE, FACING A 250 YARD STRAIGHT-AWAY WHICH NARROWED DOWN FROM 225 FEET TO 30 FEET, ON SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 14TH, 1957.

AT EXACTLY 11:00 A.M., BOB EDMISTER, TRACK COACH OF MERCED HIGH SCHOOL, AND MANAGER OF THE MEET, FIRED THE GUN FOR THE START, AND THE WILDEST SCRAMBLE YOU EVER SAW MOVED DOWN THE PRACTICE FAIRWAY LIKE A TIDAL WAVE OUT ON THE 1.8 MILE RACE FOR STATE HONORS. THE START LOOKED MORE LIKE A HUNDRED YARD DASH AS THE MOB OF RUNNERS FOUGHT FOR THE LEAD ON THE LONG GRIND. MORE THAN 500 SPECTATORS STREAMED OVER THE TOP OF THE HILL BY THE CLUBHOUSE, TO WATCH ALL THESE YOUNGSTERS SPREAD OUT IN A LINE ON THE WAY AROUND THE GOLF COURSE. THE PACE WAS "HOT" AS THE LEADERS ACTUALLY RAN THE FIRST HALF MILE IN UNDER TWO MINUTES, TEN SECONDS.

TENSION AND EXCITEMENT INCREASED AS THE BOYS NEARED THE STEEP HILL LESS THAN HALF OF A MILE FROM THE FINISH LINE. THIS WAS THE SPOT THAT WOULD SEPARATE THE MEN FROM THE BOYS, AND IT DID. SEVERAL OF THE RUNNERS TRIED TO INCREASE THEIR PACE GOING UP THE HILL AND SPENT THEIR STRENGTH IN A LAST BATTLE TO PASS OTHERS, WHILE MANY JUST HELD ON TO A SLOWER BUT STEADY PACE WHICH PAID OFF WHEN THEY PASSED THE TIRED ONES ON THE LEVEL AT THE TOP OF THE HILL. ONLY TWO HUNDRED YARDS FROM THE FINISH THE RACE WAS STILL IN DOUBT AS SOME OF THE LEADERS STARTED THEIR LAST SPRINT TO FIGHT IT OUT ON THE HOME STRETCH. AT LEAST HALF OF THE FIRST FOURTEEN FINISHERS HAD RUN THE RACE BARE-FOOTED. IN THE LAST ONE HUNDRED YARDS JACK HUDSON OF EL CAJON PULLED OUT IN FRONT AND STAYED THERE TO ENTER THE FINISH CHUTE, SHAPED LIKE A FUNNEL, IN THE NEW RECORD TIME OF 8 MINUTES 53.1 SECONDS. LESS THAN FIFTEEN YARDS BEHIND HIM CAME G. ELLIOTT OF CULVER CITY HIGH SCHOOL, FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL ENTRANT, S. RAMIREZ OF EL RANCHO IN RIVERA. A. PITTMAN OF EXCELSIOR, HIGH IN ARTESIA OUT-SPRINTED TIM ROELEN, THE FAVORITE TO WIN AND SAM FERNANDO'S STATE MILE CHAMP OF LAST SPRING, TO FINISH IN FOURTH PLACE.



A FEW MINUTES AFTER THE FINISH IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT THE DARE-FOOT BOYS FROM EL CAJON HAD UPSET THE "EXPERTS" AND HAD WON THE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP. THE BOYS WERE SO JUBILANT THAT THEY PICKED UP THEIR YOUNG COACH, JOE BROOKS, AND TOSSED HIM INTO THE GOLF CLUB SWIMMING POOL - AND, EVEN WITH THE TEMPERATURE A COLD 45 DEGREES, HE WAS SO HAPPY THAT HE DID NOT MIND THE BATH.

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RESULTS OF THE MEET

FINISH	TIME	NAME OF RUNNER	SCHOOL
1	8:53.1	J. HUDSON	EL CAJON
2	8:55	G. ELLIOTT	CULVER CITY
3	8:58	S. RAMIREZ	EL RANCHO
4	8:59	A. PITTMAN	EXCELSIOR
5	9:01	T. ROELEN	SAN FERNANDO
6	9:02	W. COVINGTON	COMPTON
7	9:02	R. MELLGREN	EL MONTE
8	9:03	E. CHADBOURNE	EXCELSIOR
9	9:07	L. WATERS	MCCLATCHY
10	9:09	W. CROWLEY	COMPTON
11	9:10	B. HUDSON	EL CAJON
12	9:10	N. NAVA	GARFIELD
13	9:11	J. NORTHWAY	PALO ALTO
14	9:12	A. POLLOCK	EL CAJON
15	9:17	E. ROSAS	LINCOLN, L.A.
16	9:18	F. NORTHCUTT	EL CAJON
17	9:19	W. MAIZE	EL CAJON
18	9:20	R. CANTERO	FRANKLIN
19	9:20	W. THARP	EL CAJON
20	9:21	B. DANJ	H. ELLS
21	9:22	T. LEON	GARFIELD
22	9:23	F. MASCORRO	ROOSEVELT, L.A.
23	9:23	E. HAMLIN	FRESNO
24	9:23	A. CORDOVA	FRESNO
25	9:24	R. MIRELES	ROOSEVELT, L.A.
26	9:25	L. AGUILAR	GARFIELD
27	9:26	D. HILL	OROVILLE
28	9:27	J. BEAHR	PALO ALTO
29	9:29	J. OCHOA	EL CERRITO
30	9:30	D. PICKERING	EXCELSIOR
31	9:31	B. DELGADO	GARFIELD
32	9:33	G. JOVICH	OROVILLE
33	9:34	D. TAYLOR	EXCELSIOR
34	9:34	A. GUERRERO	GARFIELD
35	9:34	C. SHOEMAKER	NARBONNE
36	9:35	F. CUMMINGS	NARBONNE
37	9:37	B. BROWN	NARBONNE

## RESULTS OF THE MEET (CONTINUED)

ORDER OF FINISH	TIME	NAME OF RUNNER	SCHOOL
38	9:38	M. RODRIGUEZ	ROOSEVELT, L.
39	9:39	S. JONES	MERCED
40	9:40	R. HART	BULLARD
41	9:41	R. WOOD	FRESNO
42	9:42	J. POWERS	McCLATCHY
43	9:42	G. WHITEHEAD	BERKELEY
44	9:43	G. HERMAN	OROVILLE
45	9:44	K. SMITH	FRESNO
46	9:44	R. BYERS	LINCOLN, S.F.
47	9:45	B. BIRD	NARBONNE
48	9:45	M. ANDREWS	OROVILLE
49	9:45	D. DAVIDSON	McCLATCHY
50	9:48	A. SANCHEZ	GARFIELD
51	9:49	D. PETERSON	FRESNO
52	9:50	E. GARCIA	COMPTON
53	9:51	A. GARCIA	ROOSEVELT, L.
54	9:52	J. REAMS	CARLMONT
55	9:52	R. MORGAN	McCLATCHY
56	9:52	D. JONES	LINCOLN, S.F.
57	9:53	F. MARQUEZ	DELANO
58	9:53	J. CHADBOURNE	EXCELSIOR
59	9:55	M. FLETCHER	LINCOLN, S.F.
60	9:56	D. SMITH	DELANO
61	9:57	H. HARTWICK	SANTA CLARA
62	9:57	C. MEYER	BERKELEY
63	9:57	DAVE DAVIDSON	McCLATCHY
64	9:58	J. QUICK	CARLMONT
65	9:59	J. FLIPPEN	EL CAJON
66	9:59	H. ALMANZA	GARFIELD
67	9:59	M. CHILTON	PALO ALTO
68	10:00	T. O'BRIEN	CARLMONT
69		J. WILLIAMSON	COMPTON
70		L. STAFFORD	OROVILLE
71		J. BOWNAM	BERKELEY
72		J. GREEN	FRESNO
73		F. TRUNILLO	DELANO
74		B. PETTY	CARLMONT
75		J. SMITH	MERCED
76		S. BONNEY	CARLMONT
77		A. CASSIO	ROOSEVELT, L.
78		H. PEREZ	ROOSEVELT, L.
79		K. HUNTER	COMPTON
80		G. PAVLU	NARBONNE

## RESULTS OF THE MEET (CONTINUED)

ORDER OF FINISH	TIME	NAME OF RUNNER	SCHOOL
81		D. KEEDY	FRESNO
82		D. FREGULIA	PALO ALTO
83		D. STONE	BERKELEY
84		M. BROOKS	MERCED
85		G. ESPINOZA	MERCED
86		H. HOTCHKISS	BERKELEY
87		T. RAMOS	DELANO
88		H. MCLEOD	PALO ALTO
89		B. LAMBERT	MCCLATCHY
90		E. MURO	ROOSEVELT, L.
91		H. SMEERDYK	EXCELSIOR
92		P. WITCOSKY	LINCOLN, S.F.
93		A. PAZ	COMPTON
94		C. SCHMIDT	MCCLATCHY
95		C. PEREZ	EXCELSIOR
96		H. GEORGE	PALO ALTO
97		J. BODE	LINCOLN, S.F.
98		L. WOOD	OROVILLE
99		P. FORTIER	LINCOLN, S.F.
100		J. MCCARTNEY	CARLMONT
101		D. WONG	NARBONNE
102		G. BLACK	OROVILLE
103		J. GROESCH	LINCOLN, S.F.
104		P. PETRINOVICH	MERCED
105		B. BARRA	COMPTON
106		D. VALLO	ROOSEVELT, L.
107		J. BRADY	MERCED
108		R. CUMMINGS	NARBONNE
109		D. ROBERTSON	CARLMONT
110		H. BAILEY	DELANO
111		P. DURANT	DELANO
112		D. ARREOLA	DELANO



## CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS ATTRACT RECORD ENTRY LIST

The CIF, SS Cross Country Championships were held at the Long Beach State College Course, Friday, December 6, 1957, as a barefooted group of runners from El Cajon HS won the large school title going away as they scored 36 points to runner-up Excelsior's 72. It was a fantastic exhibition which saw the five boys from this southern school finish 2, 4, 9, 10, and 11th, in one of the finest fields ever assembled for this grueling event. The Braves fine coach, Joe Brooks, is to be congratulated on the outstanding coaching job he turned in during the 1957 season, and it appears that under his able leadership, El Cajon will be a threat in cross country for many years to come.

Unlike the team championships the battle for individual honors was hotly contested and the first four boys fought neck and neck through the final quarter mile of the race, before Woody Covington of Compton managed to break the finish tape a scant yard in front of his nearest competitor in the fine time of 9:20. Hudson of El Cajon was clocked at 9:21, and Mellgren of El Monte and Ramirez of El Rancho were only a couple of seconds behind the leaders.

This year all schools with an enrollment of over 1500 were placed in the large school division, and all schools under 1500 competed in the small school group. In addition competition was held on the CIF level for the first time for Junior Varsity teams. This unique arrangement was devised to encourage more competition in our CIF championships, and it obtained the desired results. In 1956, only 64 schools entered teams while this year we had 81 schools entered in the large and small school competition, in addition to 54 schools represented in the JV classification.

CIF, SS small schools championship went to Torrance HS, whose excellent team scored 45 points. Pushing the winner were teams representing Point Loma and Culver City high schools, who finished second and third respectively. Capturing individual honors was Eliot of Culver City who finished in 9:34, just nosing out Nunez of Mount Miguel who clocked 9:35. Mira Costa dominated the field in the junior varsity competition with three of their boys finishing among the first five individuals. Jager of Mira Costa was first in the fine time of 10:06, Weidner of Bellflower took second in 10:07, and Rockwood of Mira Costa and Fejardo of Excelsior tied for third with identical times of 10:08.

To determine qualifiers for the championship meet, four sectionals were held on Wednesday, November 27, 1957, at San Diego, Huntington

Beach, San Bernardino and Inglewood. From each preliminary meet the two fastest teams and the two fastest boys on non-winning teams in each division, earned the right to compete in the final meet. The CIF Office is indebted to Coach Ray Southstone of Mira Costa HS, Coach Jack Rowan of Huntington Beach HS, Coach Louis Finn of Pacific HS, and Mr. Don Clarkson of the San Diego City Schools, for the outstanding job they performed conducting their respective meets. The championship meet was managed in fine style by Coach Jack Rose of Long Beach State College, ably assisted by local coaches from our Long Beach high schools. We would also like to thank Millikan HS for providing dressing quarters for competing teams coming from the outlying areas.

Results of the championship meets follow:

### Junior Varsity Division:

1. Mira Costa	27
1-3-5-7-11	
2. Bellflower	63
2-8-14-19-20	
3. El Cajon	100
6-9-23-26-36	
4. Point Loma	109
15-16-24-25-29	
5. Excelsior	122
4-17-21-38-42	
6. Morningside	132
10-13-22-41-46	
7. Torrance	132
18-27-30-43-46	
8. Puente	199
32-33-35-47-52	
9. Pacific	239
31-39-55-56-58	

1. Jager	10:06
Mira Costa	
2. Weidner	10:07
Bellflower	
3. Rockwood	10:08
Mira Costa	
3. Fejardo	10:08
Excelsior	
4. Rothenberger	10:09
Mira Costa	

### Large School Division:

1. El Cajon	36
2-4-9-10-11	
2. Excelsior	72
3-8-17-20-24	
3. Mira Costa	85
7-14-15-22-27	
4. Compton	90
1-5-19-28-37	
5. Morningside	95
6-12-18-29-30	

6. Puente	167
16-23-38-44-46	
7. Whittier	177
13-36-40-43-45	
8. San Diego	186
26-32-34-42-52	
1. Covington	9:20
Compton	
2. Hudson	9:21
El Cajon	
3. Mellgren	9:23
El Monte	
4. Rameriz	9:24
El Rancho	
5. Pitman	9:30
Excelsior	

### Small School Division:

1. Torrance	45
4-6-9-12-14	
2. Point Loma	54
3-7-8-16-20	
4. Mount Miguel	118
2-5-22-43-46	
5. South Pasadena	125
11-15-29-32-38	
5. Cathedral	125
17-21-26-30-31	
6. Centennial	170
25-33-34-36-42	
7. Desert	196
28-35-39-45-49	
1. Eliot	9:34
Culver City	
2. Nunez	9:35
Mount Miguel	
3. Brownlee	9:49
Aviation	
3. Gurule	9:49
Artesia	
4. Surles	9:51
Point Loma	

## SS DOMINATES CALIFORNIA STATE INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET

The first California Invitational Cross Country Meet, bringing together in competition representatives from all eight sections of the State, was held under cloudy skies on a wet course on Saturday, December 14, 1957, at the Merced Golf and Country Club. Fifteen schools entered teams, and an additional 14 schools were represented by individuals in the meet. The SS representatives dominated both the team and individual scoring.

El Cajon HS, winners of the SS championship, easily proved they were the best in the State when they scored 41 points which was far superior to the 90 points accumulated by Garfield HS of Los Angeles, who captured runner-up honors. The other two SS representatives also gave a good account of themselves as Excelsior finished 3rd and Compton 8th, in the team standings.

The El Cajon boys all ran bare-foot, and when their victory was assured they were so jubilant they picked up their young coach, Joe Brooks, and tossed him into the golf club swimming pool. The temperature was a cold 45°, but he was so happy that he did not seem to mind the unexpected bath.

With 114 of the best distance runners in the State lined up on a fan-shaped starting line, the start of the race looked more like the beginning of a 100-yard dash, as the runners raced to obtain favorable positions. The leaders covered the first half mile in the amazing time of 2 min. 10 sec. Less than ½ mile from the finish a steep hill confronted the runners, and it was at this spot that the men were separated from the boys.

A glance at the individual results gives a clear picture of the superiority of the southern boys over the representatives from the remainder of the State. The race was won by Jack Hudson of El Cajon in the record time of 8:53.1, and he was closely followed by Eliot of Culver City, Ramirez of El Rancho, and Pittman of Excelsior, all entrants from the SS. Roelen of San Fernando slipped in for 5th, but he was followed by three more of our boys, Covington of Compton, Mellgren of El Monte, and Chadbourne of Excelsior. This culminated for our teams one of the most successful cross country seasons in history.

The Central Section of the CIF, and particularly Coach Daisley and Jack Schachleiter of Merced are to be congratulated upon staging one of the finest cross country meets in the history of California Interscholastic athletics. All of the contestants and coaches benefited greatly from the experiences connected with participating in this outstanding event, and it is hoped in the future this invitational can be officially recognized as the State Championship Meet.

Partial results of the meet follows:

### INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

1. J. Hudson, El Cajon	8:53.1
2. G. Eliot, Culver City	8:55
3. S. Ramirez, El Rancho	8:58
4. A. Pittman, Excelsior	8:59
5. T. Roelen, San Fernando	9:01
6. W. Covington, Compton	9:02
6. R. Mellgren, El Monte	9:02
8. E. Chadbourne, Excelsior	9:03
9. L. Waters, McClatchy	9:07
11. B. Hudson, El Cajon	9:10
10. W. Crowley, Compton	9:09

### TEAM SCORES

El Cajon Valley HS	41	Roosevelt HS, LA	174	Compton HS	180	Berkeley HS, Berkeley	296
1-7-10-11-12		15-18-30-44-67		3-6-43-59-69		34-52-61-73-76	
Garfield HS, LA	90	McClatchy HS, Sacramento	177	Narbonne HS, LA	192	Lincoln HS, San Francisco	303
8-14-19-23-26		5-33-40-46-53		27-28-29-38-70		37-47-50-82-87	
Excelsior HS	102	Oroville HS, Oroville	178	Palo Alto HS	237	Merced HS	316
2-4-22-25-49		20-24-35-39-60		9-21-57-72-78		31-65-71-74-75	
Fresno HS	143	Carlmont HS, Belmont	287	Delano HS, Delano	338		
16-17-32-36-42		45-54-58-64-66		48-51-63-77-99			



# Barefoot Youth Grabs Jaycee Running Title

MERCED, Dec. 14. — Jack Hudson, a barefoot junior from El Cajon High School in Los Angeles, won individual high honors in the State Cross Country prep meet here today, by running the 1.8 mile course in 8:53.

El Cajon captured overall team honors with 41 points, followed by Garfield with 90. Three El Cajon runners made the top 15 who were awarded medals.

**Team Scores**—El Cajon, 41; Garfield (LA), 90; Excelsior, 102; Fresno, 143; Roosevelt (LA), 174; McClatchy (Sac.), 177; Oroville, 178; Compton, 180; Narbonne, 192; Palo Alto, 237; Carlemont, 287; Berkeley, 296; Lincoln (S.F.), 303; Merced, 316; Deland, 338.

## INDIVIDUAL SCORES

(1.8 Mile Course)

Jack Hudson (El Cajon), 8:53; G. Elliot (Culver City), 8:55; S. Romeros (El Rancho), 8:58; A. Pitman (Excelsior), 8:59; T. Roelen (San Fernando), 9:01; W. Covington (Compton), 9:02.

B. Mellgren (El Monte), 9:02; E. Chadbourne (Excelsior), 9:03; L. Waters (McClatchy), 9:07; W. Crowley (Compton), 9:09; B. Hudson (El Cajon), 9:10; N. Nabbi (Garfield), 9:11; J. Northway (Palo Alto), 9:11; A. Pollock (El Cajon), 9:12; E. Rossas (Roosevelt), 9:14.